

**MINUTES OF THE  
TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING**

**June 5, 2018**

- CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Hoyt called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 7100 Garfield Avenue, Bell Gardens.
- ROLL CALL:** Secretary, Veronica Sanchez took roll call.
- PRESENT:** Chairperson Hoyt, Commissioner Galvan and Commissioner Gavilanes, Chau Vu, Director of Public Works and Veronica Sanchez, Secretary were present.
- INVOCATION:** Ms. Vu led the invocation.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Gavilanes led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- POSTING OF AGENDA:** The agenda was posted as prescribed by law.
- APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 1, 2018:** Commissioner Galvan made the motion to approve and Commissioner Gavilanes second the motion.
- SPECHT AVENUE TRAFFIC CALMING STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:** Chau Vu gave the report. This particular area has been an area of concern for some time both with Council and the City Manager because of cut through traffic. It is the area of Specht Avenue between Gage Avenue and Watcher Street. It's an area of reoccurring concern dating back to 2010, when staff recommended implementing several traffic calming measures and speeding including stop sign installations and speed signs. More recently staff revised the issue and completed a report. The study's findings are that 1) vehicles backups occurs along eastbound Gage Avenue approaching Eastern Avenue signal, blocking the intersection of Gage Avenue and Specht Avenue and 2) 3 traffic collisions were reported on Specht Avenue but they were not speed related 3) 61% of the motorist exceeded the 25MPH speed limit and 4) cut through traffic ratio is 77% southbound and 62% northbound during peak hours. Staff is recommending that the Commission approve 1) installation of Keep Clear pavement legends on both eastbound lanes of Gage Avenue within the Specht intersection and 2)

enforcement by the Police Department. If the problem persists engineering may recommend speed humps. There is a policy in place but it would need to be supported by the neighborhood as they will need to live with them. The community, specifically those that live on the street, would need to support speed humps before they can be installed. But staff would like to see if these recommendations implemented first.

Chairperson Hoyt asked if there are speed humps on Specht. The speed humps on Specht are south of Gage Avenue and are not the area in question.

Commissioner Galvan agreed that there is lots of cut through traffic on Specht, she lives there. It is a short cut to avoid Eastern. Appreciates staff's recommendation and would like to avoid speed humps.

Commissioner Gavilanes asked if the problem is consistent. Ms. Vu explained that it is daily during rush hour. It appears to be regulars. There is also an issue with the red curb at this intersection, it is not being enforced by PD. Ms. Vu agreed to report it to the Chief of Police for enforcement.

Commissioner Galvan made the motion to approve for City Council consideration and Commissioner Gavilanes second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM STAFF:**

Ms. Vu informed the commission that we have a new Commissioner that will be joining us for the next meeting, Ms. Geraldine Guzman, appointed by Councilmember Flores. Ms. Vu also informed the Commission that she'd like to have staff put together an orientation or refresher course on the Commissioner's roles, traffic safety 101 including the brown act, quorum, discussions outside the chamber and proper procedures. It would take place during a Commission meeting, a workshop with a lite dinner, possibly for the August or September agenda. The Commission agreed that it would be an excellent idea.

**COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:**

No comment from Commissioner Galvan and Commissioner Gavilanes. Chairperson Hoyt commended Ms. Vu for such a great idea.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Galvan made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Gavilanes second the motion. Chairperson Hoyt adjourned the meeting at 5:53pm.

**APPROVED BY:**

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**Sally Hoyt, Chairperson**

**Submitted by:**

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**Veronica Sanchez, Secretary**