PARKING AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of May 27, 2009

COMMISSIONERS

Norris Turner, District 1 Elizabeth Weaver, District 2 Charles Coronado, District 3

STAFF MEMBERS

Glen W. C. Kau, Public Works Director James Davies, Special Adviser, Public Works Wanda Williams, Planning and Building Director Alan Mai, Associate Traffic Engineer Pearlie A. White, Secretary

- 1. Meeting was called to order by Pro Tem Norris Turner at 7:12 p.m.
 - a. Roll-Call of Commissioners

Three Commissioners were in attendance. Chairperson Benbow and Commissioner Lewis were absent.

b. Approval of Minutes for Commission Meeting of April 23, 2009.

Commissioner Weaver made a motion that the minutes be approved for April 23, 2009. Commissioner Coronado seconded the motion. Motion was approved by 3-0. Chairperson Benbow and Commissioner Lewis were absent.

- II. Referral from City Council or City Departments: None
- III. Public Hearing:

Public Works Director Glen Kau said he had been contacted by the applicant that the hearing be carried over to the next meeting when we have a full commission instead of 3 commissioners. Commissioner Weaver stated it would be alright to hold the hearing with just the 3 rather than carrying it over until there was a full Commission.

- a. Request for Permit Parking District on Pine Court and Pepper Court.
- 1. Michael Beatty, 4 Pine Court, Inglewood 90302.

Mr. Beatty stated he was representing Pine Court and went over various exhibits at various times showing the configuration of parking on Pine Court. He said through the neighborhood watch he and other neighbors have tried to keep the community safer. Mr. Beatty showed photos at various times of the day that reflected the parking situation in Pepper Court and Pine Court and how it impacted parking for residents living there with a lack of space to park.

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2. Jim Jordan, 15 Pine Court. Mr. Jordan agreed with Mr. Beatty regarding the parking situation at Pine Court and Pepper Court. He stated that the parking was bad.

Commissioner Turner stated he spoke with some Council members regarding the lack of parking at Pine Court and Pepper Court and after discussing the pros and cons of this problem with them, Commissioner Turner suggested to the Commission trying permit parking for 6 months to a year to see if this would brings the desired result for the parking problem.

Commissioner Weaver stated she has tried parking in the cul de sac at Pine Court and found it to be difficult. She stated unless you have a smart car, motorists will find the spaces very short. No normal size car can park in that area.

Commissioner Weaver stated the days pictures were taken by City staff were not appropriate days to take pictures and that more than one or two Sundays are required in order to have a better picture of parking from the nearby church.

Commissioner Coronado suggested changing the way people park. He recommended parking parallel instead of head on.

Associate Engineer Alan Mai referred to the City's Municipal Code regulations requirements for permit parking and said that Pine Court and Pepper Court do not appear to meet the criteria necessary. He stated there must be severe parking impact from the church nearby as well as any industrial areas, and the days the photos were taken it could be seen there was neither.

Commissioner Weaver said the church nearby is there always and the day care center is there always. The church has activities during the week as well as on Sundays, and these activities impact parking for residents in the neighborhood. There is not sufficient parking for the residents' vehicles.

Mr. Mai stated according to the Municipal Code permit parking district regulation, if there is some nearby business activity constantly and significantly contributing to a severe impact on parking at Pine Court and Pepper Court, only then can establishing a permit parking district be warranted. However, staff did not see any and found this not to be the case in this instance.

Mr. Beatty said the Municipal Code does not show an accurate picture. He stated he lives there and knows the parking problem. Mr. Beatty stated Mr. Mai may have been there for a short period of time and 2 hours later, the parking area could be full.

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Commissioner Turner suggested that permit parking be allowed for 6 months to a year including the day care center, to see if this will solve the problem. However, until that time, the Commissioners and staff must abide by the Municipal Code.

Mr. Mai stated that a formal official ballot vote could be sent out to each resident once a decision is made and request that it is returned in 30 days.

Mr. Beatty stated they had already obtained 75% of the residents in a petition.

Public Works Director explained that what a signature does on the petition is to request the Commissioners to point forward to the establishment of a parking permit district. Once the Commission establishes the petition to go forward, the next step is to mail out ballots. Must have 75% positive response to the ballot cards.

Commissioner Weaver made a motion that staff initiate the process by mailing out the formal official ballots to receive the necessary 75% support for establishing a parking permit district for the residents of Pine Court and Pepper Court within 30 calendar days. Commissioner Coronado seconded the motion.

