

# MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – September 14, 2016

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular meeting of the Traffic Commission was called to order at 6:58 PM on September 14, 2016, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, California, Chair Patz presiding.

## 2. ROLL CALL

**Present:** Commissioners: Chair Daniel Patz  
Commissioner Dave Emerson  
Commissioner Javier Mejia  
Commissioner Jason Seaman  
Commissioner James Wilhelm

**Absent:** Vice Chair Gina Biri (Excused)

**Present:** Staff: Development Services Director Steven Mendoza  
Farhad Iranitalab, Traffic Engineer  
Captain Rick Moore, Police Department  
Dawn Sallade, Department Secretary

## 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Mejia.

## 4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Patz opened the meeting for Oral Communications.

Lisa Klemin introduced herself and thanked Staff and the Commission for considering her application (Item 6B) and spoke about the difficulties she has parking at her home as a physically disabled person.

There being no speakers, the Chair closed Oral Communications.

## 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 10, 2016.

Commissioner Wilhelm asked to insert on Page 4, under his comments, "Regarding the alley behind....traveling south bound in the alley, *he discovered that those signs had been rotated and that they now discourage left turns from people exiting from the alley*, that if the City...

Motion/Second: Seaman/Emerson

Carried 5/0/0 (Biri absent): The Traffic Commission approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of August 10, 2016, with correction.

6. **STAFF REPORTS**

A. **A Request to Bring Proposed “20 Min. Parking” Restrictions (two spaces) on Both Sides of Green Street to the East of Los Alamitos Boulevard to the Traffic Commission for Consideration at a Future Meeting**

This report requests the review and consideration for “20 Min. Parking” restrictions on Green Street (Nisie’s Enchanted Florist and Imperial Jeweler’s).

Development Services Director Steven Mendoza summarized the Staff report, referring to the information contained therein and indicated he’s prepared to answer questions from the Commission.

Following a long discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission that more information from the businesses is needed before making a determination.

Motion/Second: Mejia/Emerson

Motion Carried 4/0/1 (Seaman voted no and Biri was absent): The Traffic Commission directed Staff to conduct a field review to informally assess the parking demand looking at 24-Min. Parking instead of 20-Min. Parking and review the options of restricted parking during the day and open access over night and report to the Traffic Commission at the next meeting.

B. **Consideration of a Handicap Parking Marking and Sign at 4112 Green Avenue**

A request has been received by a resident to install a handicap parking marking (blue curb) and a sign on Green Avenue to assist the mobility-impaired resident.

Development Services Director Mendoza summarized the Staff report, referring to the information contained therein, and indicated he’s prepared to answer questions from the Traffic Commission.

Lisa Klemin, the Applicant, spoke during the Oral Communication section of the meeting but answered questions from the Commission.

The question came up that what would happen if the Applicant moved; would the blue curb remain?

Following a lengthy discussion, the following motion was made.

Motion/Second: Mejia/Seaman

Unanimously Carried 5/0/0 (Biri absent): The Traffic Commission approved the installation of a handicap parking marking (a blue curb) in front of 4112 Green Avenue with the size and perimeters given by Staff recommendation with a 1-year sunset unless renewed by the Applicant.

**C. Consideration of “Permit Parking” Restriction on the South Side of Catalina Avenue between Los Alamitos Boulevard and Pine Street.**

A request has been received by Davis Management Company requesting the Traffic Commission to consider the installation of “Residential Permit Parking” on South side of Catalina Street between Los Alamitos Boulevard and Pine Street.

On May 14, 2001 the City Council approved (Resolution No. 1817) and established on-street permit parking for residents only on designated streets; however, this section of Catalina Street was not included as part of these designated streets.

To reduce the number of vehicles that parked on the street all day, in 2016 the City installed 3-hour limit parking signs on Catalina Avenue between Reagan Street and Los Alamitos Blvd.

Development Services Director Mendoza summarized the Staff report, referring to the information contained therein, and indicated he’s prepared to answer questions from the Traffic Commission.

Commissioner Wilhelm said he felt this was a reasonable request and was surprised that there wasn’t already an allowance made for permit parking along the south side of Catalina Street.

Mr. Mendoza said he concurs with Commissioner Wilhelm and explained that it makes no logical sense that the Residential Permit Parking didn’t curve around the corner and encompass this area.

Derek Davis, Owner & Applicant, explained that he had gone to the March Parking Workshop and he was assured that his area wasn’t affected but suddenly he found out that there was now 3-hour parking. He said the bottom line is that he feels that this simply was a clerical error and it should never have been designated as 3-hour parking.

Motion/Second: Emerson/Wilhelm

Unanimously Carried 5/0/0 (Biri absent): The Traffic Commission approved the request for installation of permit parking on Catalina Street and directed Staff to forward their recommendation to the City Council.

7. **TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS**  
None

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 8:21 PM.