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**Subject:** Oak & F Street Red Zones on Agenda for 6/2/2020  
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### To Whom It May Concern:

We have been notified that the issue of the Oak and F Street accident-prone corner is coming up on the agenda for June 2 and this is a comment about that topic as we can not be present in person due to Covid-19 Restrictions.

It is our understanding that the county's position is to temporarily (?) put in a "red zone" or "no parking" red curb rather than pay out for the price of a stop light at this intersection.

As Rex Bohn has stated in our community meeting last year, there are accidents that go unreported. While the Roads Department is unable to take pictures of the bad traffic, they still can identify the speeds at which people are coming through. There is too much going on with this road (ambulance and fire) to put in speed bumps that would also help the situation.

Simply put, what has happened is that the main body of traffic that was passing through on Highway 101 (aka Broadway) has diverted (or at least part of it) to F Street because there are no speed bumps, no lights, no hindrance and often no police activity watching the bad behaviors (yes, Rex, still to this day). There are constant accidents at the corner, for which I now own 4 of the yellow lane reflectors that have flown up into our yard - a half block away. And our house is not the house that continues to get pummeled and crashed into! Sometimes there is 100 mph traffic at night. Usually the speed is 40-60ish, sometimes 70 during the day. The road has heavy equipment moving over it, dump trucks, cement trucks, line trucks, trucks hauling 3 trailers somewhere. Items are towed and driven through our neighborhood in a race to get to peoples' weekends. For the elders, children, and disabled to cross at this corner, we are lucky a death has not occurred yet!

While all of this is known and agreed that there needs to be something done, a red zone, no matter how temporary will impact parking and the availability of home owners to rent out property or for loading/unloading to occur. A red curb is not what is called for and will impact the owners, renters, residents, and people attempting to cross the street. People simply do not need to be traveling down this road at over 40 mph! Or with heavy equipment, tearing up the cement!

At the Bohn Meeting at the Grant Elementary School last year, even people from E Street and the Herrick Avenue area were reporting the same thing. The flood of traffic is coming this direction and the county needs to look at a serious solution to the problem as they did at Fern Street. Similar to Buhne and J Streets, this has become a thorough-fare, with fast cars and bad visibility. There, the high school kids are crossing the street. Here it is the elementary school kids who have neither the

developmental ability to recognize danger, nor the height to be seen by speeding drivers!

This is tearing up the roads, costing the county money for each sign replacement, costing homeowners to repair their property and much more. With the continual destruction of fences and parts of houses, the property value is not going up!

Please consider immediately putting in a stop light at this location for the children and the people who are vulnerable to being harmed by lack of the county taking steps. Please respect us hard working citizens by honoring what we know to be the solution to this problem.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Kate Sharp

**From:** [Dona Sherman](#)  
**To:** [COB](#)  
**Subject:** June 2, 2020 agenda meeting comment on no parking zone at corner of F and Oak  
**Date:** Friday, May 29, 2020 11:02:38 AM

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Humboldt County Supervisors:

My Name is Sona Sherman. I own the property at 3880 F Street, that would be impacted by the proposed no parking zone.

I purchased the dilapidated duplex with the intent to rehab it and rent it for my retirement income. It has no garage, driveway or alley access. The only parking is on the street in front of the property.

While you would not guess from the exterior appearance, I have invested tens of thousands over the years to renovate the interior of the front house. Last year I got a bid from John Rust, a licensed painting contractor, to paint the exterior of the duplex. I found out that the exterior paint was lead based. He told me that I could get others, at a greatly reduced price, to merely scrape off the peeling paint and apply a new coat to the building. He told me that in order for him to do the proper abatement then paint, the cost would probably exceed \$10,000.00. I had a choice to make.

Part of the reason I purchased the property was the delicious & mature plumb trees at the rear of the property. There is also a lovely sunny yard suitable for vegetable gardening. I could not, in good conscience, risk lead contamination to the property even to save thousands of dollars. So I save an additional year, and in mid-July John will be performing the abatement & painting the exterior for \$8,000 + extras for wood/trim repairs.

It is now your turn to make a decision. This neighborhood has 2 separate problems regarding vehicles. First, there is inadequate parking for the residents necessitating street parking. The second is that this street has excessive traffic which travels at too high of speed because it is unobstructed by any stop signs/signals. Please do the right thing and install a signal at the dangerous corner of F and Oak. At the very least, a 4-way stop sign could also be helpful. But please don't further limit parking by painting red zones which will not solve the speeding /traffic problem, and will only exacerbate the parking problem.

Thank you for considering my opinion on this matter that will impact the value of my property and my ability to rent it in the future. (707)445-1227 [ambido@msn.com](mailto:ambido@msn.com)