Motion was passed with a 3-0 vote.

IV. Other Business:

a. Trash Collection and Street Sweeping Operation Issues

Commissioner Weaver said she noticed in the staff report that a 60-day pilot study was recommended for District 3 and 4 and would like to know why such a study was done for these districts when they are not impacted as District 1 and 2. Commissioner Weaver said Districts 3 and 4 have staggered days for their trash pickup whereas Districts 1 and 2 have sequential days.

In response to Commissioner Weaver's question, Mr. Kau said a situation arose during the Christmas holidays in District 4 regarding when services would be collected. It was not the primary location but that was the primary reason for the study. Mr. Kau presented a succinct explanation of how they plan to implement changes in the way streets are swept and trash is picked up and will be trying out what this will do and how it will be carried through to bring about the desired results. Mr. Kau gave a detailed explanation to the Commissioners on the strategy for trash pickup days. Mr. Kau asked Environmental Supervisor Angela Williams to pass out the pamphlet that staff plans to send to residents that illustrates how trash is picked up.

The pamphlet shows in both English and Spanish that in District 3 for example the normal street sweeping/trash pickup day is Thursday and Friday. The plan proposes

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that the street sweeping will remain on the same day but the trash pickup day will change. Trash collection will go to Mondays picking up trash on both sides of the street while street sweeping will remain on Thursday and Friday. If a holiday occurs, trash pick up will be pushed back one day and the same with street sweeping. This test would run for 2 months for data collection, and if it is found to be successful, staff will bring back to the Commission and eventually to Council to see how we may implement this plan throughout the rest of the City.

Commissioner Weaver asked rather than put the trash bins on the curb upon the green, they will be placed on the street itself? One of the residents' concern is that their vehicles may be damaged by the trash collectors.

Commissioner Weaver wanted to know why the schedules could not be set for Monday/Wednesday; Tuesday/Thursday or Wednesday/Friday.

Mr. Kau stated that would probably make for inefficiency in collection because the truck would be coming down one day, skipping a day and having to return. Right now instead of doing a block in 2 days they will be collecting trash in one day on both sides, which makes for a more efficient operation. For trash collection, cars will not need to be moved. However, for street sweeping they will.

a. Overview of Hollywood Park Redevelopment Project Parking and Traffic Issues

Planning and Building Director Wanda Williams discussed portions of the Hollywood Park Redevelopment Project as it pertains to the Parking and Traffic Commission. Ms. Williams presented a preliminary work draft of work in progress with studies on various intersections that could impact the City of Inglewood

Commissioner Weaver said she noticed on page 3 of the handout overview that the plan does not call for bus turnouts and that she was concerned that it would impact traffic in a negative way.

Mr. Kau explained the configuration and how the bus turns would work in a way that would not cause traffic jams.

Commissioner Turner asked Mr. Kau about the impact of the photo camera lights during construction. He is concerned that these lights will slow down traffic unnecessarily.

Mr. Kau stated he did not think the photo lights would have much impact as the camera is basically set.

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Commissioner Turner was still concerned about the impact the photo light cameras will cause during this construction project. He thinks these lights should be turned off in order for traffic to move more smoothly and regular lights operate there.

Mr. Kau said he would check on this.

Commissioner Weaver asked what is expected of the Commission on this project since it is so huge.

Ms. Williams stated it is basically to inform the Commission on the areas of traffic and transportation and making sure the Commission is aware of the action taking place.

- V. Public Comments None
- VI. Commissioner Initiatives

Commissioner Turner asked about the status of an earlier request for a danger sign being posted at Crenshaw Boulevard and 84th Street where a motorist was recently killed in a horrific traffic accident. He stated the Commission voted at the last meeting that this sign would be posted immediately.

Mr. Kau explained all the requirements that must be met before placing a danger zone sign at that location. Mr. Kau stated an engineer must survey and do a study and find out all State and County requirements for this sign to make sure the City meets all criteria for it.

Commissioner Weaver wanted to know the status of an earlier request Ms. Laverne Mann, Holy Trinity Evangelical Church for removing the "No Parking Any Time" signs around Warren Lane School.

Mr. Mai stated staff contacted the church. Only a very short section of the street near the school has the no parking sign but the rest of the street has parking from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on weekdays. On weekends (Saturday and Sunday) one can now park anytime.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.