

**Traffic Commission
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
October 8, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.**

**City of Los Alamitos
3191 Katella Avenue
Los Alamitos, CA 90720**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Biri
Commissioner Mejia
Commissioner Schleuter
Commissioner Vardeman

Commissioner Wilhelm
Vice-Chair Patz
Chair Person Emerson

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

At this time any individual in the audience may address the Traffic Commission and speak on any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Please state if you wish to speak on an item on the Agenda. Remarks are to be limited to not more than five minutes.

5. MINUTES

Approval of September 10, 2014 Regular Traffic Commission Meeting minutes.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. 2- Hour Restricted Los Alamitos Street Parking

A letter was presented requesting the City to install parking signage to street parking around Los Alamitos Plaza.

Recommendation: Provide Staff direction.

B. DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES CHAIR & VICE CHAIR POSITIONS

Recommendation: Receive and file.

7. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

A. Traffic Commission Status Log

8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

At this time, Commissioners may report on items not included on the agenda, but no such matter may be discussed, nor may any action be taken in which there is interest to the community, except as to provide staff direction to report back or to place the item on a future agenda.

9. TRAFFIC COMMISSION EXPIRING APPOINTED TERMS IN DECEMBER 2014

- Dave Emerson
- Johanna Schleuter
- Richard Vardeman

10. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to Wednesday, November 12, 2014.

I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing Agenda was posted at the Community Center, Museum, and City Hall not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting. Dated this 2nd day of October, 2014.



Pamela Brackman, Department Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS
3191 Katella Avenue
Los Alamitos, California

September 10, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular meeting of the Traffic Commission was called to order at 7:04 p.m. on September 10, 2014, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, Chair Emerson presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS Biri, Emerson, Mejia, Patz, Schleuter,
Vardeman, Wilhelm

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER None

PRESENT: STAFF Dave Hunt, City Engineer
Bruce McAlpine, Police Captain
Pamela Brackman, Department Secretary

GUESTS: Joseph Alcock, Section Manager II
Long Range Planning and Corridor Studies
Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)
Bo Burick, RFB Consulting
Trisha Keith, RFB Consulting
Sharriar Afshani
Ben Afshani

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Schleuter.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. MINUTES

Corrections to the Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2014 are as follows:

Page 4, Paragraph 6:

- Commissioner Emerson stated that he was concerned about the portion of the City south of Katella ***“and”*** was in favor of converting alleys to a one-way direction, and to make them a pedestrian walkway This would establish a pedestrian and bike zones similar to what is ***“proposed for”*** on Los Al Blvd, by converting alleys to support the traffic. It's noisy and loud to walk along Katella. Add some aesthetic touches such as potted plants and benches. Create a nice, quiet space for walking and riding for the City's residents.

Page 5, Paragraph 2:

- Commissioner Emerson brought up that for the August meeting both himself and Commissioner Vardeman would be out of town, so the Commission ***“might”*** ~~would~~ be without a quorum. It was decided that the Commission would cancel the August 13th meeting and would reconvene on September 10.

Motion/Second/Abstain: Patz/Biri/Schleuter

Motion carried to approve the July 9, 2014 Regular Meeting with comments/changes as noted above. Chair Schleuter abstained due to her absence at that meeting.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. KATELLA AT I-605

Joseph Alcock, a Section Manager specializing in Long Range Planning and Corridor Studies from the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), presented an update on the Measure M Project Study Report-Project Development Support (PSR-PDS). Mr. Alcock stated that the goal of the Project Study is to improve freeway access to arterial connectives.

Bo Burick from RBF Consulting gave a slide presentation that included some key issues of what the scope of the 605 Interchange project at Katella Avenue between Coyote Creek Channel and Civic Center Drive will entail.

A short Q&A session was opened to all the Commissioners.

Chair Emerson thanked the presenters for their time and effort.

B. RESTRICTED LOS ALAMITOS STREET PARKING ADJACENT TO LOS ALAMITOS PLAZA

City Engineer, Dave Hunt, stated that a letter was presented by Shahriar Afshani on behalf of the owners at 10900 Los Alamitos Blvd to the City, for restricted parking signage to be installed on the streets surrounding the Los Alamitos Plaza. Mr. Hunt recommended that the Commission allow Mr. Afshani to present his parking concerns, and for the Commission to provide direction to Staff on how to proceed.

