

## Parking and Traffic Commission

### Minutes of January 26, 2005

#### COMMISSIONERS

Lynette Lewis, Chairperson  
Willie Wilson, District 1  
Jose De La Torre, District 4

#### STAFF MEMBERS

Jerry Givens, Assistant City Administrative  
Officer/Public Works  
Chang Chen, Sr. Transportation Engineer  
Patrick Lui, Transportation Engineer  
William Barnett, Transportation Planning  
Georgia Smith, Secretary

- I. Chairperson Lynette Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
  - a. Roll Call: The above Commissioners were in attendance.
  - b. Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner De La Torre moved that the minutes of October 27, 2004, be approved. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

- II. Referrals from City Council or City Departments: None
- III. Public Hearing: None
- IV. Other Business:

Resident Surveys on 105<sup>th</sup> Street and 106<sup>th</sup> Street Traffic and Parking, and Consideration of Lockhaven Neighborhood Circulation.

Senior Transportation Planner William Barnett described the two year history of parking trials on 105<sup>th</sup> and 106<sup>th</sup> streets and explained the results of the survey cards that had been sent to all the residents. He said the results showed a small preference for retaining parking on both sides of the street and one-way traffic. He described the percentage results in further detail.

Based on the results of the survey, Mr. Barnett said staff is recommending that the Commission consider one-way traffic and two-side parking for the remainder of the Lockhaven neighborhood, and referred to the staff report map showing street directions on all Lockhaven streets. He also discussed the relocation of the traffic signals on Crenshaw Boulevard and on Prairie Avenue to 109<sup>th</sup> Street. He concluded his presentation by explaining the options available to the Commissioners.

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In response to questions from Chairperson Lynette Lewis, Mr. Barnett stated that formal notices were not sent out, but 337 letters with enclosed survey cards were sent out to every single address.

Commissioner Wilson asked if moving the signals from 108<sup>th</sup> Street at both Prairie and Crenshaw would be concurrent with any changes that may be made on the streets, or would they be independent of that.

Mr. Barnett stated that these signals need to be relocated anyway.

Commissioner Wilson expressed concern about the whole Lockhaven neighborhood knowing about any street conversions.

Mr. Barnett said that should a determination be made by the Commission and then by the City Council, notifications would be sent out so that everyone in the neighborhood would be apprised of what is happening before the effective date. He said because of the scale of these conversions, everything would have to be done in phases.

Mr. Givens, Assistant City Administrator Officer, commented that it could also be presented as a public hearing to the City Council.

Commissioner Del La Torre stated that he is against the one-way streets and expressed his concerns about the effects of the one-way streets. He also asked for clarification of opinions from the Police and Fire departments.

Mr. Barnett stated that the Fire Department was contacted and they would not be delayed by one-way streets but would always prefer as wide a roadway as possible.

Mr. Givens commented that having more room is a function of having widened streets and explained the difficulty of obtaining more street right-of-way.

Commissioner De La Torre said he felt that this would still create difficulty in terms of the Police and the Fire departments; he again expressed his preference to have the streets the way they were with one-side parking.

Mr. Barnett commented that there was a representative from the Police Department present to respond. He also stated that he had inquired earlier and was told that the Police had had no specific incident because of the one-way streets, and were not experiencing anything beyond the typical amount of minor incidents.

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Chairperson Lewis stated the Lockhaven streets are narrow and that she would like to hear from more of the people and to have a hearing. She felt that maybe more information could be gathered, or refer the issue to City Council.

Mr. Givens asked if the Commission wanted a public hearing for the Lockhaven area, instead of giving it to the City Council.

Commissioner Wilson stated that there is a need to obtain good solid information from the residents stating what they want so that proper action can be taken.

Mr. Barnett suggested that survey cards will probably provide a better sampling than a hearing. He felt that a hearing might only obtain the opinion of a smaller percentage of participants, representing the two extremes of opinion, leaving out many people in the middle. He also stated that residents would be deciding on a particular choice without possibly understanding the consequences before they have experienced them.

Commission De La Torre, stated he wants to hear from the residents of Lockhaven and that he can not make a determination until he hears from the residents.

Commissioner Wilson, stated that he is comfortable at this time to make a decision about 105<sup>th</sup> and 106<sup>th</sup> Street, but he is concerned about the other additional streets and that any decision should be held off.

Commissioner Wilson moved to direct staff to conduct a survey to get the sentiments of the other residents in this neighborhood.

Chairperson Lewis seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 2 to 1, with Commissioner De La Torre voting no.

Mr. Barnett stated that Commissioner Kaufman requested to have agenda item IV.d. pulled from this agenda. Mr. Barnett also asked that item IV.e. be considered next at the request of the Public Works Director.

Chairperson Lewis agreed to both requests.

