

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

October 1, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Gavilanes 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 Jayson Gavilanes, Vice-Chairperson David Heredia, Commissioner Victor Barbosa and Commissioner Rosa Galvan were present. Cesar Roldan, Associate City Engineer and Veronica Sanchez, Secretary were also present.

INVOCATION: Mr. Roldan led the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Barbosa led the Pledge of Allegiance.

POSTING OF AGENDA: The agenda was posted as prescribed by law.

PUBLIC AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS: No comments. Commissioner Barbosa made the motion and second by Vice-Chairperson Heredia to close public participation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2019: Commissioner Galvan made the motion to approve and Vice-Chairperson Heredia second the motion.

REQUEST FOR ON-STREET DISABLED PERSONS PARKING AT 5938 MULLER ST, APT A: Cesar Roldan gave the report. The resident at 5938 Muller Street, apartment A submitted a request for disabled persons on-street parking in accordance to the City Policy and Chapter 13.20.100 of the municipal code. All requested information and documentation were included. Staff completed a site investigation. The residence is location on the south side of Muller Street between Gephart and Eastern. Muller is 40 feet wide from curb to curb. There is a fire hydrant in front of the property and the apartment has a driveway that leads to eight covered parking structures in the back. Based on the City Policy "the applicant must not have an off-street parking space, garage, carport or other available alternative to them that may be used for disable parking". Therefore, staff is recommending not

approving the request based on alternative parking being available to them.

Commissioner Barbosa asked if there was assigned parking for each apartment?

Mr. Roldan confirmed there is a total of eight covered parking.

Commissioner Galvan commented there is plenty of parking.

Commissioner Barbosa commented that there is limited parking and the fire hydrant further limiting parking.

Mr. Roldan added that when blue curb or disabled persons parking are placed on residential streets, the parkway would need to be made ADA accessible, so for example the tree and landscaping in the parkway would have to be removed and concrete work will need to be completed.

Vice-Chairperson Heredia made the motion to approve staff's recommendation and Commissioner Galvan second the motion.

**REQUEST FOR ON-STREET
DISABLED PERSONS PARKING
AT 6200 LANTO STREET:**

Mr. Roldan gave the report. The applicant dwelling at 6200 Lanto Street submitted a Disabled Persons On-Street Parking application in accordance with City Policy and Chapter 13.20.100 of the Municipal Code. Applicant submitted all required documents. The applicant residence is at the southwest corner of Lanto Street and Jaboneria Road adjacent to Bell Gardens High School. Lanto is 36 feet wide; the speed limit is 25MPH and there is parking on both sides of the street. The single-family dwelling has ample parking onsite. Based on the City's policy the applicant does not qualify for on-street disabled parking. Please refer to pictures there is plenty of parking including RV parking.

Commissioner Barbosa asked how many people live in the home.

Secretary Sanchez advised that is not part of the application questionnaire.

Commissioner Galvan wanted to confirm that the property is a single home.

Mr. Roldan confirmed and added that there is RV parking, a garage and referred to the pictures.

Commissioner Barbosa made the motion to approve staff's recommendation and Commissioner Galvan second the motion.

**REQUEST FOR ON-STREET
GREEN CURB PARKING
AT 6237 GAGE AVE:**

The business owner at 6237 Gage Avenue submitted a written request for 20 minute parking to facilitate customers and deliveries. The request is in accordance the City's Policy and Chapter 13.20.100 of the Municipal Code. Restricted color parking subsection 4 - Twenty Minute Parking. Green curb signifies 20 minute parking area or for a period not to exceed 20 minutes. Staff visited the area for observation during peak hours for 35 minutes. The applicant's business is located on the north side of Gage Avenue between Ira Avenue and Darwell Avenue. There is parking on both sides of the street. There is an adjacent green curb to the business. The existence of green curb parking at 6239 Gage Avenue negates the need for an additional green curb. Therefore, staff is not recommending approval.

Vice-Chairperson Heredia asked if the business has alley access.

Mr. Roldan clarified that there is a driveway but it appears to be for the residential property in the rear. Commissioner Barbosa agreed with staff since there is a parking situation already and there is residential homes in the area.

Vice-Chairperson Heredia made the motion to approve staff's recommendation and Commissioner Galvan second the motion.

**REQUEST FOR ON-STREET
DISABLED PERSONS PARKING
AT 6343 COLMAR AVE:**

Mr. Roldan gave the report. The request for disabled persons parking was submitted by resident at 6343 Colmar Avenue and in accordance with the City Policy and Chapter 13.20.100 of the municipal code. Staff completed a site investigation. The applicant's residence is located on the west side of Colmar Avenue between Gage and Agra. Commercial vehicles over 3 tons are prohibited and there is a pedestrian crossing signs and narrow road signs facing southbound. The speed limit is 25MPH on local residential streets. The single-family dwelling has a driveway that leads to a detached garage. Based on policy, there is off street parking spaces, garage, carport or other available alternatives to be used as disabled parking. Therefore, staff is not recommending approval.

Commissioner Heredia asked if there is multiple units and if parking is available.

Mr. Roldan clarified that there is a two-car garage and the picture shows addition parking spaces within the property.

Commissioner Barbosa made the motion and Commissioner Galvan second the motion to approve staff's recommendation.

**REQUEST FOR ON-STREET
DISABLED PERSONS PARKING
AT 6544 SPECHT AVENUE:**

Mr. Roldan gave the report. The dwelling at 6544 Specht Avenue submitted an application for on-street disabled persons parking in accordance with the City Policy and the municipal code. The application included the required documents. The residence is located on the east side of Specht Avenue between Lubec and Loveland. The speed limit is 25MPH. The multi-unit residential complex does not have a driveway along the frontage of the street; the access is located in the alley. Based on City policy, the engineering division is not recommending approval as there is ample parking.

Commissioner Barbosa commented that there is enough parking spaces for each tenant or unit.

Vice-Chairperson Heredia asked if there is a program or something in place for retrofitting or accommodating ADA access.

Mr. Roldan clarified that the 1992 ADA law requires ADA accommodations to new construction. However, the City cannot dictate the modifications to older and existing structures.

Vice-Chairperson Heredia made the motion to approve staff's recommendation and Commission Galvan second the motion.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF: No comments.

**COMMENTS FROM THE
COMMISSIONERS:** No comments.


ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Galvan made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Vice-Chairperson Heredia second the motion. Chairperson Gavilanes adjourned the meeting to the next scheduled meeting of November 5, 2019 at 6:00pm.

APPROVED BY:



Jayson Gavilanes, Chairperson

Submitted by:



Veronica Sanchez, Secretary