Ben Afshani, a representation for the business owners of Los Alamitos Plaza at 10900 Los Alamitos Blvd., began by thanking the Commission for adding their parking concerns to the agenda and to Mr. Hunt in helping them prepare for their presentation.

Ben Afshani summarized that the objective is for the City to exercise its authority to regulate parking and install 2-hour parking signage in all yellow marked areas on the parking map presented. Ben Afshani stated that the issue is there is no signage whatsoever that limits parking time for vehicles. Theoretically, based on his interpretation of the City code, an operable vehicle could stay parked in a space for up to 72 hours. This leads to no parking turnover.

Ben Afshani continued that our customers, clients and tenants aren't able to easily access the property at the Los Alamitos Plaza to go about their business, for the parking spaces are being used up around the property for hours and hours on a daily basis. The areas indicated in yellow, as shown on the map, are street parking spaces that the Business owners would like to see the City install restricted parking signage. The blue areas designate where there is already regulated parking being imposed. The addition of restricted parking signage in the yellow areas would show consistent regulation throughout the heart of the City.

Mr. Hunt pointed out to the Commission that the areas in yellow on the map are the same areas whereas the Parking Meter Pilot Project (PMPP) is looking to install parking meters. Mr. Hunt explained that the parking meters would work in the same way as the restricted signage being requested except, that the City would receive revenue from the installation of meters. He added that the issue of installing parking meters may be brought to the Traffic Commission in approximately two to three months for review.

Chair Emerson opened the meeting to the Commissioners to ask any questions on this subject.

Commissioner Meija questioned where all the employees are parking in the Los Alamitos Business Park.

Ben Afshani responded that the employees have been parking at the main site. Notices are being given out that specifying if they do not move their vehicles, and park in the Annex parking location that their vehicles will be towed. Ben Afshani stated that the goal is to have parking spaces to be available to customers and clients of the businesses within the Business Plaza site. Signage with instructions on where the Annex parking is location has also been installed.

Commissioner Meija asked if there was a time frame as to how long the employees have been parking in the Annex parking lot and have there been any parking improvements.

Ben Afshani responded with they have been heavily cracking down to all the employees for about the last three weeks or so. But only began giving out information to employees to park in the Annex parking lot since around June.

Mr. Hunt added that the City has recently recognized more parking usage in the City owned lot.

Chair Emerson questioned what the point of the City owned lot was, for it seemed so random that the City owned it. Mr. Hunt explained that it was part of the Post Office when the City bought it, and it was excess parking that CSF didn't need, so the City decided to retained the parking lot.

Commissioner Meija asked if the Annex parking lot been underutilized before this time period.

Ben Afshani stated that the Annex lot has always been used at peak lunchtime hours. Shahriar Afshani explained that the main reason that this parking issue came about was from the parking abuse of the neighboring businesses, which impacted our tenants and customers. There was no parking between the hours of 7:00am until very late at night, for hospital employees parking during the construction of the Medical Parking Structure.

Shahriar Afshani stated that they decided to take control of their parking lot, by issuing decals for long term parking users to the tenants and employees. Also to allow them to use the Annex parking lot freeing up parking spaces in the Business Plaza. Shahriar Afshani requested the Cities help with time limit signage for on street parking. Cars now are being pushed out of our lot and now are taking up all the non signage street parking.

Chair Emerson stated that he drove around the site today, and didn't realize how much head in parking was in the areas shown on the map. He suggested the area next to Starbucks on the west side of Pine be added as a designated yellow area for signage.

Shahriar Afshani added that two hours is the preferred time limit, for it gives many customers enough time to conduct their business at the Plaza.

Chair Emerson added that the only problem he foresaw was the costs of the signage. Seems like the hospital should pay for the signs, since it was mostly hospital employees utilizing the street parking.

Vice Chair Patz expressed concern that if signage goes up in the yellow areas, it will push the people looking for parking off onto the other side of the street and into different neighborhoods. So potentially installing signage could be shifting the problem from one location to another.

Mr. Hunt added that the PMPP has been looking at trying not to pick an area and then end up with squeezing people into other areas to find parking. If one chooses a big enough area, which is controlled by major streets, most likely people won't go outside of that area to find parking.

