

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

April 9, 2019

- CALL TO ORDER:** Acting Chair Gavilanes 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:** Commissioner Victor Barbosa was not present but did advise that he would not be attending. Commissioner Rosa Galvan, Acting Chair Jayson Gavilanes and Commissioner David Heredia were present. Chau Vu, Director of Public Works and Cesar Roldan, Associate Engineer and Veronica Sanchez, Secretary were also present.
- INVOCATION:** Ms. Vu led the invocation.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Heredia led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- POSTING OF AGENDA:** The agenda was posted as prescribed by law.
- PUBLIC AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** No comments. A motion was made by Commissioner Galvan and second by Commissioner Heredia to close public participation.
- APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, 2018:** Commissioner Galvan made the motion to approve and Commissioner Heredia second the motion. Acting Chair Gavilanes agreed and carried the motion.
- RECEIVE & FILE – STOP SIGN WARRANT ANALYSIS WATCHER ST AND AJAX AVE:** Chau Vu gave the report. The request came from a resident through Council to install an all-way stop at the intersection of Watcher Street and Ajax Avenue. Staff completed an analysis and determined that based on the MUTCD for collisions and volume counts, the intersection does not warrant a stop sign. The sight distance warrant is satisfied for northbound Ajax Avenue motorist however no traffic collisions have been reported in the past 3 years because of this, therefore installing stop signs is not warranted nor recommended. Acting Chair Gavilanes has witnessed the speeding. He also pointed out that some collision have occurred. Ms. Vu

clarified, 2 accidents have occurred but sight distance was not the cause perhaps some accidents go unreported. Staff does recommend enforcement for speeding. Commissioner Galvan agreed that enforcement would help. Commissioner Heredia asked if the sight distance can be improved. Ms. Vu explained that as everyone is aware installing red curb to improve sight distance reduces on-street parking, which is at a premium. Mr. Roldan added that installing red curb will minimize parking and installing stop signs where not warranted, the City open's itself up for potential liability. Commissioner Heredia would like to see if staff could explore adding red curb for sight visibility. Commissioner Galvan made the motion to bring back the item considering red curb installation. Commissioner Heredia second the motion.

**RECEIVE & FILE – UPDATE
ON COMPLETE STREETS
PLAN:**

Ms. Vu wanted to update the Commission on the Complete Streets Plan. The City received \$150,000 of funding from Caltrans by applying for a grant. The Commission authorized staff to go after this funding. Once awarded the City was able to bring the consultant KOA to complete the outreach and studies. The Complete Streets Plan is a requirement by Metro to qualify for local return funds. Three workshops have taken place. The last two workshops were on the same day, March 18th, the morning workshop had 15 in attendance and 28 in the afternoon. Ms. Vu then went over the presentation. The purpose of the workshops is to get feedback from the community. These are interactive workshops where we gather opinions and feedback on the City's different modes of transportation, transit, bicycle and pedestrians for all ages and all abilities. Design can include traffic calming devices such as median island, curb extensions and more. It is a mixture. The importance of this plan is for sustainability, for health, quality of life and safety, as well as economic benefits. The methodology is to identify goals, roadway conditions and improve toolbox. Suggested improvements on Eastern Avenue that include bike lanes or buffered bike lanes, same thing with Florence Place. PD attended these workshops as well. Parking was also a topic, blocked driveways, red curb and handicap ramps. PD provided a hotline to those that attended the workshop for enforcement. Other problems and topics also discussed including night racing. Develop a plan for Council adoption with the

support from the Community is the ultimate goal with the blessing of this Commission.

Acting Chair Gavilanes commented that it is wonderful, detailed and will move the City forward.

Commissioner Galvan agreed.

Commissioner Galvan made the motion to receive and file this update and Commissioner Heredia second the motion.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

Ms. Vu informed the Commission that staff is working on a Parking Demand Study on the southern portion of the City. It will include fact finding and recommendations. It is a proactive approach.

Commissioner Galvan stated that overnight parking is prohibited in Cudahy and in Bell and that it may be affecting Bell Gardens. Ms. Vu agreed that these are things that will be investigated and if factual will be taken into consideration. Commissioner Heredia asked if staff in their research, could get input from the Community on a parking permit system.

Ms. Vu welcomed Commissioner Heredia.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:

No comments from Commissioner Heredia and Galvan. Acting Chair Gavilanes is happy to be back.

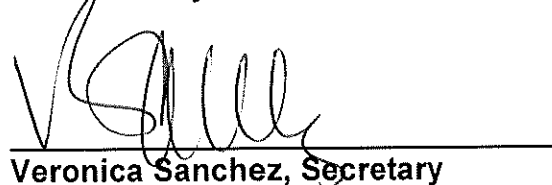
ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Heredia made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Galvan second the motion. Acting Chair Gavilanes adjourned the meeting at 5:57pm.

APPROVED BY:


Jayson Gavilanes, Acting Chair

Submitted by:


Veronica Sanchez, Secretary