

March 18, 2003

Honorable Mayor and Members of  
the Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of  
March 25, 2003

**REQUEST FROM MR. AND MRS. HOOSE AT 2059 MONTEREY AVE. FOR THE CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER CHANGING THE PLAN LINE OF CIRCLE COURT TO REDUCE THE IMPROVED STREET WIDTH FROM 40 FEET TO 30 FEET FROM MONTEREY TO CIRCLE DRIVE.**

**Recommendation:**

That the City Council consider the request and provide direction to staff concerning whether or not there is any interest in reducing the improved street width for Circle Court.

**Background:**

I have an attached a letter from Erik Evens of Kirkpatrick Associates Architects representing the property owners Mr. and Mrs. Hoose. They are in the process of building a new home at the address. They received the approval of the Planning Commission for the project in February 2001 and a time extension in February 2003. The Planning Commission approved a variance to allow the project with tandem parking. The reduction of the improved street section in this area would allow the property owners to use a portion of the right of way for landscaping.

The City Council considered and approved a reduction for the improved street section for Circle Drive in 2001. A copy of the report and action is attached for your information. The request to reduce the improvement street width has been reviewed by both Police and Fire Department and they do not have any problem with a reduction. The reduction would more or less follow the existing condition except that the portion in front of the Hoose project would be improved with sidewalk, curb and gutter.

This request is being brought to the City Council now as a result of the Public Works Department plan check process and the desire of the property owners to ask that the City Council consider this option. The representatives of the architects received the encroachment permits information in the summer of 2000 and, as the result of some misunderstanding, were not aware of the city requirement to build the section of Circle Court to a width of 40 feet instead of the existing pave out until they were in plan check. This is, of course, one of the reasons for the plan.

If the City Council is interested in setting a new plan line that is 30 feet, staff should be directed to return with a resolution. This action will not impact the right of way or the need for an encroachment permit for the area on Circle Court or Monterey.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen R. Burrell  
City Manager