

**MINUTES  
OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10, 2018 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 6:36 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE &  
INVOCATION**

Commissioner Cortez led those present in the pledge of allegiance and gave the invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

**Commission:**

Chairperson Caldera, Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández, Commissioners Cortez, R. Hernández, and Maravilla

**Staff:**

Traffic Commission Liaison Seung Yang  
Administrative Assistant Martha Gómez  
Public Safety Manager Laura Tilley  
E.L.A. Sheriff's Sergeant Abel Jiménez

**Absent:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The party present elected to speak during Scheduled Matters Item No. 2 – Future Traffic Commission Meeting Item to Discuss Conducting a Crosswalk Illumination Study at the Intersections of Ferguson Drive/Saybrook Avenue and Greenwood Avenue/Watcher Street.

**SCHEDULED  
MATTERS**

**1. APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

Chairperson Caldera moved and Commissioner R. Hernández seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting held on December 13, 2017. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cortez, R. Hernández, Maravilla, Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández, and Chairperson Caldera  
(5)

**2. FUTURE TRAFFIC  
COMMISSION  
MEETING ITEM TO  
DISCUSS  
CONDUCTING A  
CROSSWALK  
ILLUMINATION  
STUDY AT THE  
INTERSECTIONS OF  
FERGUSON  
DR./SAYBROOK AVE.  
AND GREENWOOD  
AVE./WATCHER ST.**

Liaison Yang presented this item and provided an overview of the staff report. He explained that Public Safety & Community Services Commissioner Johncito Peraza submitted a letter, on behalf of the Commission, to the Public Safety & Community Services Department to have the City conduct a study for the illumination of crosswalks at the intersections of Ferguson Drive & Saybrook Avenue and Greenwood Avenue & Watcher Street, due to the lack of adequate lighting and pedestrian safety within these intersections.

A brief discussion followed among the Commissioners to get their feedback on whether they agree that a study is warranted at the subject intersections. At this time, Chairperson Caldera recognized the party that chose to speak under "Scheduled Matters" instead of "Public Comment" and turned the floor over.

Resident Johncito Peraza of 5005 Astor Avenue, first thanked staff and the Commission for adding this item to the Commission's agenda for discussion. He expressed his and his constituents' concerns regarding the lack of adequate lighting and pedestrian safety at the intersections of Ferguson Drive & Saybrook Avenue and Greenwood Avenue & Watcher Street. He mentioned that he would like to see installed lighted pedestrian crosswalks at these intersections, such as the ones installed at Bandini Elementary School and at Rosewood Park Community Center/Aquatorium.

Commissioner Maravilla moved, and Commissioner Cortez seconded the motion to move forward with a study for the illumination of crosswalks at the intersections of Ferguson Drive & Saybrook Avenue and Greenwood Avenue & Watcher Street, and to review it in a future Traffic Commission meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cortez, R. Hernández, Maravilla, Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández, and Chairperson Caldera  
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**3. SIGHT DISTANCE  
IMPROVEMENT AT  
THE INTERSECTION  
OF EASTERN  
AVENUE & LOVETT  
STREET**

Liaison Yang presented this item and explained the issue drivers are experiencing when they try to exit Lovett Street onto Eastern Avenue because their line-of-sight is compromised due to the parking of vehicles near the curb returns and are not able to see vehicles travelling southbound on Eastern Avenue.

Liaison Yang responded to questions and concerns from the Commission.

**SIGHT DISTANCE  
IMPROVEMENT AT  
THE INTERSECTION  
OF EASTERN  
AVENUE & LOVETT  
STREET (Continued)**

After a brief discussion, Chairperson Caldera moved, and Commissioner R. Hernández seconded the motion to approve the installation of red curb markings within the vicinity of the intersection of Eastern Avenue and Lovett Street, and relocated the STOP bar line in order to improve the sight distance at this intersection. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cortez, R. Hernández, Maravilla, Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández, and Chairperson Caldera  
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**4. STAFF REPORT  
UPDATES**

Liaison Yang wished everyone a happy New Year and thanked the Commission for their participation during the holiday dinner held after the Traffic Commission meeting of December 13<sup>th</sup>. That being said, he announced that arrangements were made with City staff to have the Traffic Commission's photograph taken prior to its meeting of February 14, 2018. He also informed the Commission that now that the revised blue curb policy and applications were approved by City Council, staff will notify the residents who were an interest list via a letter to come pick up the application packet. Once the applications are received and processed for staff to proceed with necessary field work and investigation, they will be placed on the Traffic Commission agenda for consideration to install a disabled blue curb parking space.

