

MINUTES  
TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION COMMISSION  
MONDAY, December 3, 2012, 4:00 P.M.  
City Council Chamber, City Hall

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:           Ma'Ayn Johnson  
  Charles Doll  
  Pat Buttress  
  John Bussman  
  Jeffrey Grant  
  John Carroll

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:           None

STAFF PRESENT:                       Mark Miller, City Traffic Engineer  
  Dave Langstaff, Traffic Engineering Analyst  
  Beverly Norton, Clerical III

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Vice-Chair Johnson.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**CONSENT**

MOTION by Commissioner Buttress, SECONDED by Commissioner Grant, and CARRIED unanimously by voting members present, that the Minutes of the October 1, 2012 meeting be approved as WRITTEN.                       ..

**ITEM NO. 1**

**REQUEST TO APPROVE "3-HOUR PARKING" WITHIN THE PARKING LOT ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF POMONA AVENUE AND SANTA FE AVENUE.**

City Traffic Analyst Langstaff stated the public's interest would be better served if it was greater turnover in the lot with the implementation of a short-term parking restriction. The request has the support of Amtrak and local businesses. The change would mean restriping for ADA requirements and the posting of three or four signs at each entrance to the lot.

**DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Buttress asked about the cost and how these changes would be funded.

City Traffic Analyst Langstaff said the funds are included within the City's budget for sign replacement, sign installation, and pavement striping.

Chair Johnson asked if the change will still be considered all day parking.

City Traffic Analyst Langstaff responded that the 3-hour restriction would be in place between 5:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., and that parking would be unrestricted at all other times; except for the 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. parking restriction.

Public Hearing Open

The applicant(s) were not able to attend the meeting requesting Staff to represent their interests.

Public Hearing Closed

MOTION by Commissioner Buttress, SECONDED by Commissioner Bussman and CARRIED unanimously by voting members present to APPROVE and forward to City Council staff's recommendation to install "3-Hour Parking" within the parking lot on the southwest corner of Pomona Avenue and Santa Fe Avenue.

**ITEM NO. 2**

**REQUEST FOR A "DISABLED PERSON'S PARKING SPACE IN FRONT OF THEIR HOME AT 330 W. MALVERN AVENUE."**

Request Rescinded

**ITEM NO. 3**

**REQUEST FOR A "DISABLED PERSON'S PARKING SPACE IN FRONT OF THEIR HOME AT 3611 VALENCIA DRIVE."**

City Traffic Analyst Langstaff gave a brief report that health issues prevent the property owner from walking any distance, and that parking in the alley at the rear of the home is difficult due to the incline of the driveway when loading/unloading portable oxygen tanks.

**DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Bussman asked how often would something like this be reviewed and would it be incumbent of the next owner to petition to have the blue stripping removed?

City Traffic Analyst Langstaff said typically the owner notifies the City that the disabled parking space is no longer needed or if a new owner moves in they will call the City and ask to have the blue curb removed.

Commissioner Buttress asked about the cost. Is it budgeted and what if the resident does not want a sign in front of the house. Is there a cost to the resident and would it be a hardship.

City Traffic Analyst Langstaff said the cost is minimal (less than \$300) and the City's Maintenance Department has a budgeted allowance for sign installation and replacement. This request would only require one sign. In answer to the second question, Mr. Langstaff said that some residents want a sign and some do not - it is their preference. Each circumstance is considered independently based on field conditions. The City of Fullerton is one of the few cities that provide the option of obtaining Disabled Persons Parking on residential streets. There is no cost to the resident for the installation or designation of a disabled Persons Parking space. The resident has been notified that the blue curb does not circumvent the overnight parking restriction.

Commissioner Carroll asked if enforcement included just a ticket or towing also.

City Traffic Analyst Langstaff replied that the Police Department **in almost every instance** would try to locate the offender when possible and ask them to move the car prior to a citation. The Police Department is hesitant to tow unless the vehicle is blocking private ingress/egress or becomes a repeat offender.

