

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

December 3, 2019

- CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Gavilanes called the meeting to order at 5:32 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. Chau Vu, Director of Public Works, Cesar Roldan, Associate City Engineer and Veronica Sanchez, Secretary were also present.
- INVOCATION:** Ms. Vu led the invocation.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Vice-Chair 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. Commissioner Barbosa made the motion and second by Commissioner Galvan to close public participation.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1, 2019:** Commissioner Galvan made the motion to approve and Vice-Chair Heredia second the motion.
- REQUEST FOR FOUR-WAY STOP AT PURDY AVE & LUBEC STREET:** Ms. Vu gave the report. The request came by City Council for the installation of a four-way stop at Purdy Avenue and Lubec Street. It is already a two-way stop. The request would be for eastbound westbound Lubec Street. Engineering staff completed the investigation. The request did not meet the warrants based on collision data. The traffic speed volume count and speed limits for this intersection did not merit or warrant the addition of the stop signs. However, improving the intersection visibility is often more effective in reducing traffic accidents. Therefore, staff is recommending the installation of 10 feet of red curb at the curb returns at the corners, as seen on diagram 2. This has the potential to remove 6-7 parking spaces.

Vice-Chair Heredia asked if the red curbs that the Commission recently approved have all been installed and have we heard any feedback from residents. Ms. Vu responded that only one of the recent red curbs was not installed all other have been and staff hasn't received any negative feedback, in fact she received only one comment from a resident thanking staff for the installation.

Commissioner Barbosa asked for the number of parking spaces affected. Ms. Vu responded six spaces. Mr. Roldan added that based on standards a parking spot is 22 feet, however that is determined by the size of the vehicle. The red curb will provide better visibility to motorist and pedestrians will be more visible.

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

**REQUEST FOR ON-STREET
DISABLED PERSONS PARKING
AT SUVA ELEMENTARY:**

Mr. Roldan gave the report. The request for disabled persons parking comes from a parent of a disabled child that attends Suva Elementary, through the School Principal. The Americans Disabilities Act does not address on-street disabled persons parking, it is to the discretion of the City. Staff completed a site investigation. There is currently a red zone utilized by school buses and a white curb for the usual drop off. Staff evaluated the area and is recommending that the Commission approve the installation of disabled persons parking adjacent to the red-curb in front of the entrance to the school.

Commissioner Barbosa mentioned he is familiar with the school and asked the reason for why the existing red curb is extremely long. Ms. Vu responded that buses are larger vehicles that need more room to maneuver. Mr. Roldan added that the blue curb would be 20' feet. Vice-Chair Heredia asked if the white curb could be utilized. Mr. Roldan clarified that the white curb has a time restriction as opposed to the disabled parking blue curb that has no limit. Furthermore, the white curb is only enforced from 7am to 4pm, allowing residents to park during the non-enforced hours. Mr. Roldan added that the blue curb is not reserved so if a resident across the street with the appropriate disabled persons placard could utilize it. The Principal was made aware.

Commissioner Barbosa asked about placing the blue curb at the back entrance. Mr. Roldan explained that blue curb should be the shortest distance for the disabled person and the request was for this location.

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

COMMENTS FROM STAFF: No comments.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Barbosa asked if staff has an update on the I710 expansion. Ms. Vu advised that the final EIR report is scheduled for January release. Commissioner Barbosa also stated that speeding on Quinn between Gephart and Eastern persists. The PD department representative noted it. Chairperson Gavilanes hoped everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and wishes everyone enjoys the remaining of this year.

ADJOURNMENT: Vice-Chair Heredia made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Galvan second the motion. Chairperson Gavilanes adjourned the meeting to the next scheduled meeting of January 7, 2020 at 5:58pm.

APPROVED BY:


Jayson Gavilanes, Chairperson

Submitted by:


Veronica Sanchez, Secretary

