

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

November 7, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Hoyt 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: Chairperson Hoyt, Commissioner Galvan and Commissioner Gavilanes were present. Chau Vu, Director of Public Works, Doug Benash, Engineer and Veronica Sanchez, Secretary were present. Commissioner Amaya was not present, Commissioner Galvan made the motion to not excuse her and Commissioner Gavilanes second 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:**

Maria Acevedo came to the podium. She is requesting handicap parking for her daughter. Although she has a driveway, the ramp attached to the van makes is very difficult and uncomfortable for her to load her daughter onto the van. She resides at 5844 Fostoria. Chairperson Hoyt asked if there has been a prior request from this address. Ms. Vu responded that the City has no record of prior request.

Teresa Prior came to the podium. She is here to request handicap parking, since she has difficulty because of her spine. There are no parking rules at the complex she lives, it's first come first serve and the neighbors beat her to it. She lives at 5732 Live Oak. Chairperson Hoyt asked how long has she lived there. Ms. Prior responded that she has live there 16 years but she has about 5 years with issues, since her 8 surgeries. The property owner suggested she apply for handicap parking with the City. Commissioner Galvan asked about parking inside the property. Ms. Prior explained that it's first come first serve. Her neighbors are all very nice and does not like to trouble them. One in particular has lots of cars, some are very large trucks.

Ms. Vu reminded the commission that these are agenda items that will be discussed shortly. Commissioner Gavilanes made the motion to close public participation and Commissioner Galvan second the motion.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
OF JULY 11, 2017:**

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

**PARKING RESTRICTIONS AT
BELL GARDENS
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL:**

Ms. Vu gave the report. Concerned parents and the Principal reached out to the City regarding parking in front of Bell Gardens Intermediate School. The school is located at 5841 Live Oak Street. After completing a sight investigation and discussing it with the Principal, staff is recommending installation of 100' feet of red curb with yellow hash marks for the school bus, 100' feet of white curb for student drop off, installation of 30' feet of red curb at both ends of the white curb and the appropriate signage with time designations to allow for regular parking outside school hours.

Commissioner Gavilanes agrees with staff since it is a busy street. It's summarized with one word, safety.

Ms. Vu added that this is consistent with Bell Gardens High School and was also approved by PD for enforcement.

Chairperson Hoyt agrees that it's safety for kids/students.

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

**PRIORY STREET SAFETY
ENHANCEMENTS:**

Ms. Vu gave the report. The City received a request to evaluate traffic conditions along Priory (between Eastern Avenue and Jaboneria Road). The traffic study consisted of field review, traffic counts, pedestrian usage, vehicle speed survey, sight distance and collision reviews. Priory met the warrant for staff recommendation based on pedestrian usage. Therefore staff is recommending, the installation of a 3-way stop at the T-intersection at Priory Street and Purdy Avenue, the installation of red curb (no parking) at various locations for sight visibility and installation of appropriate traffic signs and legends for safety enhancements at this intersection. Additionally, it should be noted that notices were delivered to residents in neighborhood.

Commissioner Galvan says she personally experience on Monday the sight issue, she had to inch forward to see almost midway into the street.

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

**REQUEST FOR ON-STREET
DISABLED PERSONS PARKING
AT 5732 ½ LIVE OAK ST:**

Ms. Vu gave the report. As per City policy, all required submittals were included with the application, a written medical diagnose and a copy of the disabled placard for on-street disabled person parking at 5732 ½ Live Oak. The applicant is a renter and no on-site parking available to her. Therefore staff is recommending for City Council approval the installation of 20' feet of blue curb, disabled person parking.

Chairperson Hoyt asked if the medical diagnose is hers because the report, states "his".

Secretary clarified, that this is a typo, and showed the doctors diagnose submitted with the application to Chairperson Hoyt.

Chairperson Hoyt questioned how the applicant has gone without it for the last 5 years.

Ms. Vu explained that staff does not question time lines. Chairperson Hoyt asked Ms. Prior is she is aware that anyone with a placard can park there.

Ms. Prior responded that she was made aware.

The commission unanimously wants to reject staff recommendation. Commissioner Gavilanes made the motion to reject staff's recommendation and Commissioner Galvan second the motion.

**REQUEST FOR ON-STREET
DISABLED PERSONS PARKING
AT 5844 FOSTORIA ST:**

Ms. Vu gave the report. The resident submitted all required documents along with her application for on-street disabled person parking at 5844 Fostoria Street. Staff completed a site investigation and there is a driveway, however the driveway is too narrow to be utilized as a wheelchair ramp for her van. Therefore, staff is recommending approval for City Council consideration, the installation of the blue curb.

Commissioner Gavilanes questioned the width of the driveway.

Chairperson Hoyt asked Ms. Acevedo if she has a van and where is the ramp located on the van, the side or rear.

Ms. Acevedo explained that it is on the side of the van and the driveway is too narrow for the van and ramp.

Ms. Acevedo also explained that the second driveway is also very narrow.

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

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Although public comments was closed, the Commission allowed, resident Jose Duran to address the Commission.

Jose Duran resident at 4856 Priory Street explained that he received a letter indicating that the City was going install a stop sign at Priory and Purdy. He agrees that it is needed, however there is no parking as it is and if the City installs red curbs as shown in the map, there will be even less parking. He understands the speeding issue and would like to see if speed humps could be considered. The stop sign and red curbs are at Purdy but that still leaves a significant area for speeding to Eastern.

Doug Benash, Engineer agreed that red curb does diminish parking and if the City has a speed hump policy it can be explored.

The Commission discussed the fact that they had already approved this item and unanimously decided to uphold their initial motion.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

Ms. Vu explained that the City is currently conducting a citywide audit for all on-street blue curbs, in which all residents that have blue curb are required to re-submit their application along with required documents. If they do not provide, staff will be removing them according to City policy.

Chairperson Hoyt explained that there is a blue curb at El Selinda and Lanto and the vehicle with the placard is always different. Ms. Vu clarified that as long as the vehicle has a placard it is allowed to park there.

Ms. Vu also introduced Doug Benash, who is sitting in for Ryan Kim, our Traffic Engineer.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner Gavilanes no comments.

Commissioner Galvan asked when the alleys project would start because she parks through the alley as is concerned.

Ms. Vu explained that residents will receive notices.

Chairperson Hoyt thanked everyone for their hard work. It's been a long time since the commission met last. She wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Galvan wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Galvan made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Gavilanes second the

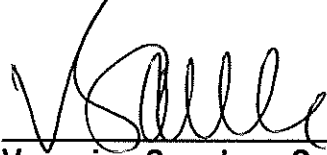
motion. Chairperson Hoyt adjourned the meeting at 6:15pm.

APPROVED BY:



Sally Hoyt, Chairperson

Submitted by:



Veronica Sanchez, Secretary