Mr. Hunt added that the residential area already has in place restricted parking to the north of the yellow areas on the map, and is protected from any overflow parking.

Shahriar Afshani added that he believe that all the businesses in the surrounding area would have to address parking issues for its' customers and employees.

Mr. Hunt directed the Commissioners that the main objective is for them to understand what they want, and if they agree that we need to investigate the Business Plaza parking issue to direct him to prepare a Staff Report. Also, all the businesses within the Plaza would have to be notified of the areas to install 2-hour signage. A public meeting would need to be held, so other businesses can come in and express their concerns. After that, then the Commission has a discussion and can designate what areas on the map to provide restricted signage or choose to do nothing at all.

Motion/Second: Patz/Biri

A Motion to direct Staff to set up a public meeting to review the opportunities to set up 2-hour parking signage in all the yellow areas designated on the map. This to include the parking spaces in front of Starbucks on the west side of Pine Street near Starbucks unanimously passed.

7. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- Mr. Hunt gave an update that all the 4-way Stop Sign plaques have been added throughout the City. He continued that the City's Traffic Engineer is working on the school Traffic Study, which should be concluded at any

time. Mr. Hunt stated that if he received the report in the next week or so he would send it out to all Commissioners.

8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Commissioner Scheulter

- Requested again that intersection at Florista and Pine be evaluated for making a left hand turn. Mr. Hunt stated that this would be revisited.
- Several meetings ago she asked if Katella or Los Al Blvd/Seal Beach Blvd has been designated as an official evacuation route. Police Captain McAlphine stated that he was 99% certain that the City did not have any evacuation routes, for example if an earthquake was bad enough it would affect those named streets, and probably make them impassible. If a natural disaster were serious enough to evacuate, it would probably be recommended for all residents to "self evacuate."

Commissioner Wilhelm

- Has heard many complaints of the timing on the photo enforced westbound yellow arrow turn lane turning southbound onto Los Al Blvd at Katella. Wilhelm attempted to measure the timing himself the other day, and he only got to two seconds. Mr. Hunt explained that the light is set at 3.8 seconds and is 4 seconds going thru. Everyone that receives a red light ticket gets a video to review. Mr. Hunt added that the 4 seconds time interval has not been changed in the past four years, and the light is checked all the time for of all the complaints we receive.
- The new pedestrian crossing at Katella and Noel timing seemed reduced. Mr. Hunt stated that no pedestrian timing had been changed. The City has a firm that installs all the pedestrian crossing meters and they are timed and monitored with a computer program.

Commissioner Patz

- Extended his gratitude for replacing sun damaged residential parking signage in his area.

Commissioner Vardeman

- Expressed his concern that the businesses in the areas of possible parking meters installed be polled and to not charge an arm and a leg to park. Mr. Hunt stated that Community Development Director Steven Mendoza and City Manager Bret Plumlee have been and would continue doing outreach to the businesses affected. He continued that the City supported the idea of the monetary amount to be charged for parking would not be one that affects the comings and goings of people in the business areas.

Commissioner Meija

- Gave his appreciation to the painted curb loading zone at Lexington and Katella Deli, and added that it seems to be working to keep the trucks in the designated areas.
- Has noticed that many people are not stopping at the Stop sign coming out of the Joint Forces Training Base (JFTB) on Howard. He added that this Stop sign was on the outside of the Base and not inside, and was wondering if the City could phone the Base Commander for help with this. Mr. Hunt added that he could solicit the help from Councilman Grose.
- Requested the Cities street sweeping requirements for Apartment Row. Mr. Hunt stated that he would check with our Superintendent of Public Works on the requirements.

Commissioner Emerson

- Requested that the Selection, Rotation and Roles and Responsibilities of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Traffic Commission be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second: PATZ/VARDEMAN

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Dave Hunt, City Engineer

City of Los Alamitos

Agenda Report Discussion

October 8, 2014
Item No: 6A

To: Chairman and Members of the Traffic Commission

From: David Hunt, City Engineer

Subject: Request for 2-Hour Restricted Street Parking around Los Alamitos Plaza

Summary: A letter was presented requesting the City to install parking signage to street parking around Los Alamitos Plaza.

Recommendation: Provide Staff direction.

