

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – April 12, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular session at 7:00 p.m. on April 12, 2017, in the Council Chamber, 3191 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, California, Chair Patz presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners:

Chair Patz

Vice Chair Mejia

Emerson, Hill, Rodman, Seaman and Singer

Present: Staff:

Steven Mendoza, Development Services Director

Farhad Iranitalab, Traffic Engineer

Michelle Müller, Department Secretary

Rick Moore, Police Captain

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Mejia.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Patz opened the meeting for Oral Communications. There being no speakers, the Chair closed Oral Communications.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 08, 2017.

Commissioner Emerson asked for it to be noted that what he meant to say at the bottom of page 2 under item 6A was, *“stop signs often create more problems than they solve”*.

Motion/Second: Singer/Hill

Carried 7/0/0: The Traffic Commission approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of March 8, 2017.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Request for a “Four-Way” stop at Catalina Street/Walnut Street

Concern has been expressed by residents near the intersection of Catalina Street and Walnut Street regarding the need for improved traffic safety near this area. A request was made to install a “Four-Way” stop at Catalina Street and Walnut Street intersection within Old Town West neighborhood.

Richard Murphy, resident of Los Alamitos expressed concern over pedestrian safety at this intersection. Mr. Murphy expressed his opinion as to why this

intersection is more prone to accidents being that there is no "four-way" stop sign.

Josh Wilson, resident of Los Alamitos shared his findings about what intersections surrounding this neighborhood have "four-way" stop signs. Mr. Wilson expressed his opinion about why this problem exists now and how much more it will be affected by future developments in the area.

The Traffic Commission and Staff discussed the benefits and disadvantages of installing an additional stop sign at this location.

Motion/Second: Mejia/Rodman

Carried 5/2/0: (Emerson and Singer voted no) The Traffic Commission made a motion to instruct the Traffic Engineer Farhad Iranitalab to study this intersection and also explore other options for signage.

B. Traffic Commission Status Log

This is a tracking tool used by the Commission to track assignments and accomplishments.

Chair Patz closed discussion on item 6B following no questions or concerns.

C. Four Month Review of Residential Parking Implemented in May 2016

Staff continues to work on this and has ordered the parking data to be developed by a Consultant. No new information at this time.

7. ITEMS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR

Development Services Director Steven Mendoza thanked the Traffic Commission for their time.

8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Commissioner Rodman expressed concern over the lack of a stop sign at the intersection of Briggeman Drive and Reagan Street near the Post Office.

Staff and the Traffic Commission discussed whether or not there is a necessity for a stop sign at that location.

Commissioner Emerson expressed that he would like to see an Agenda item at the next meeting pursuing what the goals are of the Traffic Commission.

Commissioner Hill asked for a status of the "scramble" crosswalk at Katella Avenue and Cerritos Avenue.

Development Services Director advised that Traffic Engineer Farhad will be reviewing the School Study which was completed in order to make a proper assessment.

Commissioner Hill raised concern about a sign that is erected possibly on private property, at the corner of Pine Street and Florista Street that inhibits visibility for vehicles traveling west on Florista Street.

The Traffic Commission and Staff discussed the City's procedures whenever a power outage occurs.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second: Seaman/Singer

Carried 7/0/0: The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 8:37 p.m.



Daniel Patz, Chair

Attest:



Michelle Müller, Department Secretary

