

RESOLUTION NO. 05-1394

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, REGARDING LANDSCAPED PARKWAYS AND MEANDERING SIDEWALKS

WHEREAS, the Agoura Hills City Council recognizes the benefits of landscaped parkways with meandering sidewalks as they enhance the walking experience and serve as a physical buffer between pedestrians and the roadway to provide a sense of defensible space for pedestrians from vehicular traffic.

WHEREAS, the Agoura Hills City Council also finds that these amenities serve as aesthetic enhancements along a traffic corridor and help soften the appearance of the built environment from the street. Moreover, landscaped parkways have the added environmental benefit of helping to reduce direct runoff onto the street and gutter.

WHEREAS, a goal of the Agoura Hills General Plan Scenic Highway Element is to maintain a quality visual experience of the City's scenic roadway network through the protection, enhancement, and maintenance of views and development of appropriate landscaping.

WHEREAS, the Agoura Hills City Council wishes to establish a policy for the provision of future landscaped parkways with meandering sidewalks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. That in recognition of the community benefits as stated above, the Agoura Hills City Council encourages applicants to provide a landscaped parkway with a meandering sidewalk whenever there is sufficient right-of-way.

Section 2. Where there is not sufficient right-of-way, the applicant may provide alternative improvements or additional easements that help achieve the benefits of landscaped parkways with meandering sidewalks as stated above. The provision of landscaped parkway with a meandering sidewalk shall take into account topographic and line of sight issues.

Section 3. The applicant shall maintain the entire landscaped portion of the parkway at all times.

Section 4. That the General Plan Update shall address landscaped parkways and meandering sidewalks.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of November, 2005, by the following vote to wit:

AYES: (4) Corridori, Weber, Kuperberg, Reinhardt
NOES: (0)
ABSENT: (1) Edelston
ABSTAIN: (0)

Ed Corridori, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, City Clerk