

**MINUTES  
TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING  
NOVEMBER 6, 2014**

Chair Mote called the Traffic and Transportation Commission meeting of November 6, 2014 to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Woodward led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL (1):**

PRESENT: Martin, Mote, Woodward

ABSENT: Lopez

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Jim Biery, Director of Public Works; Dennis Barnes, Traffic and Transportation Manager; Kirsten Taylor, Assistant Engineer; and Ella Jones, Senior Administrative Assistant; William Kohanek, Officer, Buena Park Police.

**ELECTIONS (2):**

**Robert Mote was elected Chairman.**

**Tom Woodward was elected Vice-Chairman**

**CONSENT CALENDAR (3):**

Commissioner Woodward moved to approve item 3 on the consent calendar.

**(3) Minutes of the meeting of August 7, 2014**

Recommended Action: **Approve**

MOTION: Woodward  
AYES: Martin, Mote, Woodward  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Lopez

Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS (4):**

**(4) Review, Discuss, and Recommend Approval to City Council to Add New No-Parking Zones on Western Avenue.**

Mr. Dennis Barnes reported that at the last Traffic and Transportation Commission Meeting on August 7, 2014, Commissioners asked staff to investigate sight distance complaints at Western Avenue in three locations: Jackson Way, Fillmore Drive, and the

Jackson/Fillmore alley. Mr. Barnes stated it was observed vehicles were parking in close proximity of the intersections, causing problems with sight distance for vehicles turning onto Western Avenue.

Mr. Barnes also stated this portion of Western Avenue is an arterial street running north/south with two lanes of traffic in each direction divided by a striped double yellow line ( two direction no passing zone). He stated the speed limit on this portion of the street is 45 miles per hour. Mr. Barnes stated in order to evaluate the sight distance at each intersection; staff had to first create a series of "sight distance triangles" per the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) guidelines. He noted these triangles are areas in which AASHTO recommends that there be no obstruction to a driver's view in order to safely turn onto or cross a street.

Mr. Barnes presented diagrams of Western Avenue to the Commissioners. He stated three different options and recommended Option One.

Option One: Recommend to City Council the full extents of the red curb zone as recommended by the AASHTO sight distance review. This would largely eliminate any sight distance concerns for vehicles turning from Fillmore Drive or Jackson Way onto Western Avenue, but would also have a major impact on available parking in the area.

**Motion: Approve staff's recommendation for Option One to City Council for the Creation of No Parking Zones on Western Avenue.**

MOTION: Martin  
AYES: Martin, Mote, Woodward  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Lopez

Motion carried to approve the staff's recommendation to City Council for the creation of No Parking Zones on Western Avenue.

Motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS (5-7):**

**(5) Review, Discuss and Approve a Request for an On-Street Accessible Parking Space at 6040 Stanton Avenue.**

#### **DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Dennis Barnes stated in August 2014 Mario Baron of 6040 Stanton Avenue submitted an application for an on-street disabled parking space at his residence. All the required forms and documentation were reviewed by staff and in accordance with the guidelines.

Mr. Barnes reported 6040 Stanton Avenue is located on the east side of Stanton Avenue approximately 175 feet south of the intersection with Artesia Boulevard. He stated Stanton Avenue is an arterial street approximately 62' in width divided by a painted double yellow centerline and the speed limit is 40 miles per hour (MPH). Mr. Barnes stated this residence is part of an apartment complex of three separate buildings, each with four units. It is zoned as "RM-20", which is a residential multi-family designation, and the densest zoning type in the City of Buena Park. However, he noted the properties on the west side of the street are zoned as "RS-6," which is a single family residential zoning designation.

Mr. Barnes, stated staff investigated the residence of Mr. Baron as an apartment complex with existing on-site parking. He noted Mr. Baron provided a detailed letter explaining why he cannot use the on-site parking. Mr. Baron stated his apartment complex began charging \$25 per month as of August 1, 2014. Mr. Baron also reported his disability prevents him from working and he is on a fixed income which prevents him from being able to pay for the on-site parking.

The Traffic and Transportation Commissioners discussed Mr. Baron's request. Mr. Barnes stated the on-street accessible parking space at 6040 Stanton Avenue was not Mr. Baron's personal parking spot and the Traffic and Transportation Committee and the City of Buena Park could not guarantee the space for his own personal use.

**Motion: Approve the request for an On-Street Accessible Parking Space at 6040 Stanton Avenue.**

MOTION: Woodward  
AYES: Martin, Mote, Woodward  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Lopez

Motion carried to approve the request for On-Street Accessible Parking Space at 6040 Stanton Avenue.

Motion carried.

**(6) Review, Discuss and Approve a Request for an On-Street Accessible Parking Space at 7971 Begonia Circle.**

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Barnes reported that in October 2014, Emilio Ramirez of 7971 Begonia Circle applied for an on-street disabled parking space at his residence. Mr. Ramirez provided staff with all the documentation necessary to process the request.

Mr. Barnes stated 7971 Begonia Circle is located on the west side of the street approximately 325 feet south of the intersection with Bluebell Drive. He stated Begonia

Circle is a local residential street consisting of one lane in each direction, undivided, and ends in a cul-de-sac at the south end of the street. The residence 7971 Begonia Circle is the second to last house on the street and the speed limit is 25 miles per hour (MPH). All the homes are zoned as "RS-6," which is a single family residential designation.

