

*Supplemental Item –*  
Correspondence for Item 8. West Grand Avenue Street Improvement  
Update

**Agenda Item No. 8**  
**Correspondence for West Grand Avenue Street  
Improvement Update**

**(CC Mtg 10/12/2021)**

October 12, 2021

Good evening to Mayor Lee, all of our City Council Members and the City manager and staff. Thank you for making us aware of Item 8 on your agenda for this evening.

We would also thank you for doing all the recent improvements to the corner of Oak Park and Grand Ave. at night.

In regards to the possibility of removing the planter and palm trees from the corner of Grand Ave. and allowing Burger King to extend our current "exit only" driveway to make it an entrance as well, we would like to share the following ideas:

The adding of the directional poles and the elimination of a left turn lane into our single entrance has harmed our business. We were running ahead of last year by double digits until these poles "appeared". I say appeared as we were never advised about this dramatic change even though our business was the one that would be impacted the most.

We suggest rather than spending potentially \$200,000.00 to remove the entry features to Grover Beach and adding at a minimum \$25,000.00 of expense to us to extend the driveway and add landscaping, that the City remove the poles and restore the left turn lane into our business. This would be a practical, fast and less expensive way to remedy our entrance problems and would leave all other changes in place.

A secondary solution would be to keep the poles in place past the nail salon entry next door, remove the remaining poles that go down to Grand Avenue. and restore the left-hand turn lane into our restaurant. The salon has another entrance for their patrons to enter from. Their main issue has been that people make a U-turn through their property because of the poles that are in place blocking the BK entrance. This would resolve that issue.

Our understanding is that these changes were made for safety reasons, being that there have been 13 accidents at the corner area in 5 years.

No accident is good, but considering the high volume of traffic that goes down Oak Park Rd., being that it is the main entrance into the city, 2.6 accidents a year doesn't seem that high to us.

Please note that we also understand that there have been rear end accidents already since the installation of the poles.

We would also make the observation that poles are uninviting and look "Big-City" to us. Having them on our main entry to Grover Beach is not welcoming to tourists.

Lastly, the safety issue, in our opinion is that people speed down the hill. The City has installed very noticeable slow down/speed deterrents on 4<sup>th</sup> street; much more than Oak Park has and speed is less of an issue there, it would seem as the hill is not as steep coming into the City. Adding these in addition to removing the poles would be a perfect solution in our opinion.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak about the construction plans at the corner of Oak Park and Grand as anything that happens there affects our business. Please keep us advised of any future developments concerning "our corner".

Respectfully,

Mike and Shirley Humerian –  
Burger King owners since 1983