

**MINUTES
OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
HELD ON MAY 10, 2017, AT 6:30 P.M.
IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5655 JILLSON STREET, COMMERCE, CA 90040**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Caldera at 6:40 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE &
INVOCATION**

Vice-Chairperson Baker led those present in the pledge of allegiance and gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Commission:

Chairperson Caldera, Vice-Chairperson Baker, and Commissioner García

Staff:

Traffic Commission Liaison Seung Yang
Public Safety Manager Laura Tilley
E.L.A. Sheriff's Sgt. Abel Jiménez

Absent:

Commissioners Duarte and Hernández; and Administrative Assistant Martha Gómez

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

**SCHEDULED
MATTERS**

**1. APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Chairperson Caldera moved, and Vice-Chairperson Baker seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting held on March 8, 2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner García, Vice-Chairperson Baker, and Chairperson Caldera (3)

ABSENT: Commissioners Duarte and Hernández (2)

**2. RED CURB
MARKING REQUEST
NEAR DRIVEWAY
AT 5650 JILLSON
STREET**

Liaison Yang presented a staff report to the Commission regarding a request from JWCH Institute, Inc. at 5650 Jillson St., Commerce for red curbs near its driveway in order to improve sight distance visibility for vehicles that enter and exit from the building's rooftop parking lot.

Liaison Yang explained that large vehicles often park right next to the driveway, which causes sight visibility issues when cars come in and out of the driveway, thus increasing the probability of a traffic incident. The recommendation is to place these red curbs in order to increase sight visibility and overall safety.

With respect to loss of parking, Liaison Yang pointed out that the loss of parking space amounts to just two (2) vehicles, and that there is ample space around the vicinity to accommodate the parking of these vehicles.

Mr. Clifford Giles, Jr., Executive Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer, of JWCH Institute, Inc. made a statement to the Commission that these red curbs are necessary for JWCH's employees and patrons to enter and exit its facility. He insisted that safety is a factor, and that such red curbs will improve the situation.

Discussion followed with Liaison Yang responding to questions and comments from the Commission.

After discussion, Vice-Chairperson Baker moved, and Chairperson Caldera seconded the motion to install the red curbs at the driveway of 5650 Jillson St. in order to improve sight visibility. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner García, Vice-Chairperson Baker, and Chairperson Caldera (3)

ABSENT: Commissioners Duarte and Hernández (2)

**3. STAFF REPORT
UPDATES**

Liaison Yang reported two updates in regards to the status of the traffic calming along Triggs Street and at Rosewood Park School. Per the Traffic Commission approvals last year, the traffic calming along Triggs Street between Marianna Avenue and McDonnell Avenue has been completed, whereby a yellow centerline and white edgelines have been installed. In addition, Liaison Yang announced that the Rosewood Park School traffic calming, which includes street markings and sign postings, will be implemented on Saturday, May 13, 2017.

**STAFF REPORT
UPDATES (Continued)**

After the Commissioners' Reports, Liaison Yang added that the Malt Avenue traffic calming was approved by the City Council and that staff is preparing the bid package and advertisement. It is estimated that this project will begin and be completed sometime during July 2017.

**4. PUBLIC SAFETY
REPORT**

Public Safety Manager Tilley updated that the four (4) new Community Service Officer (CSO) trainees are developing and are accompanying seasoned officers in order to gain more experience and training. Also, these trainees will attend the MDC or Sheriff's computer training, in which afterwards, these new officers will become experienced enough to patrol our community on their own. CSO's have been involved in traffic control, particularly along the Washington Boulevard project.

Operation Kid Identification (free child fingerprinting) program is expanding in which fingerprints were taken at Rosewood Park and at Veterans Park.

Coyote intrusions are still an issue in which 11 pet dogs have been reported to have been attacked. It is a reminder to the community to be vigilant and to have your pets indoors.

Neighborhood Watch programs are continuing with the next one scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at Vista del Río (gated community) and also another one for the business community held near the East L.A. border along the 1300 block of S. Herbert Avenue with respect to traffic and criminal issues.

A town hall meeting is scheduled at Coutts Avenue and Astor Avenue on Wednesday, May 31, 2017, to discuss the traffic calming that was recently implemented.

5. SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sergeant Jiménez presented to the Commission and staff the L.A. County Sheriff's Department E.L.A. Station "Traffic Analysis Report" for the month of April 2017. He briefly reviewed the report and responded to questions from the Commission.

**6. COMMISSIONERS'
REPORTS**

Commissioner García asked about the issue regarding speed humps and speed bumps from last month's Traffic Commission meeting, and Liaison Yang explained the difference. In addition, Commissioner García requested information and design plans for the proposed Washington Boulevard Light Rail Transit. Liaison Yang replied that the project is still in its "infancy" and that the design is still being worked out by the designers and engineers. More information will be given to the Commission as this project progresses.

**COMMISSIONERS'
REPORTS (Continued)**

Vice-Chairperson Baker reported that Washington Boulevard is progressing and that some improvement has been made with respect to work and traffic control. Moreover, he inquired about the status of the public works inspectors on-site on Washington Boulevard and what their qualifications were. He also expressed concerns that the lowest responsible bidder who is awarded the project may not be the best qualified and could perhaps do sub-standard work. His main issue is how the City responds to this in insuring that the project is done correctly and that public funds do not get expended for less than quality work.

Liaison Yang responded by stating that by law, cities and other public agencies are required to award projects to the lowest responsible bidder and that through only "extenuating" circumstances could a bidder who is not the lowest can be awarded. That being said, Liaison Yang assured Commissioner Baker that public works inspectors are charged to making sure that the project is done correctly and keeping City staff informed.

Chairperson Caldera reported that it is Mental Health month and that people should be aware of this.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Caldera announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Traffic Commission is **Wednesday, June 14, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.** in the **City Council Chambers, 5655 Jillson Street, Commerce.**

Vice-Chairperson Baker moved and Commissioner García seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner García, Vice-Chairperson Baker, and Chairperson Caldera (3)

ABSENT: Commissioners Duarte and Hernández (2)

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.