PARKING AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of November 28, 2007

COMMISSIONERS	STAFF MEMBERS
Michael Benbow, Chairperson	William Barnett, Senior Transportation Planner
Richard Kaufman, District 1	Pearlie A. White, Secretary
Vacant, District 2	
Charles Coronado, District 3	
Lynette Lewis, District 4	

Commissioner Kaufman requested a moment of silence in respect for the late Washington Redskins safety Sean Taylor.

Chairperson Benbow requested a moment of silence in respect for the late Mr. Frederick Davis.

I. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Michael Benbow at 7:00 p.m.

a. Roll-Call: Three Commissioners were in attendance. Commissioner Lynette Lewis was absent.

b. Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Coronado moved that the October 24, 2007 minutes be approved. Commissioner Kaufman seconded the motion. Motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

II. Referrals from City Council or City Departments: None

III. Public Hearings: None

IV. Other Business:

a. Street Name Change: La Brea Drive to La Palma Drive

Senior Transportation Planner William Barnett described the proposal to rename La Brea Drive as La Palma Drive to avoid possible confusion with La Brea Avenue.

He explained that La Brea Drive is a local residential street running east and west essentially bearing the same name as a major regional arterial street that runs north and south and sometimes people fail to pay attention to the different suffix. He also said in the next few years the City will be reconstructing the

complex intersection where six legs of La Brea Drive, La Brea Avenue, Spruce Street and Market Street all converge near Pep Boys, so La Brea Drive will become just a right-turn-in and a right-turn-out street, further removing La Brea Drive from La Brea Avenue. Mr. Barnett stated he mailed letters to each residence along La Brea Drive and staff did not receive any objection either by letter or phone.

Commissioner Kaufman stated his agreement with the name change from La Brea Drive to La Palma Drive, particularly for safety and emergency concerns.

Chairperson Benbow explained his opposition to any Spanish name for this street, stating he felt Ebony would be more in keeping with the African American identity in Inglewood. Following further discourse on this subject, Chairperson Benbow requested that Ebony replace La Palma as the new street name. No other member of the Commission concurred with this request.

Commissioner Coronado had no comment.

Commissioner Kaufman made the motion to keep the name of La Palma and to recommend it to the City Council for renaming La Brea Drive. Commissioner Coronado second the emotion. Motion was approved 2-1 with Chairperson Benbow dissenting.

V. Public Comments – None

VI Commissioner Initiatives

Commissioner Kaufman commented on problems at the new intersection of Marlborough Avenue and Warren Lane.

Commissioner Kaufman also remarked about the amount of curb painting that is fading in the City.

Mr. Barnett stated the City does not have enough manpower and resources to adequately maintain all the curbs and signs along the streets.

Commissioner Kaufman said a stop sign is needed at the intersection of 66th Street and 67th Street. He said a stop sign and crosswalk would slow traffic.

Mr. Barnett stated staff will look into it.

In reply to a question from Chairperson Benbow about the trailers parked on neighborhood streets, Mr. Barnett stated it is being considered by City Council next Tuesday, December 4, 2007.

In reply to a question by Commissioner Coronado with regard to six wheel trucks on the streets, Mr. Barnett stated the City is pretty much precluded from excluding these types of vehicles from residential streets if they are also used by families.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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