MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – August 9, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular meeting of the Traffic Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM on August 9, 2017, in the Council Chambers, 3191 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, California, Chair Patz presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners:

  Chair Daniel Patz
  Vice Chair Javier Mejia
  Commissioner Dave Emerson
  Commissioner Randall Hill
  Commissioner Sallie Rodman
  Commissioner Jason Seaman
  Commissioner Elliot Singer

Absent: None

Present: Staff:

  Development Services Director Steven Mendoza
  Farhad Iranitalab, Traffic Engineer
  Sergeant Chris Karrer, Police Department
  Dawn Sallade, Temporary Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Emerson.

4. INTRODUCTION OF LOS ALAMITOS POLICE DEPARTMENT SERGEANT CHRIS KARRER

Community Services Director Steven Mendoza introduced Sergeant Karrer as the new liaison from the Police Department.

Sergeant Chris Karrer gave a brief description of the positions he has held in the Police Department and said he hopes to be the Traffic Commission’s Police liaison permanently.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Chair Patz opened the meeting for Oral Communications. There being no speakers, Chair Patz closed Oral Communications.
6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of June 14, 2017.
      Motion/Second: Mejia/Seaman
      Carried 7/0/0: The Traffic Commission approved the minutes of the
      Regular meeting of June 14, 2017, as written.

7. STAFF REPORTS
   A. Redflex Video Presentation and Discussion
      This item will be presented to the Commission during September's
      meeting and, therefore, there is no Staff report to give.

   B. Residential Permit Parking Review
      The Commission has been tasked with reviewing the City's Residential
      Permit Parking Program. This is expected to take a few meetings.

      Community Services Director Mendoza summarized the Staff report and
      turned it over to the Commission for discussion.

      The Traffic Commission discussed various outreach alternatives and
      decided to focus the initial outreach on Old Town West and directed Staff
      to draft a question/outreach flyer which will be presented to the Traffic
      Commission.

   C. Traffic Commission Status Log
      This is a tracking tool used by the Commission to track assignments and
      accomplishments.

      The Traffic Commission reviewed the Status Log, noted a few changes
      and Traffic Engineer Farhad Iranitalab will update the log accordingly.

8. ITEMS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR
   A. Mr. Mendoza indicated he had received correspondence from Ms. Betty
      Binder who had complained about parents and students that are parking
      on Del Norte and waiting to pick up their kids and friends. She requested a
      red line be painted on the curb of Del Norte to keep people from parking
      there. She also requested posting “No U-Turn” on Cerritos Ave. as people
      are making u-turns in the left hand turn lane as if turning onto Del Norte.
      Ms. Binder said it's a very unsafe situation.

      Following discussion, it was decided that Director Mendoza would write a
      letter to Ms. Binder explaining that the Traffic Commission has asked the
      Traffic Engineer to review her situation after the school is in session for a
      month or so.
9. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

- Vice Chair Mejia reported that behind the Katella Deli Restaurant, their loading zones are filled with garbage, furniture, etc. and the trucks that are supposed to be off loading are unable to utilize the loading zone. Their trucks actually stick out in the alley which makes it difficult for traffic that utilizes the alley to get around them. Perhaps a letter could be sent to Katella Deli reminding them to clean up the loading zone.

- Commissioner Singer reported the Bicycle Ad Hoc Committee met with Corey Lakin, Recreation Director who indicated a company by the name of Tri-Zone said they would be willing to place bicycle racks up on the Coyote Creek Trail but wanted to also attach their name on the racks.

- Chair Patz reported he retired August 1! He also reported that he had attended the reopening of the Coyote Creek Bike Trail and it was a very nice event.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Daniel Patz, Chair

Attest:

Dawn Sallade, Department Secretary