

PARKING AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of August 22, 2007

COMMISSIONERS

Michael Benbow, Chairman
Richard Kaufman, District 1
Vacant, District 2
Charles Coronado, District 3
Jose De La Torre, District 4

STAFF MEMBERS

Glen W.C. Kau, P.E., Public Works Director
William Barnett, Senior Transportation Planner
Tunisia Johnson, Secretary

I. Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Richard Kaufman at 7:10 p.m.

a. Roll-Call: Commissioners Kaufman, Coronado and De La Torre were in attendance. Chairman Benbow was absent.

b. Approval of Minutes: Commissioner De La Torre moved that the minutes of May 23, 2007, be approved. Commissioner Coronado seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

II. Referrals from City Council or City Departments: None

III. Public Hearings: None

IV. Other Business:

a. Closure of East Nutwood Street at Grevillea Avenue Parks

Senior Transportation Planner William Barnett referred Commissioners to the subject plan in their staff report as he described the proposed closure of Nutwood Street. Mr. Barnett stated notices had been sent out to all property owners on both city blocks and to the school district. Mr. Barnett stated the City Administrator's office requested this consideration to connect the two parks along Grevillea into a single long linear park. He said Nutwood Street is a lightly used street that is not needed as a connecting street and it only serves two properties on the north and two on the south side. If the Commission approves this recommendation, this would initiate action for environmental analysis and presentation to the Mayor and Council Members for authorization to close the street.

Commissioner De La Torre asked if the residents on Nutwood Street would be affected by this closure. Mr. Barnett stated the only residents are in a single

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building on the north side of Nutwood between the alley and the Park, but their parking is accessed from the alley.

Commissioner Kaufman asked if Nutwood Street could also be closed between the alley and the park. Mr. Barnett explained that on the south side of Nutwood Street is a building that has its two driveways onto Nutwood Street.

Commissioner Coronado asked if the alley would remain open and Mr. Barnett stated it would.

Commissioner De La Torre made a motion to recommend closure of Nutwood Street to the City Council. Commissioner Coronado seconded the motion. Motion was approved 3 to 0.

b. Block Party Standards

Mr. Barnett presented revised block party standards to the Commission. Mr. Barnett requested that the Commission approve a change on the filing requirements from 15 working days to 10 working days. Commissioner De La Torre made a motion that the revision be approved. Commissioner Coronado seconded. Motion was approved 3 to 0.

VI. Commissioner Initiatives

Commissioner Kaufman described to staff certain locations on Park Avenue where he felt additional red curbs would reduce problems with parked cars.

Commissioner Kaufman asked about motorists' confusion at the rebuilt intersection at Marlborough Avenue and Warren Lane. Mr. Barnett stated the street markings are not yet completed.

Commissioner Coronado commented on the new stop signs on the streets near Hudnall School.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.