Background

At the September 13, 2014 Traffic Commission meeting, the City Engineer, presented a Staff Report based on a letter sent by Shahriar Afshani on behalf of the owners at 10900 Los Alamitos Blvd to the City, for a 2 hour restricted parking signage to be installed on the streets surrounding the Los Alamitos Plaza and for the Commission to provide direction to staff on how to proceed.

A Motion was given to direct Staff to set up a public meeting to review the opportunities to install 2-hour parking signage in all the yellow areas designated on the map, and include the parking spaces on Pine in front of Starbucks on the west side of Pine Street near Katella unanimously



passed.

2000 Parking Management Plan Revision Request

At the last Planning Commission Meeting held on August 11, 2014, a modification of the 2000 Parking Management Plan for the existing parking lot at 10900 Los Alamitos Blvd, Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 00-01, was presented for discussion by owner Ben Afshani.

Mr. Afshani was requesting the modification to the 2000 Parking Management Plan due to a new restaurant, Baja Sonora, wanting to open next to Nick's Deli II, and provide outdoor dining for its customers.

The Planning Commission suggestions given to Mr. Afshani were to build a parking structure, purchasing the City owned parking lot on Pine Street near Florista or purchasing City parking spaces on the street. The meeting ended with the Commissioners acknowledging that the solution to the parking issues was the applicants problem, and directed Staff to bring back to the next meeting a new Resolution to deny a modification of the 2000 Parking Management Plan.

Request to Purchase City Street Parking

On Wednesday, August 20, 2014, Mr. Afshani sent an email to the City requesting to purchase street parking at following:

1. On the east and west side of Pine Street between Florista Street and Katella Avenue; and
2. On the south side of Florista Street between Los Alamitos Boulevard and Pine Street; and
3. On the south side of Florista Street between Pine Street and the alley west of Reagan Street.

The City denied his request to purchase parking on city own property.

City's Upcoming Parking Meter Pilot Project (PMPP)

The City is studying the creation of the Parking Meter Pilot Project (PMPP) to examine the implementation of parking meters in selected areas of the City to collaboratively develop a parking management plan that effectively addresses the relationships between a healthy business and vehicular parking. This area is within the PMPP study area and the study is on-going at this time.

Discussion

Mr. Afshani believes that businesses in the area will benefit by limiting the time that a vehicle can park in these valuable parking spaces located in the heart of the commercial and retail district of Los Alamitos. It would allow more customers to park near the business they are visiting.

For the foregoing reasons, it has been requested that the City of Los Alamitos add signs limiting the time a vehicle can be parked to 2 hours at the following locations.

1. Parking spaces on the east and west side of Pine street between Florista Street and Katella Avenue;



2. Parking spaces on the south side of Florista Street between Los Alamitos Boulevard and Pine street;



3. Parking spaces on the south side of Florista Street between Pine Street and the alley west of Reagan Street; and



4. Parking spaces at the property owned by the City of Los Alamitos located east of Pine Street between Florista Street and Katella Avenue.



5. Parking spaces by Starbuck on the west side of Pine at Katella Blvd.



Parking in the area has been a problem for years. Employees in the area have been parking where ever they can find parking. Some of the businesses have told employees to park in the street, so clients could park in the private lot on the business's property.

Business bordering the Los Alamitos Plaza have difficulties parking in front of their building as well. A business stated that people from the Los Alamitos Plaza park at the public curb in front of their building all day because they don't want to pay for parking in their parking lot. They are concerned with a proposed 2 hour parking along the south side of Florista and the west side of Pine St, their customers and employees will park at their curb. Their business has elderly patients who cannot park in their lot due to unauthorized vehicles using their parking lot to go to Nick's Deli, and the public curb is being used by the employees from Los Alamitos Plaza. They requested that if a proposed 2 hour parking restriction was placed on the south side of Florista, they would like the Traffic Commission to include the north side of the street in front of their building too.

In the residential neighborhood to the north they have permit parking, but they have a constant problem of others parking in front of houses without a permit. The residents are forced to park in other areas, or in front of their driveways when they come home with groceries. This situation will become a bigger issue if a 2 hour parking restriction is put in place in the area discussed above. Parking enforcement will need to be enforced more during peak hours, but also later in the afternoon when people park to go to the hospital or violators will increase in the residential area.

