MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – July 12, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular meeting of the Traffic Commission was called to order at 7:01 PM on July 12, 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 Elliot Singer

Absent: Commissioner Jason Seaman (Excused)

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Captain Rick Moore.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Report from the General Plan Mobility and Circulation Element Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Commissioners Singer, Emerson, and Hill

The Committee held its first meeting on June 27, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. and realized it was apparent the scope of the General Plan Mobility and Circulation Element (Element) was quite large.
The Committee found that the Element impinges upon and is dependent on many other current and future projects and their costs. The Committee then found that it wanted to address the issues in smaller, more realistic, areas of focus. After much discussion the Committee came up with a few good candidates for the Commission to consider in this initial phase of the action plan.

The Committee is proposing the following discussion items for the Traffic Commission:

- Assignment of a Los Alamitos Police Officer to temporarily accomplish a portion of its travel around the city on a bike.

- A few (sponsored perhaps) signs on or near the bikeway that direct riders to local businesses within the City.

- Bike racks "sponsored" by local businesses.

- Promote the availability of bike riding on our sidewalks for folks who may be unaware of this option.

Following a long discussion, Chair Patz indicated he would like to task the Ad Hoc Committee with finding out about bike share; see if it’s something that is paid for by the company that supplies the bikes and the racks to where it would be no cost to the City and just what’s involved.

B. Traffic Commission Status Log

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

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

Mr. Mendoza reviewed the Status Log with the Commissioners, wrote down changes and will forward the changes to Traffic Engineer Farhad Iranitalab to update the log accordingly.

C. Review of Residential Parking

The Traffic Commission is reviewing the time limited parking regulations after implementation. This Staff report provides the Commission with the Post Implementation parking results and continues their discussion on this topic.

Community Services Director Mendoza summarized the Staff report as and written and stated this report is just to receive and file. Discussion followed.
In May 2016, the City Council established time limits throughout various areas of the City. The decision to establish Time Limited Parking came after nearly 18 months of consideration and outreach. Following implementation, the Traffic Commission has expressed its interest in reviewing the project. Three areas of concern were identified: They are:

1) Area adjacent to Katella Senior Living;
2) Ganahl Lumber area, and;
3) Small apartment building on Catalina.

Vice Chair Mejia said he has an issue with the schedule for street sweeping in Old Town East due to there being no parking between 11:00 and 1:00 which is really late with regards to operating a business as there’s no parking between those hours. There was some talk he thought that one or two councilmembers were thinking about switching the hours to early morning and he would really like to see this occur.

Mr. Mendoza indicated that Vice Chair Mejia should provide him with a map and he will explore this with the street sweeper.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding Katella Deli and the lack of parking for both their employees and their customers. Also, the employees are leaving their trash on the street and playing their radios loudly. They spoke about parking permits, etc. It was suggested that maybe at some future meeting, Staff can send something out to the people in that area to invite them to sit down with the Commission to urge them to talk about their parking issues.

7. ITEMS FROM STAFF
   A. **Director** – Mr. Mendoza reported that there will be a Grand Re-Opening at Coyote Creek Bike Trail at 5:00 PM on July 17th and invited the Commission to attend with or without their bicycles.

   B. **Police Captain** – None.

   C. **Traffic Engineer** – Gave an update on the Los Alamitos Blvd. Median Project and the Cerritos Avenue intersection.

   Chair Patz felt that a warning of the upcoming construction schedule should be put on Nextdoor.com as it’s very important to provide as much warning to the citizens of Los Alamitos as possible.

8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS
   None.

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9. ADJOURNMENT

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 9:19 PM.

Attest:

Dawn Sallade, Department Secretary

Daniel Patz, Chair