Mr. Barnes stated Mr. Ramirez did provided evidence that he is the property owner of 7971 Begonia Circle, Buena Park. Mr. Ramirez provided a letter stating due to his neck injury, it is difficult for him to turn his head far back enough to back out of the driveway. Mr. Barnes reported that the request will have a minimal impact on parking in the area.

Mr. Barnes also noted that the budget impact if the request was approved, would be approximately \$400.00, and this amount would be covered by the existing signing and striping budget. However, before the on-street parking could be installed, the removal of the existing red curb would have to be approved by the City Council.

There was further discussion among the Traffic and Transportation Commissioners.

**Motion: Deny request for an On-Street Accessible Parking Space at 7971 Begonia Circle.**

MOTION: Woodward  
AYES: Martin, Mote, Woodward  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Lopez

Motion carried

**(7) Review, Discuss, and Recommend Approval to City Council for a Four-Way stop at Kenwood and Deepdale Avenue.**

Mr. Barnes stated staff received a request from a City Council person that an all-way stop was needed at the intersection of Kenwood Avenue and Deepdale Avenue. Mr. Barnes reported staff performed an engineering investigation per the requirements outlined in the 2012 Caltrans Traffic Manual. He noted, that while a stop sign is not used to control speeds, a warranted stop sign maybe helpful if a sight distance issue creates left-turn conflicts at the intersection.

Mr. Barnes also stated Deepdale Avenue is a residential street that measures approximately 36 feet in width from curb to curb. He stated there is no striping separating the two opposing lanes. Traffic control is present on Deepdale Avenue by means of a two-way stop sign and stop sign legend.

In addition, Mr. Barnes reported according to the 2012 edition of the California Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD), a multi-way stop may be used as a safety measure in this case. Under section 2B.07, two of the optional criteria to be considered are the need to control left-turn conflicts and a location where a road user is

unable to see conflicting traffic unless conflicting traffic is required to stop. It was found that the obstructions within the sight triangle at Deepdale Avenue make it difficult to see oncoming vehicles traveling northbound on Kenwood Avenue. He stated safety at the intersection would be better served if stop sign was installed.

Mr. Barnes also reported the budget impact for this item would be the cost of labor to furnish and install the pavement markings, signs, and materials. The estimated cost would be approximately \$800, which will be funded by the normal operating budget for the striping crew.

**Motion: Approval to City Council to Implement an All-Way Stop at the Intersection of Kenwood Avenue and Deepdale Avenue.**

MOTION: Martin  
AYES: Martin, Mote, Woodward  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Lopez

Motion carried for approval of City Council to Implement an All-Way Stop at the Intersection of Kenwood Avenue and Deepdale Avenue.

Motion carried.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (8-16):**

**(8) Update – Valley View Street Traffic Signal Synchronization Project.** Mr. Barnes stated the project is underway and working well. New signal timing has been installed.

**(9) Update – Knott Avenue Traffic Signal Synchronization Project.** Mr. Barnes reported is underway about six months. Staff has involved other cities. Controls have been ordered for this project and new fiber cable will be included.

**(10) Update – Artesia Boulevard Traffic Signal Synchronization Project.** Mr. Barnes noted Artesia the award will be in June 2015. Mr. Barnes is currently working on this project.

**(11) Update – Village Circle Traffic Signal Installation.** Mr. Barnes is still working on the Village Circle Traffic Signal is online and a connection has been made with La Mirada and Beach Blvd. The signal is up and running.

**(12) Update – The Source Project.** Mr. Barnes reported the poles will be potholed. There is a standing weekly meeting with updates. The poles will be installed approximately in January or February 2015.

**(13) Update – Holder Street at Mt. Whitney Drive Stop Signs.** Mr. Barnes stated the City of Cypress is doing a study.

**(14) Update – Carpenter’s Union Project (Artesia Boulevard/Firestone Boulevard).** Mr. Biery reported the project has been moving into development which will include a hotel, residential housing, and a car dealership.

**(15) Other Capital Improvement Projects.** Mr. Biery noted some new medians will be getting landscaping in the next six months.

**(16) Other Police Department Informational Items.** It was noted there was a fatal motorcycle accident in the last three weeks. It is being investigated by the Buena Park Police Department.

**ORAL COMMUNICATION:**

Michael Smith, 8471 Deepdale stated he had concerns regarding the intersection between Malvern and Dale. Mr. Smith reported vehicles speed through the intersection when children and pedestrians are present. Staff noted his comments and will follow up.

**TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION CALENDAR (REQUESTS):**

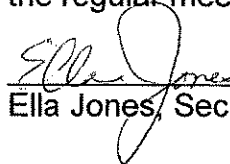
Commissioner Martin requested to bring back the discussion of the pros and cons of red curbs – August 7, 2014 Traffic and Transportation Meeting Old Business Item #4.

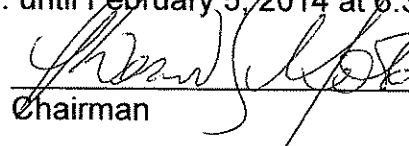
Vice Chairman Woodward requested the Traffic and Transportation agendas and packets be sent via email and sent by the Monday before the meetings.

Commissioner Martin requested a letter that does not support a toll lane service. Mr. Biery noted his request and would address the City Council at the next Study Session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

As no further business was brought before the Traffic and Transportation Commission, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. until February 5, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

  
Ella Jones, Secretary

  
Chairman