One of the charitable organizations in the area has several concerns with the 2-hour street parking restriction. First, it will have a serious effect on elderly volunteers, teachers that offer their services and visitors that come to see their clients. Second, the organization will lose shoppers, volunteers, and it will place a burden on patients in the area to have such a large area restricted to 2-hour parking. Third, it has been experienced that going to lunch at Hof's sometimes requires street parking, and a business lunch with wait time can easily be more that 2-hours. The organization suggested to the medical center to give their staff a LAMC decal, and that they be responsible to curtail their employees from impacting the entire area. They requested that the City consider the impact to the business area, which the City is asking to take the brunt of the restrictions.

Recommendation: Provide staff direction.

Submitted By:



David L. Hunt, PE
City Engineer

- Attachments:
1. Letter from Shahriar Afshani
 2. Public Notice
 3. Email responses to Public Notice.

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August 20, 2014

**Re: Traffic Commission Request – Los Alamitos Plaza
10900 Los Alamitos Blvd., Los Alamitos, California 90720**

Dear Mr. Hunt:

On behalf of the owners of 10900 Los Alamitos Blvd., Los Alamitos, California 90720, also known as Los Alamitos Plaza, we are writing to request that the City of Los Alamitos install signage limiting the time vehicles can be parked in certain spaces near Los Alamitos Plaza.

In addition to on-site parking spaces at Los Alamitos Plaza, customers and clients of our tenants use on-street parking controlled by the City of Los Alamitos. Along with neighboring businesses, we rely on these parking spaces to ensure that customers and clients of our tenants can easily access Los Alamitos Plaza. However, the issue that we face is that these spaces do not include signage with parking time limits. As a result, drivers are undeterred from leaving vehicles parked in those spaces for extended periods of time, including the entire day. We believe that businesses in the area will benefit by limiting the time that a vehicle can park in these valuable parking spaces located in the heart of the commercial and retail district of Los Alamitos.

For the foregoing reasons, we request that the City of Los Alamitos add signs limiting the time a vehicle can be parked in the following spaces:

1. Parking spaces on the east and west side of Pine Street between Florista Street and Katella Avenue;
2. Parking spaces on the south side of Florista Street between Los Alamitos Boulevard and Pine Street;
3. Parking spaces on the south side of Florista Street between Pine Street and the alley west of Reagan Street; and
4. Parking spaces at the property owned by the City of Los Alamitos located east of Pine Street between Florista Street and Katella Avenue.

In submitting this request and asking that the City of Los Alamitos exercise its authority to regulate parking, we wish to note that time limits are already in place for parking spaces at the following locations:

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1. Parking spaces on the east and west side of Cherry Street between Florista Street and Katella Avenue;
2. Parking spaces on the east and west side of Reagan Street between Florista Street and Katella Avenue;
3. Parking spaces on the south side of Florista Street between Reagan Street and Cherry Street; and
4. Parking spaces on the south side of Florista Street between Reagan Street and the alley west of Reagan Street.

Please find attached a map which indicates the parking spaces where we request the installation of parking signs and the parking spaces noted above where signage is currently in place. This map is not intended to provide a complete and comprehensive survey of parking regulations in the area but rather to demonstrate the presence of such limits near Los Alamitos Plaza.

In order to ensure that sufficient parking spaces are available for customers and clients of our tenants, we have taken significant steps to monitor and control on-site parking at Los Alamitos Plaza, which includes parking spaces at an annex parking location at the southeast corner of Florista Street and Pine Street. Furthermore, in order to make more spaces available for customers and clients on the main property site, we have directed our tenants to instruct their employees to park at the annex location. However, these efforts are limited to our on-site parking spaces, and we are unable to take similar steps with respect to off-site parking spaces. For this reason, we seek assistance from the City of Alamitos to help us and our tenants.

We believe that implementing time limits on the parking spaces noted above will promote a more positive environment for businesses at Los Alamitos Plaza. Without such restrictions, a functioning vehicle can stay parked in such a space for up to 72 hours in accordance with Section 10.24.010 of the Los Alamitos Municipal Code, and an inoperable vehicle can remain in such a space for up to 12 hours in accordance with Section 10.24.020 of the Los Alamitos Municipal Code. Our recommendation is that parking in these spaces be regulated between 7:00 am and 8:00 pm from Monday to Saturday; however, we defer to the experience and expertise of the Traffic Commission and the City Council as to the specific time limits and other regulations that should be applied to these off-site parking spaces.