**5. PUBLIC SAFETY  
REPORT**

Public Safety Manager Tilley wished everyone a happy New Year and looks forward to the coming year with the Commission. She reported the following: 1) The next Neighborhood Watch Meetings are scheduled for January 17, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the Bristow neighborhood at the Lady of Victory Church located in East Los Angeles, 1317 Herbert Street (near Union Pacific Avenue), and on January 25<sup>th</sup> at the residence of Commissioner Cortez located at the northwest corner of Elkgrove Avenue and Jardine Street; and 2) Public Safety and Cable TV are putting together a video about "a day in a life of the City's CSO's," which will be televised on Cable TV, City's website and online. She also mentioned that she can arrange to share it with the Traffic Commission at one of their future meetings.

**6. SHERIFF'S REPORT**

Sergeant Jiménez wished everyone a happy New Year. He provided for the Commission and staff the L.A. County Sheriff's Department E.L.A. Station "Traffic Analysis Report" for the month of December 2017, and briefly explained the statistics of the report. He mentioned that DUI check points are scheduled in Commerce, and responded to various questions from the Commission. He thanked staff again for the holiday dinner in December.

## **7. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

**Vice-Chairperson J. Hernandez** reported the following: 1.) A small boat on a trailer parked for days on Randolph Street with no license plate or any other identification on it; 2.) roadwork is being performed at the intersection of Randolph Street and Scott Way and there is a fence with a green screen set-up by the workers in the middle of Scott Way that interferes with visibility when motorists are trying to turn onto Randolph Street; and 3.) the intersections of Slauson Avenue/Gage Avenue by the I-5 Freeway on and off-ramps and Slauson Avenue/Telegraph Road has many motorists committing various violations and asked why the Highway Patrol officers and the Sheriff's deputies are not patrolling these areas.

Public Safety Manager Tilley responded that she would address the parked boat on Randolph Street in the morning. Liaison Yang explained that the work on Randolph Street and Scott Way is being performed by the County Sanitation Districts to address a damaged sewer. He also mentioned that the County will remove the green screen from the chain link enclosure that it set-up around the manhole opening so that it no longer hampers visibility for motorists turning onto Randolph Street.

**Commissioner Cortez** noticed that there are portions of sidewalk missing on the south side of Ferguson Drive from Saybrook Avenue towards Garfield Avenue and would like to know the status. He also asked the status of the sound wall on Ferguson Drive east of Garfield Avenue.

**Commissioner Marvilla** – No report.

**Commissioner R. Hernández** mentioned that the public speaker (Jerry Lara) at last month's Traffic Commission meeting who requested installing a crosswalk mid-block on Washington Boulevard at Strong Avenue, was almost hit crossing said intersection, again. He also mentioned that there was another type of accident at this intersection last week, but wasn't sure if it involved any pedestrians. He made a comment that in his opinion, "no pedestrian is safe out there."

Liaison Yang briefly explained that prior to the Washington Boulevard Widening and Reconstruction Project, the removal of three uncontrolled crosswalks, which included this particular intersection, along with two others, went through a complete process to have them removed for the safety of pedestrians.

**COMMISSIONERS'  
REPORTS (Continued)**

**Chairperson Caldera** reported the increase in recreational vehicles (motor homes) that park on Union Pacific Avenue between Goodrich Boulevard and Gerhart Street, and asked Public Safety Manager Tilley what the City is doing to address the issues that come with these high profile vehicles. It is out of control and a very unsafe situation in our community.

Public Safety Manager Tilley briefly responded that her staff is working diligently to address this issue via a recreational vehicle ordinance.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Caldera announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Traffic Commission is **Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.** in the **City Council Chambers, 5655 Jillson Street, Commerce**

Chairperson Caldera moved and Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cortez, R. Hernández, Maravilla, Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández, and Chairperson Caldera  
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Meeting Adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

