MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – November 08, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on November 08, 2017, in the Council Chamber, 3191 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, California, Chair Patz presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Chair Patz
Emerson, Hill, Rodman, Seaman and Singer

Absent: Vice Chair Mejia

Present: Staff: Steven Mendoza, Development Services Director
Michelle Müller, Department Secretary

Absent: Chris Karrer, Police Captain
Farhad Iranitalab, Traffic Engineer

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Patz.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Chair Patz opened the meeting for Oral Communications.

Art DeBolt, resident discussed concern over the following three items:

- speeding vehicles on Bloomfield Street and Katella Avenue during school traffic hours. As a result, requesting the installation of an additional speed limit sign.
- Vehicles exiting and entering the alley east of Los Alamitos Boulevard at Farquhar Avenue continuously blocking traffic. As a result, requesting for consideration of either making the alley one-way only or limiting access to one direction at Farquhar Avenue only.
- The driveway access for the shopping center at Los Alamitos Boulevard and Farquhar Avenue, east of the Jack in the Box creates a back-up for traffic, therefore requesting consideration of installing a right-turn only sign.

Steven Scott, resident came forward to discuss the parking situation in his neighborhood, Old Town East. Mr. Scott expressed concern over the challenges he faces over parking from being the only home in that neighborhood without a garage.
There being no further speakers, Chair Patz closed Oral Communications.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   A. Approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of November 08, 2017
   Motion/Second: Hill/Rodman
   Carried 5/1 (Emerson abstained, Vice Chair Mejia absent): The Traffic Commission approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of November 08, 2017.

6. **STAFF REPORTS**
   A. Residential Permit Parking Review – Old Town West
      Review of Old Town West Residential Permit Parking Program.

      Development Services Director Mendoza provided a summary of the Staff Report.

      Art DeBolt, resident spoke in opposition of the current parameters of the permit parking program. Mr. DeBolt expressed that the program should either be amended to change the time frames in which people are able to park, amend the areas which have permit parking or remove the program completely.

      Mr. Scott, resident commented that if the program is going to be amended, the time that school starts, should be taken into consideration, as it is a problem they currently face in Old Town East.

      Motion/Second: Emerson/
      Not Carried (a second was not made): Motion to continue north of Catalina Avenue, end south of Catalina Avenue; north of Catalina Avenue amend to only be effective from 5pm to 6am.

      The Traffic Commission and Staff discussed the following items:
      - The absence of more public testimony demonstrating opposition or support for the program.
      - The method in which surveys were delivered.
      - The possibility of changing the parameters for the permit parking to be effective only in the evening and overnight as opposed to where it stands now.
      - The possibility of re-surveying the neighborhood before making a decision.
      - Altering the program as it stands now, would welcome parking problems that currently do not exist.
Motion/Second: Emerson/Rodman
Not Carried 3/4 (Hill, Seaman and Singer voted no, Vice Chair Mejia absent): Motion to continue the program as it exist except north of Sausalito; change time from 4pm to 9am.

Motion/Second: Seaman/Hill
Carried 5/1 (Singer opposed, Vice Chair Mejia absent): The Traffic Commission voted to adjourn this item to the next Traffic Commission meeting scheduled for January 10, 2018.

B. Residential Permit Parking Review – Old Town East
Review Old Town East Residential Permit Parking Program.

Development Services Director Mendoza provided a summary of the Staff Report.

Mr. Scott expressed support for keeping the permit parking program as it exist.

The Traffic Commission and Staff discussed the results of the survey conducted.

The Traffic Commission and Staff discussed the effects to parking in Old Town East as a result of the parking problems faced at the Los Alamitos Hospital.

Motion/Second: Seaman/Hill
Carried 6/0 (Vice Chair Mejia absent): The Traffic Commission unanimously agreed to keep the permit parking program in Old Town East as it exist.

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

Development Services Director Mendoza advised the Traffic Commission that he will be adding the following items to the status log:
- Request for more officer patrol on Catalina Street to slow down traffic.
- Installation of a speed sign northbound on Bloomfield Street between Cerritos and Katella.
- Study of alley east of Los Alamitos Boulevard at Farquhar Avenue.
- Study of the shopping center driveway access east of Jack in the Box (research the possible existence of old entitlements).
Chair Patz requested more officer patrol on Bloomfield Street to slow down traffic.

Commissioner Emerson asked for the removal of the faded traffic sign on the sidewalk west of Jack in the Box on Los Alamitos Boulevard.

Development Services Director Mendoza recommended the Commissioners to reach out to Staff in the event that they see anything that is substandard on City streets.

Commissioner Hill asked why Los Alamitos Boulevard has to be returned to two lanes. Development Services Director Mendoza provided a summary as to why City Council voted to keep the Boulevard as two lanes rather than three during the planning stages for the Los Alamitos Median Capital Improvement Project.

Commissioner Rodman reported that a safety light is out on the southeast corner of Farquhar Avenue.

7. ITEMS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR
Advised the Traffic Commission that the Planning Commission rescheduled the meeting to November 29, 2017. Furthermore, the City Council meeting is on the November 20, 2017. At this time, there is a vacancy for City Council.

Commissioner Singer asked if the Planning Commission would consider an increase to the number of required parking spaces for new developments. Development Services Director Mendoza advised that during the last Planning Commission meeting, a resolution was presented, which starts the process to change the number of parking units required.

Chair Patz asked about the vacancies coming up. Development Service Director Mendoza advised that there are terms expiring. In the event that a Commissioner reaches the expiration date of their term, they will remain in office until their chair is filled.

8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS
Commissioner Singer provided the Traffic Commission with a summary of discussion which took place about a future bike path and bicycle bridges in the City at the Ad Hoc Committee meeting. Furthermore, Commissioner Singer added that Tri-zone installed a “you fix it” apparatus on the Coyote Creek bike path, which contains tools for bicyclist to inflate their tires.

9. ADJOURNMENT
Motion/Second: Singer/Seaman
Carried 6/0 (Vice Chair Mejia absent): The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until January 10, 2018.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 8:55 p.m.  

Daniel Patz, Chair

Attest:
Michelle Müller, Department-Secretary