

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa Traffic Commission
 Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.
 City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa. California

The Agenda for this meeting was posted on February 2, 2018.

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL: TRAFFIC COMMISSION

PRESENT: Chair Calandra; Vice Chair Krulikowski; Commissioners Ortega, Paden, Justice.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Director of Public Works/City Engineer Richard Leja; Associate Engineer Michael Kinnard; Engineering Project Manager Jeffrey Manchester; Police Lieutenant Brian Stoney

INVOCATION – Commissioner Paden

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Item #3 was postponed to the next meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. TRAFFIC OPERATIONS ACTION ITEMS SINCE PREVIOUS TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING (ATTACHMENT)

Mr. Kinnard highlighted the actions included on the attached Work Order Log that had been taken since the last meeting giving special attention to Sacramento Drive as that street is listed as a future agenda item.

2. TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATE

Mr. Kinnard reported that speed and volume data had been acquired for three streets. The data will be used for ranking streets for possible traffic calming measures. Three streets are scheduled for phase 1 traffic calming implementation and phase 2/3 traffic calming measures are being planned for Howell Drive.

3. SMART GROWTH AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANT APPLICATIONS

Item was postponed until March 7, 2018 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

Dorcas Hermsmeier, 4827 Beaumont Drive,

Ms. Hermsmeier stated that La Mesa's 50 percent approval requirement for speed humps is too low. She would like the residential approval percentage increased to 75 percent for speed humps and speed tables to be installed.

OLD BUSINESS

4. WORK PLAN APPROVAL (ATTACHMENT)

Director Leja gave an overview of the work plan development from the last meeting and advised that Traffic Commission approval of the attached work plan was needed prior to the presentation to the City Council at the February 13, 2018 Council meeting.

Commissioner Ortega commented on land use and maintaining compatibility with the City's General Plan. Chair Calandra requested to switch the order of work plan items two and three. Vice Chair Krulikowski suggested that additional language be added to the Vision Safety Zone Policy item on the work plan to include the relationship with the California Vehicle Safety Code.

ACTION: Vice Chair Krulikowski moved to approve the work plan with the following changes: 1) switch the order of items two and three, 2) change language to the Vision Safety Zone Policy milestones to add "...on policy related to Vehicle Code section," and 3) add a note stating "Land use concerns should be considered." Commissioner Justice seconded the motion which carried 5-0.

AYES: Chair Calandra, Vice Chair Krulikowski, Commissioners Ortega, Paden, Justice

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

NEW BUSINESS (ACTION)

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 3, 2018 TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING (ATTACHMENT)

ACTION: Chair Calandra moved to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2018 meeting. Vice Chair Krulikowski seconded the motion which carried 5-0.

AYES: Chair Calandra, Vice Chair Krulikowski, Commissioners Ortega, Paden, Justice

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

6. NEIGHBORHOOD PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM POLICY FRAMEWORK (ATTACHMENT)

Director Leja gave a summary of the attached staff report. He explained the potential policy elements and requested action from the Commission to accept or modify the framework. Vice Chair Krulikowski requested that an exemption be added to the policy for loading and deliveries.

There was extensive discussion regarding the parking situation in the Wellesley neighborhood. The following speakers provided comments regarding the Wellesley Street parking issues: Maria Graef – 5473 Wellesley Street East; Sherry Washington – 5481 Wellesley Street East; Kerry Paulson – 5520 Wellesley Street.

Vice Chair Krulikowski reminded the Commission that the action before them was to develop a parking permit policy framework for recommendation to the City Council.

ACTION: Chair Calandra moved to approve the Permit Parking Policy Framework with a change to Element 7 to add an exemption for loading and deliveries. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion which carried 5-0.

AYES: Chair Calandra, Vice Chair Krulikowski, Commissioners Ortega, Paden, Justice

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

7. APPEAL OF 8367 LEMON AVE AT ALLEY (BETWEEN 3RD STREET AND 4TH STREET) VISION SAFETY PARKING ZONE APPROVAL (ATTACHMENT)

Mr. Kinnard gave background on the request. He reported that the original request was to red curb the entire area which came from the apartment complex. The property owner is requesting the appeal.

Chair Calandra and Commissioner Ortega both expressed some concern regarding the potential for appeals to approved vision safety zones and the need for a policy for handling incoming requests and appeals. Director Leja explained that there is currently no policy in place to request a vision safety zone and suggests putting the vision safety zone process discussion on the April agenda.

ACTION: Commissioner Ortega moves to postpone the request for appeal until a policy is put into place. The item will be revisited in April or after. Chair Calandra seconded the motion which carried 5-0.

AYES: Chair Calandra, Vice Chair Krulikowski, Commissioners Ortega, Paden, Justice

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

COMMISSION INITIATED ITEMS

Vice Chair Krulikowski reported that he will look into the training which was discussed at the last meeting.

It was suggested that the section on the agenda for Future Items be removed.

STAFF COMMENTS

Police Department representative Lieutenant Brian Stoney introduced himself to the Commission.

FUTURE ITEMS

- 1. EVALUATE SUB-STANDARD STREETS (NARROW, NO CURB) AND IMPLEMENT FUTURE POLICY/STANDARD**
- 2. REQUEST TO RAISE THE BASE SPEED OF 7 MILES PER HOUR OVER THE PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT REQUIRED FOR SPEED HUMPS OR SPEED TABLES TO 10 MILES PER HOUR OVER THE PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT**

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING IS MARCH 7, 2018

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m