Our goal is to work with the City of Los Alamitos to revitalize the commercial center of the city and attract businesses as well as customers and clients. We believe that implementing time limits for parking spaces near Los Alamitos Plaza will benefit businesses in the area, and we look forward to working with you and the Traffic Commission on this request.

Sincerely,

Shahriar Afshani

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Annex – Parking Map

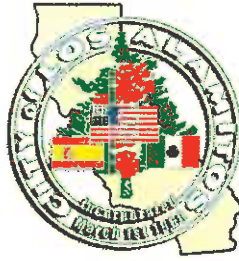
Yellow – Parking spaces where signage with parking time limits is requested

Blue – Parking spaces that currently have signage with parking time limits



**** The markings in the map above are general indications showing streets with time limit signage and where such signage is being requested. The markings are not intended to be exact indicators of parking spaces and signage on those streets.***

**CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS
PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT**



**THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA
WILL CONDUCT A
PUBLIC HEARING**

**TO RECEIVE PUBLIC TESTIMONY REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF 2-HOUR
PARKING RESTRICTION IN THE YELLOW DESIGNATED AREAS BELOW.**

DATE AND TIME: 7:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2014

**PLACE: LOS ALAMITOS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
3191 KATELLA AVENUE, LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA 90720-5600**



**ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER
CONTACT: PAMELA BRACKMAN, DEPARTMENT SECRETARY
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Pamela Brackman

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2014 1:25 PM
To: Pamela Brackman
Subject: RE: New Parking Restriction

Hello Mrs. Pamela Brackman, my name is Nora Suarez. I am a resident of Los Alamitos in the area where the city is planning to enforce the 2-hour parking restriction, at 3681 Florista St. Will they be also discussing/enforcing the Parking by Permit across the street for the residents too? All the residents around this area constantly have the problem of people parking in front of our house without a permit. we are forced to park in other areas or in front of our driveways when we come home with groceries. We find people park there without a permit or consideration for someone else's driveway too. Will this matter be discussed also? It is a big issue that the city doesn't and should monitor on our side of the Permit Only side. I just want to know if the parking enforcement will also be giving out infractions for people that are parked on our side, not only during peak hours but also later in the afternoon when people park to go to the hospital and we come home from work to find someone is parked there without a permit and we have no where to park sometimes.

Please let me know if this matter will be discussed at the meeting so that I can attend.

Thank you,
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Pamela Brackman

From: **
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2014 2:03 PM
To: Pamela Brackman
Subject: PUBLIC HEARING ON WED OCT. 8TH

Hi Pamela,

We work in the 3551 Florista Avenue building. The parking has been very difficult in front of our building.

People from the Los Alamitos Plaza park at the public curb in front of our building all day because they don't want to pay for parking in their parking lot.

Now that you are proposing 2 hour parking along the south side of Florista and the west side of Pine St, their customers and employees will park at our curb without doubt.

We have elderly patients who cannot park in our lot due to unauthorized vehicles using our parking lot to go to Nick's Deli, and the public curb is being used by the employees from across the street.

If you are proposing 2 hour parking on the south side of Florista, I think you should include the north side of the street in front of our building too. That way employees will not use our curb for all day parking.

Food for thought.

Pamela Brackman

From: Pamela Brackman
Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 12:48 PM
To: Pamela Brackman
Cc:
Subject: Public Hearing on 2-Hour Parking areas

Hi Pam,

I am unable to attend this public hearing but I will put it out to all of our staff and over 200 volunteers here at Precious Life. I have a real concern that the city might place 2-hour restrictions on such a large area of the public street parking. First the issue of parking is huge for Los Alamitos and always has been but never more concerning that since LAMC started their improvements and the surgical center on Reagan has not advised their staff to park in the parking structure.

Several issues present themselves with this plan.

First, we do have volunteers that provide volunteer service from 9-1 and that is more than 2 hours and so if they park in the public area we will have musical cars.

