

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

JULY 11, 2017

- CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Hoyt called the meeting to order at 5:25 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 were present. Chau Vu, Director of Public Works, Sid Mousavi, City Engineer, Ryan Kim, Traffic Engineer and Veronica Sanchez, Secretary were present. Commissioner Amaya was not present, Commissioner Galvan made the motion to not excuse her and Commissioner Gavilanes seconded the motion.
- 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:** No comments. Commissioner Gavilanes made the motion to close public comments and Commissioner Galvan seconded the motion.
- APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2017:** Commissioner Gavilanes made the motion to approve and Commissioner Galvan seconded the motion.
- RED CURB REQUEST AT 7729 JABONERIA ROAD:** Ms. Vu gave the report. The resident of 7729 Jaboneria Road submitted a request for red curb at each side of his driveway, sighting visibility issues. The Traffic Engineer completed a site investigation and determined that there is the need for red curb due to the close proximity to the intersection and vehicles making a left turn from Gallant Street onto Jaboneria Road. Therefore, staff is recommending that the Commission approve for City Council consideration installation of 15' feet of red curb on the north side of the driveway to improve visibility at the intersection and 3' feet of red curb on the south side of the driveway.

Commissioner Gavilanes supports staff's recommendation, he sees why there is the need since he lives close to the area and there are larger trucks and jackknives that use Jaboneria.

Commissioner Gavilanes made a motion to approve and Commissioner Galvan second the motion.

**ATP – CITYWIDE SAFETY
ENHANCEMENTS PROJECT:**

Ms. Vu gave a brief background on the Active Transportation Program grant. In 2014 staff brought this before the Commission to request support prior to submitting the grant application, so without the Commission this grant of over \$800,000 may not have been awarded.

City Engineer, Sid Mousavi gave the presentation.

Last decade the way we think of traffic is changes, it is not just motorist, it includes pedestrians and bicyclists. This is especially true in LA County and the State wants to facilitate roadways for pedestrians and cyclists. Staff studied collision history over last five years and the types of collisions. We have identified the hazard for pedestrians and bicycles in the City. The primary objectives are to encourage residents to walk and cycle and enhance health and safety by encouraging these physical activities, saving costs and reduction greenhouse gas emissions. The proposed project creates shared bike lanes, adds ADA compliance access ramps, video detection at signalized intersections, countdown ped heads, signage and striping and improves sidewalks, all encouraging change. The project will target arterial streets, Eastern, Garfield, Gage, Florence and some of Clara. In conclusion, the project will improve the safety of Bell Gardens residents and commuters. It will increase the potential for walking and cycling, promoting physical activity improving health and save energy cost and overall improve the quality of life in the City.

Commissioner Gavilanes hoped that this would help with congestion and creating a steady flow of traffic. Mr. Mousavi explained that this grant will improve safety for all modes, motorist, pedestrians and cyclist. Commissioner Galvan asked if the streets would be redone. Ms. Vu explained that streets will not be widened or re-designed, the improvements will be mainly signage, markings, and video detection at signaled intersections. Currently most of the City has loop detectors which wear out and video detection it's much more efficient. Commissioner Gavilanes asked about the LED street lights. Ms. Vu explained that this project will not address street lights only traffic signals, street lights are Edison's and they maintain them.

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

COMMENTS FROM STAFF: No comments.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner Gavilanes commented that the project sounds great and Commissioner Galvan agreed that it is great.


Chairperson Hoyt thanked staff for the presentation and asked where on Gage the project would start and end. Mr. Mousavi clarified that it would be all arterial streets mentioned and depending on the contractor various improvements could be going on at the same time. But all of Gage would be included.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairperson Hoyt adjourned the meeting at 5:59pm.

APPROVED BY:


Sally Hoyt, Chairperson

Submitted by:


Veronica Sanchez, Secretary