PARKING AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION January 25, 2012 Meeting Minutes

COMMISSIONERS

Michael Benbow, Chairperson Norris Turner, District 1 Vacant, District 2 Charles Coronado, District 3 Gene Eldridge, District 4

STAFF MEMBERS

Keith Lockard, Principal Transportation Engineer Pearlie A. White, Secretary

I. Roll Call of Commissioners and Call to Order by Chairperson

- a. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Michael Benbow at 7:28 p.m.
- b. Roll Call of Commissioners Four Commissioners were in attendance. The District 2 Commissioner position is vacant.
- II. Approval of Minutes for Commission Meeting of November 9, 2011.

Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve the minutes of November 9, 2011.

Commissioner Coronado seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved by a 4-0 vote.

IV. Referral from City Council or City Departments:

a. 614 Venice Way Parking

Principal Transportation Engineer Keith Lockard presented the staff report.

Chairperson Benbow asked why the red curb was initially painted at the subject location.

Mr. Lockard responded that the red curb was likely first painted in response to a citizen request. .

Commissioner Eldridge asked Mr. Lockard if he was in agreement with the removal of the red curb.

Mr. Lockard said he made the decision to remove the red curb.

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Commissioner Eldridge made a motion to advise the Public Works Director that the Commission supports the decision of the Principal Transportation Engineer to remove the red curb at 614 Venice Way.

Chairperson Benbow seconded the motion.

Motion was approved with a 4-0 vote.

b. Residential Permit Parking Municipal Code Amendment Request

Mr. Lockard discussed the specific portions of the Municipal Code associated with the proposed resident permit parking amendment requests. Mr. Lockard asked the Commissioners to identify any additional text or subject matter they feel should be considered for additional amendments for permit parking.

Commissioner Turner said Councilman Stevens and he went into that area to see how business employee parking affected this neighborhood. Most business nearby appear to have employees parking on the neighborhood streets.

The neighborhood is near Inglewood Cemetery, Manchester Terrace, Prairie Avenue, Regent Street and Manchester Boulevard. At times commercial vehicles are parked in front of resident's houses.

Commissioner Eldridge asked how the commercial businesses obtain residential parking permits.

In reply to a question by Commissioner Eldridge, Commissioner Turner said residents did call the Police Department and that violators received a warning and not a ticket.

Commissioner Eldridge said he could not support such parking for commercial vehicles.

Commissioner Coronado said the Parking and Traffic Commission cannot solve these problems.

Chairperson Benbow asked Commissioner Turner for his opinion about this situation. Residents want to park in front of their house and not in their driveway. Residents are complaining vehicles are parked all day, but drivers said they park only for a few hours per day.

Commissioner Eldridge suggested further study or no ordinance change at this time.

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Mr. Lockard clarified for Commissioners permit parking request and approval procedures.

Chairperson Benbow asked how many residents are affected by this.

Commissioner Turner said about 100 people, or about 15 houses.

Commissioner Eldridge asked Mr. Lockard for his recommendation on this subject.

Mr. Lockard suggested a motion to continue this item until it is placed back on the agenda at the request of the Commissioner representing Council District 1.

Commissioner Turner made the suggested motion.

Chairperson Benbow suggested that the Police Department look into the matter before the Commission makes a recommendation.

Commissioner Eldridge seconded the motion to continue this item.

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

c. 112th Street (Prairie Avenue to Doty Avenue) Traffic

Mr. Lockard presented the staff report and described the attachments. The item was initiated through Councilman Franklin's office.

Commissioner Eldridge said he has a forthcoming meeting with Councilman Franklin on Monday, January 30th, and he would like to discuss this item with him further.

Commissioner Eldridge made a motion to continue the item to a subsequent meeting and advised that he would confer with Councilman Franklin.

Chairperson Benbow seconded the motion.

Motion was passed with a 4-0 vote.

III. Public Comments (comments on items not listed on the agenda)

Councilwoman Dunlap entered the meeting and Mr. Benbow offered her the opportunity to address the Commission.

Councilwoman Dunlap said she had received complaints relative to City Hall being closed during the Christmas-New Year's holiday, as residents were not

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able to renew residential parking permits. She asked the Commission to consider a procedure that would allow resident to renew permits via mail without having to come to City Hall.

Commissioner Eldridge asked if there is a grace period for renewal.

Lt. Fried said resident should contact him if they have experienced problems.

Councilwoman Dunlap said if the permit is displayed in the window but is expired, then citations should not be issued.

Commissioner Eldridge said renewal by mail may be a problem because of the need to verify the applicant's identity and residency location.

Councilman Dunlap said she would appreciate whatever can be done to help these residents.

IV. d. Street Geometry Improvement CIP Project – Various Street Design Proposals

Mr. Lockard presented the staff report and asked for comments or recommendation from the Commissioners regarding the street design proposals.

Commissioner Eldridge said that after reading the background material, he was overwhelmed.

Commissioner Turner said he went through the information with regard to the budget and questioned whether the Mayor and City Manager should be looking at these possible projects.

Chairperson Benbow said that La Brea has many problems, and suggested improvements at that location should be a priority.

Commissioner Eldridge suggested prioritizing projects if funding is available, or otherwise the alternatives should be considered at a later time.

Mr. Lockard went over various projects for improvement and discussed certain projects.

Commissioner Eldridge asked about wheelchair ramp improvements.

Mr. Lockard said the City has a long list of locations needing wheel chair ramp improvements. Wheelchair ramps are constructed at various locations annually through a CIP project managed by the Engineering Division.

Commissioner Eldridge said he has tried to get wheel chair ramps for over six years at 115th and 116th on Yukon.

Commissioner Turner said work has been done throughout the State, but they were out of money.

Commissioner Turner asked Mr. Lockard what to do with proposals.

Commissioner Eldridge asked about funding availability.

Mr. Lockard said that \$120,000 is currently budgeted, and that the Department would be seeking additional funding in October.

e. Public Works Director Response to 11-9-2011 Commission Recommendations

Chairperson Benbow spoke about the Hardy at Osage location. He does not understand what is being considered with regard to the requested STOP signs.

Mr. Lockard offered Chairperson Benbow some interpretation of the Director's response.

Chairperson Benbow asked what is being done with the traffic to the east. He said drivers cannot see traffic coming through from Prairie.

Mr. Lockard said the amount of red curb on Hardy could be increased.

Chairperson Benbow said it is important to see the cars coming.

Mr. Lockard said he will report this back to the Interim Public Works Director.

Mr. Turner asked why this work cannot be done right away.

Chairperson Benbow said he will contact Mr. Davis again.

VI. Police Department: Informational Report on Police Department Activities

Mr. Lockard advised that Lt. Mark Fried was not able to be present for the meeting.

VII. Commissioner Initiatives

a. 99th Street Parking

Commissioner Eldridge suggested the consideration of diagonal parking.

Mr. Lockard said there is not enough space for diagonal parking.

Commissioner Eldridge said problems still exist at 99th Street and said it is not apparent that the parking prohibition is being enforced.

Mr. Lockard said he will contact Lt. Fried to reply to this inquiry.

Commissioner Eldridge said it is wrong to not assist residents with this problem.

b. Public Works Director Response to 11-9-2011 Commission Recommendations

No additional comments were offered.

c. New Commissioner Initiatives

No new initiatives were presented.

VIII. Adjournment

Chairperson Benbow adjourned the meeting at 9:41 p.m.