Second, permitted parking on the north of Florista could easily be opening parking until 5p.m most days and not inconvenience the neighbors on the north side.

Third, the public lot is filled most mornings by 7:15 from the hospital or surgical center staff and they do have a parking area they just do not want to walk there.

Is there a possibility that we could get a few permitted spaces for the residents when they come home at night? The majority of our residents do not have cars but a few, after getting into our long term program, might save an eventually get a vehicle and if they could never park for longer than two hours on the street or in the public lot it might cause a hardship. We often have senior citizens coming to our office asking if they can park in our lot in front of the Reagan address just because they don't want to pay for the lot across the street or at Pine.

The large area surrounding the shelter property is the most impacted area being considered by the city for this 2-hour restriction. It will have a serious effect on elderly volunteers that come to the shop, teachers that offer their services and visitors that come to see our clients, whether it is professional or personal. We will lose shoppers, volunteers and it will place a burden on patients in the area to have such a large area restricted to 2-hour. A suggestion we have made to the medical center is that their staff have a LAMC decal and that they be responsible to curtail their employees from impacting the entire area. Also just going to lunch at Hof's sometimes requires street parking and a business lunch and wait time could easily be more than 2-hours.

We would request that the city consider the impact to the business area which you are asking to take the brunt of the restrictions as the Thrift Shop at 3622 Florista is the Social Enterprise for the shelter and it allows many shoppers great value to support a good cause and meets the needs of over 100 homeless individuals every year.

City of Los Alamitos

Agenda Report Discussion

October 8, 2014
Item No: 6B

To: Chairman and Members of the Traffic Commission
From: David Hunt, City Engineer
Subject: Duties & Responsibilities of Chair & Vice Chair Positions

Summary: Duties and responsibilities of the Chair and Vice Chair positions for the Traffic Commission.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Election and Vacancy

- A. The officers of the Traffic Commission shall consist of a chairman, a vice chairman and a secretary. The chairman and vice chairman shall be elected annually at the first regular meeting in the month of January, and shall hold office for a term of one year or until a successor is duly elected and qualified. Election shall be by a majority vote cast by those commissions present and voting at the meeting at which the election is held. Officers shall assume office immediately upon election.
- B. Any vacancy in office shall be filled at the next regular meeting. The successor to any vacancy shall hold office for the balance of the unexpired term of that office, and the initial officers elected shall serve until the first regular meeting of January.

Officers' Duties

- A. It shall be the duty of the chairman to:
1. Preside at all meetings of the traffic commission;
 2. Call, and preside at, special meetings;
 4. Name and appoint all necessary and appropriate committees of the commission;

5. Represent the commission or designate a representative of the commission at all meetings and functions required by law or otherwise.
- B. It shall be the duty of the vice chairman to perform all duties of the chairman in the absence or temporary illness of the chairman.
- C. It shall be the duty of the secretary to:
1. Make and maintain minutes of the proceedings of the commission;
 2. Prepare and send, in the name of the commission, all communications authorized and directed by the chairman or by the commission as a whole;
 3. Receive, and bring to the attention of the commission, all communications addressed to it;
 4. Supervise the proper posting of notices of all meetings before the commission;
 5. Sign, as secretary, in the name of the commission, all necessary notices and other documents authorized and directed by the commission;
 6. Prepare and distribute an agenda for all regular meetings of the commission;

Discussion through Chairperson Only

There shall not be a discourse among members of the Traffic Commission nor between persons in attendance and members of the Traffic Commission. Persons in attendance may address the Traffic Commission or a member only through the Chairperson. A member of the Traffic Commission may address member or a person in attendance only through the Chairperson.

Limitation of Discussion

The Chairperson may limit discussion on a particular matter either by a Traffic Commissioner or any person in attendance to such time as the Chairperson finds reasonable under the circumstances. The Traffic Commission may overrule the decision of the Chairperson to limit discussion, by majority vote of those present.

Disqualification of Members

A member who is legally disqualified from participating in Traffic Commission action on any particular matter may not participate in the discussion, debate or vote on the matter and when that matter is reached on the agenda, he/she shall disclose his/her

disqualification and the reason for it, or if the disqualification is not known to him/her at the time the matter is reached on the agenda, he/she shall make the disclosure as soon as his/her disqualification is known to him/her. A member legally disqualified from participating on an item shall not be considered present for the purpose of determining whether a quorum exists to vote on that item.

