

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

May 1, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Hoyt called the meeting to order at 5:30 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.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Resident Francisco Gonzales Jr. is a longtime resident. He submitted the application for handicap parking for his wife. Although they have a garage, it is away from the home and has a very heavy door. Additionally the yard that she would have to make her way through to get to the home from the garage is full of golfer holes. On street parking would be the best place since the home is in the front. It would be sincerely appreciated. Commissioner Gavilanes made the motion to close public participation and Commissioner Galvan second the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 2018: Commissioner Gavilanes made the motion to approve and Commissioner Galvan second the motion.

**ON STREET PARKING AT
6615 CLARA STREET:**

Chau Vu gave the report. This item for consideration is to approve the installation of disabled person parking. Staff received the application for installation at 6615 Clara Street. The applicant submitted the application, the written medical diagnosis from the doctor and a copy of the disabled person placard, all requirements. The Traffic Engineer completed a site investigation, the home is on the north side of Clara. The property serves multiple units and has a long driveway. Parking her vehicle in the driveway would pose a problem since it would prevent other residents from accessing the property and their vehicles. Therefore, on street parking in front of the home would be best. After careful review, staff is recommending approval for City Council consideration the installation of 20 feet of blue curb, pavement legend and signage in front of 6615 Clara Street.

Chairperson Hoyt asked if at some point a blue curb already existed. Ms. Vu said that if it existed it was way before current staff's times perhaps under another jurisdiction. Mr. Gonzales confirmed that that is the case, the blue curb is peeking through the gray but he's lived there 15 years and it has been this way since then. Chairperson Hoyt could see the need for the handicap parking. Commissioner Gavilanes agreed and had no further comments. Commission Galvan agreed as well especially because the home is in the front.

Mr. Gonzales added that the property owner has just placed handles but because her condition isn't improving at some point a wheelchair ramp will be needed.

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

COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

No comments.

**COMMENTS FROM
THE COMMISSION:**

Commissioner Gavilanes commented it was nice to see everyone. Chairperson Hoyt agreed that it's a pleasure to see the Director and Secretary.

Mr. Gonzales asked Chairperson Hoyt for age requirement of the Young at Heart Club. Chairperson Hoyt explained that they meet at Veterans Park as long as you are 55 years old. It is \$6 and so is the Latino Club.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Gavilanes made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Galvan second the motion. Chairperson Hoyt adjourned the meeting at 5:43pm.

APPROVED BY:

Sally Hoyt, Chairperson

Submitted by:

Veronica Sanchez, Secretary