IV(e) Speed Hump Trial on Thoreau Street and Ardath Avenue

Mr. Barnett presented the proposal to install speed humps on portions of Thoreau Street and Ardath Avenue as part of the ongoing Public Works Department's installation of speed humps on a trial basis in several neighborhoods. He also explained that additional stop signs would be installed at some intersections on Spinning Avenue.

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In response to a question from Commissioner Wilson, Mr. Givens explained the purpose of the demonstration program in each of the council districts and discussed their effectiveness and that funding for installing speed humps on other streets has yet to be established.

Commissioner Wilson asked if other cities' experiences with speed humps had been studied; and Mr. Givens answered yes, particularly Pasadena and Glendale. He also stated that some cities were removing speed humps, so they require much review before installing them.

Commissioner Wilson asked if there were alternatives to speed humps.

Mr. Givens said traffic enforcement is the key solution, and that Inglewood's narrow streets and high density limit the availability of other solutions.

Chairperson Lewis asked about the effect of speed humps on local businesses and Mr. Givens said speed humps are not installed on commercial streets. He described the different materials used for the demonstration speed humps on 98<sup>th</sup> and 99<sup>th</sup> streets.

Chairperson Lewis asked if residents would be notified of the speed humps and Mr. Givens replied yes.

Chairperson Lewis described various problems with barricaded access to the shopping center on Crenshaw Boulevard, and Mr. Givens replied that Public Works would investigate and consider this as part of the speed hump study.

Chairperson Lewis asked about the installation of stop signs at various locations on Spinning Avenue and Mr. Barnett explained why certain intersections were selected and why stop signs will not be installed at every intersection.

Chairperson Lewis directed that this report be received and filed.

4(b) Parking Fines in Inglewood and Other Cities (continued discussion)

Mr. Barnett described the on-going study and discussion regarding parking fines in the City of Inglewood and compared to other communities. He said at previous meetings the Commissioners had identified which violations they felt needed to be studied for possible fine increases. He then explained the two charts in the staff report that compared fines for these violations, and he explained how staff determined its recommendations to the Commission.

Commissioner Wilson stated that he wants to keep the fine for blocking a driveway at 75 dollars.

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Mr. Barnett stated that there is a representative from Parking Enforcement present, should there be any questions.

Brian Montgomery, Senior Special Enforcement Officer, explained how Inglewood and other cities have determined parking violation fines. He stated that Inglewood applies four citations that relate to oversized vehicles and explained each. He stated in his opinion, the recommended fines should be reversed, based on the amount of citations issued.

Chairperson Lewis commented that motor homes should not be able to park near street corners because they are difficult to see around.

Officer Montgomery replied that presently there is no violation for a motor home parking at the street corner.

Chairperson Lewis moved to approve the fines as recommended in the staff report.

Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion.

Commissioner De La Torre asked if staff's recommendation would include the revision from Officer Montgomery.

Commissioner Wilson stated just the recommendation in the staff report.

Chairperson Lewis concurred.

The motion was approved 3 to 0.

4(c) Diagonal Parking on Queen Street and Regent Street

Mr. Barnett explained how diagonal parking had been installed on one block of West Queen Street and discussed the proposal to install diagonal parking on the other blocks of West Queen Street and West Regent Street to provide more on-street parking. He said there had been no problems with the diagonal parking on the first block.

Commissioner Wilson inquired about the need to make these changes.

Mr. Givens stated that Crosher Middle School needed the parking due to the construction and the residents also need more parking.

Mr. Barnett stated that most residents are daytime employees so the streets have plenty of parking during the day, but during the evening the streets are filled with parked vehicles.

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Commissioner Wilson inquired about the elimination of two lanes on Regent Street and could that increase the amount of accidents.

Mr. Barnett stated that Regent Street retains its old design for a traffic volume that it no longer has, encouraging speeding. He stated that the traffic on this street is no longer cut-through commercial traffic and it is pretty much local.

Mr. Givens stated the traffic calming measures that the Commission adopted included choking down streets because the wide open effect has the tendency to encourage speeding. He also stated that he felt these parking measures would have the same affect as a calming measure.

Commissioner De La Torre stated that he is pleased with recommendation.

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve diagonal parking on Queen Street and Regent Street.

Commissioner De La Torre seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 3 to 0.

Chairperson Lewis opened the meeting for Public Comments.

V. **Public Comments:**

Ms. Hernandez, 3922 106<sup>th</sup> Street, stated she is concerned with children getting hit by speeding cars and would like to have her street changed back to two-way traffic.

Monique Wyatt, 3837 W. 105<sup>th</sup> Street, said there is still no parking and people are resorting to blocking driveways.

Robin White, 3837 W. 105<sup>th</sup> Street, stated that six cars have been hit; it's hard to get out of the driveway and that she does not favor a one-way street.

VI. **Commissioner Initiatives:** None

Chairperson Lewis thanked the Police and enforcement officers for attending and also thanked everyone else in attendance.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.