Motions; Debate; Debate Limited to Members of the Traffic Commission

No debate of a motion shall be permitted prior to a second of the motion. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Chairperson before debated; and such debate shall be limited to members of the debate of a motion only upon addressing the Chairperson and being recognized by him/her. After the Chairperson has started to take the vote on a motion, there shall be no further debate except that members of the Traffic Commission may be allowed to explain their vote.

Procedure to Speak

A person in attendance at a meeting may speak upon any subject on the agenda after gaining recognition from the Chairperson and stating his/her name, address and whom he represents.

Quorum

Four (4) members of the Traffic Commission constitute a quorum to do business. However, a lesser number may adjourn a meeting to a stated time and place.

Vote Required

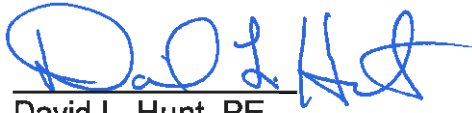
Actions of the Traffic Commission shall be by a majority vote of those present and voting.

Closing Date and Mailing of Agenda

Each matter to be placed upon the agenda for consideration by the Traffic Commission at a regular meeting shall be filed with the Engineering Department no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 29th calendar day immediately preceding the regular meeting at which the matter is to be considered by the Traffic Commission.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Submitted By:



David L. Hunt, PE
City Engineer

TRAFFIC COMMISSION UPDATED STATUS LIST - 2011 to 2014

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	DATE INITIATED	REQUESTED BY	TAKEN TO		REMARKS
				T.C.	C.C.	
RECOMMENDATION APPROVED/COMPLETED						
A						
A-1	Use of Ad Hoc Committees by T.C.	Feb-14	D. Emerson	Mar-14		Receive & file
A-2	Draft CIP for FY 2014-15 thru FY 2020-21	Feb-14	D. Hunt	Mar-14		D. Hunt to forward to CC
A-3	Powers and duties of Traffic Commission	Feb-14	D. Emerson	Mar-14		Receive & file
A-4	Review Draft Engrg. & Traffic Survey for Speed Limits	Feb-14	D. Hunt	Feb-14	Apr-14	
A-5	Loading/Unloading Lexington Dr.-Katella Ave. to first alley	Feb-14	Traffic Commission	Feb-14	May-14	
A-6	Replace sun damaged residential parking signs.	Jul-14	D. Patz			Completed
A-7	Install 4-way stop signs at 4-way stop intersections.	Jul-14	J. Wilhelm			Completed
RECOMMENDATION APPROVED & PENDING IMPLEMENTATION						
B						

RECOMMENDATION DENIED						
C						
C-1	Remove 24-minute parking in front of 4582 Katella Ave.	Feb-14	Owner/4582 Katella	Feb-14		Denied

ITEMS PENDING CONSIDERATION - TRAFFIC COMMISSION						
D						
D-1	Diagonal parking Cherry Street @ Catalina Street	Jan-13	J. Wilhelm	Feb-13		Re-visit after hospital construction
ITEMS PENDING CONSIDERATION - CITY COUNCIL						

TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED ITEMS - ENGINEERING						
F						
F-1	Consider options for widening Civic Center Drive	Jan-14	J. Mejia			
F-2	Install pedestrian signal @ n/bound Bloomfield & Katella	Jan-14	J. Wilhelm			
F-3	Traffic counts include Howard from Lex. To Bennington	Jan-14	J. Schleuter			Will be done in Feb. 2015
F-4	Signage to deter cut-thru traffic - Siboney Midway Enterprise	Jan-14	J. Schleuter			
F-5	Modify traffic count map showing Lexington as going through	Jan-14	D. Emerson			Will be done in Feb. 2015
F-6	Limit line at the stop sign at Florista seems too far back.	Jun-14	J. Schleuter			
F-7	No Left Turn sign by the Post Office on Reagan Street.	Jun-14	D. Patz			
F-8	Katella & Cherry crosswalk on East side of Katella but none on West side.	Jun-14	J. Mejia			
F-9	Faruhar/Los Alamitos Alley Study		Emerson/Mejia			November Meeting
F-10	Traffic School Study		Hunt			November Meeting