

**MINUTES**  
**OF A REGULAR MEETING**  
**OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 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**

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

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

**Commission:**

Chairperson Caldera, Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández,  
Commissioners 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**

Mr. Andrew Diaz of 5816 Jillson Drive wanted to know what the outcome is and when he will get the blue curb he requested previously.

Mrs. Benedetta Kennedy, Principal of Bandini Elementary School, resides at 1513 Evergreen Avenue, Fullerton, mentioned that some of the improvements along the streets surrounding Bandini Elementary School need to be implemented in order to improve the safety of the children. She is concerned with the traffic and pedestrian congestion along Leonis Street and Coutts Avenue during the morning student drop-offs and the afternoon student pick-ups. Some signage needs to be changed and the street sweeping has to be done after the morning drop-off is over.

Mrs. Roberta De La Cruz of 5816 Jillson Street, would like to comment after the discussion as it relates to her request for a blue curb in front of her duplex. She mentioned that she already said what she needed to say at the previous Traffic Commission meeting held on June 13, 2018.

**PUBLIC COMMENT  
(Continued)**

Ms. Sandy Gonzalez of 5022 Leonis Street brought up the issues regarding the parking along the streets surrounding Bandini Elementary School. She said that loading zone for the school has encumbered considerable parking spaces.

**SCHEDULED  
MATTERS**

**1. APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

Chairperson Caldera moved and Commissioner Maravilla seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting held on June 13, 2018. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners R. Hernández, Maravilla, Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández, and Chairperson Caldera (4)

ABSENT: None

**2. APPEAL TO  
STAFF'S DENIAL OF  
DISABLED BLUE  
CURB PARKING  
REQUEST – 5816  
JILLSON STREET**

Liaison Yang provided a background presentation and overview regarding the blue curb parking space requested by the Mrs. Roberta De La Cruz and Mr. Andrew Díaz. He showed the subject property on the Google map, and indicated that the applicant's driveway has ample length and width that can be used for access. Applicant also has a garage of sufficient size. Liaison Yang emphasized that it is up to Commission to make a decision after hearing the applicant's argument.

Liaison Yang and Mrs. De La Cruz responded to questions from the Commission.

After some discussion and debate, Chairperson Caldera made a motion to deny the appeal to overturn staff's decision to deny the Disabled Blue Curb Parking request at 5816 Jillson Street, however due to lack of a second, the motion died.

After further discussion by the Commission, Chairperson Caldera moved, and Commissioner R. Hernández seconded the motion to deny the appeal to overturn staff's denial of the Disabled Blue Curb Parking request at 5816 Jillson Street. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners R. Hernández, Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández, and Chairperson Caldera (3)

NOES: None (0)

**APPEAL TO STAFF'S  
DENIAL OF DISABLED  
BLUE CURB PARKING  
REQUEST – 5816  
JILLSON STREET  
(Continued)**

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Maravilla (1)

ABSENT: None

**3. BANDINI  
ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL PARKING  
AND TRAFFIC  
CONTROL  
IMPLEMENTATION  
PLAN**

Liaison Yang provided a background presentation and overview of the Parking & Traffic Control Implementation Plan for Bandini Elementary School regarding proposed mitigation efforts to reduce parking and traffic congestion during the school pick-up and drop-off periods of school children. STOP lines will be installed at intersections near school. Existing "School Bus Loading and Unloading, 7am to 5pm on School Days" sign will be relocated. Yield lines will be installed. Some speed signs will be relocated due to sight visibility. Existing bus loading zone signs will be removed and replaced with passenger loading zone signs. Existing red curbs on the northwest and southwest corners of the intersection of Kinsie Street and Cowlin Avenue will be extended due to visibility issues.

Liaison Yang and Public Safety Manager Tilley responded to questions from the Commission.

After some discussion, Chairperson Caldera moved, and Commissioner R. Hernández seconded the motion to: (1) Review, discuss and recommend actions enumerated in the Parking & Traffic Control Implementation Plan for Bandini Elementary School regarding mitigation efforts to reduce traffic congestion during the pick-ups and drop-offs of school children; and (2) direct staff to pursue and enact the Parking & Traffic Control Implementation Plan.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners R. Hernández, Maravilla, Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández, and Chairperson Caldera (4)

ABSENT: None

**4. STAFF REPORT  
UPDATES**

Liaison Yang gave an update on the following: 1) Traffic Commission has one vacancy. Councilmember Altamirano appointed Josie Betancourt to the Traffic Commission at the last City Council meeting. She will be joining the Traffic Commission once she completes the background check and is cleared. 2) City council elected to install "No Overnight Parking" signs on 64 streets in Commerce to prevent overnight parking. However,

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UPDATES  
(Continued)**

due to funding and the cost associated to install signs on 64 streets, only the problematic streets will be addressed first, and as funding becomes available the rest of the streets will be addressed; and 3) Public Safety Manager Tilley will not be attending the Traffic Commission meetings on a regular basis, but only as needed.

**5. PUBLIC SAFETY  
REPORT**

Public Safety Manager Tilley informed the Commission that they can always reach out to her when they have questions or concerns she can help them with.

Public Safety Manager Tilley reported the following: 1) She invited the Commission to attend the next Neighborhood Watch meeting on Thursday, July 26, 2018 on Pueblo Court; 2) National Night Out is scheduled for August 7, 2018, and to prepare for this event, a pre-meeting is scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center with the Block Captains to discuss the locations of the parties. The Sheriff Department, Fire Department and City Council will be present and make their rounds to various locations.

**6. SHERIFF'S REPORT**

Sergeant Jiménez provided for the Commission and staff the L.A. County Sheriff's Department E.L.A. Station "Traffic Analysis Report" for the month of June 2018. He briefly explained the statistics of the report and mentioned that the Sheriff's Department has issued many citations this year, and the Deputies will continue to educate the community to prevent major accidents. The accidents due to car racing have been diminished due to speed bumps/humps. He responded to questions from the Commission.

**7. COMMISSIONERS'  
REPORTS**

**Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández** mentioned that he assisted with the 5K Run event on the 4th of July.

**Commissioner R. Hernández** mentioned that he was unable to participate in the City's 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities.

**Commissioner Maravilla** reported that RV parking around the area is still a safety issue. He heard that one particular male owner of an RV who parks his RV on the street is a sexual predator.

Public Safety Manager Tilley responded to his concerns.

**Chairperson Caldera** mentioned that the City has implemented a free transportation service for seniors and disabled residents from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. More advertisement is needed to in-

**COMMISSIONERS'  
REPORTS  
(Continued)**

form the seniors and disable residents about the free transportation service. She also added that this new service will curve some of the issues associated with the increasing requests for blue curbs.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Caldera announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Traffic Commission is **Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.** in the **City Council Chambers, 5655 Jillson Street, Commerce.**

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

AYES: Commissioners R. Hernández, Maravilla, Vice-Chairperson J. Hernández, and Chairperson Caldera  
(4)

ABSENT: None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