Public Hearing Opened

The applicant(s) were not able to attend the meeting requesting Staff to represent their interests.

Public Hearing Closed

MOTION by Commissioner Bussman, SECONDED by Chair Johnson and CARRIED unanimously by voting members present, that staff's recommendation to APPROVE be forwarded to the City Council.

**ITEM NO. 4**

**BREA BOULEVARD – REPEAL NO PARKING ANYTIME.**

Request Rescinded

**ITEM NO. 5**

**REQUEST TO INSTALL 15-MINUTE PARKING ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF COMMONWEALTH AVENUE IN FRONT OF 224 E. COMMONWEALTH AVENUE.**

City Traffic Analyst Langstaff stated this item was brought to staff by the property owner and leasing agent. This is high density housing and a lot of demand for close on street parking and the property owner is looking for some short term relief. The complex receives a lot of deliveries, potential rental applicants and a lot of emergency vehicle calls.

## **DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Buttress asked about the cost of posting the parking signs. There maybe a budget to cover this but it seems unusual to not have a cost or an estimate.

City Traffic Analyst Langstaff restated that paint and signing is under \$500 for most requests. The City does budget for this type of need and future reports would include anticipated costs.

Commissioner Doll understands that the City is setting up enough room for three vehicles. Why so many?

City Traffic Analyst Langstaff replied that passenger vehicles are 18'-20' long and UPS trucks are 25' while other vehicles, such as a fire truck are larger. There are frequent calls to this address.

Commissioner Johnson said she noticed that all adjacent property owners were notified. Did Staff receive any feedback letters or calls?

City Traffic Analyst Langstaff said he did not receive any opposition to this request.

Commissioner Grant asked if the property is all residential.

City Traffic Analyst Langstaff said he believes it is all residential.

Public Hearing Opened

Melissa Ballis, Property Manager at 224 E. Commonwealth

Ms. Ballis stated she suggests making it 15-minute parking. There are 137 units and there are a lot of residents that are disabled and need access to public transportation such as Access and taxi cabs. The public assistance drivers are unable to park in front and often park in the red zone. She has noticed an increase in traffic accidents and felt that reducing the number of cars and the time they park would avoid accidents. The emergency vehicles are now double-parking in the street to gain access to the building.

Commissioner Bussman asked if the 15-minute parking was needed because of a shortage of handicapped parking.

Ms. Ballis responded that they have handicapped parking underground and at the back of the building, but it is difficult to get a person with a walker or a wheelchair to the back of the building. Ms. Ballis suggested turning the 2-hour parking into a 20-minute loading/unloading or 15-minute parking. She advised that installing a new placard would be less costly because the posts are already embedded in the concrete.

Commissioner Johnson asked staff if there is a large difference between loading/unloading and 15-minute parking, and does the restriction apply for those who have Disabled Persons placards.

City Traffic Analyst Langstaff replied that loading/unloading is 20-minute parking and more abused than the 15-minute parking. And yes, time limits would not apply to those who have handicapped placards.

Commissioner Doll asked what time of day does the 15-minute parking apply.

City Traffic Analyst Langstaff replied 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

Committee Member Bussman asked what can be done about 15-minute parking enforcement.

City Traffic Analyst Langstaff stated that police will enforce based on complaints from property owners.

Commissioner Buttress said she would like to see a cost estimate and that the money is in the budget on projects that come before the Committee.

MOTION by Commissioner Buttress, SECONDED by Commissioner Carroll and CARRIED unanimously by voting members present to APPROVE and forward to City Council staff's recommendation to install "15-minute" Parking as requested.

**COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

Consulting Traffic Engineer Mark Miller reported on recent actions taken by the City Council with regards to Transportation & Circulation Commission recommendations. King's Flowers, to install 15-minute parking on the south side on 1530 W. Commonwealth Avenue, Terry's Automotive 3-Hour Parking on the south side of 250 E. Santa Fe and Chapman Avenue between Jacaranda Place and Wanda Drive remove 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. Early Morning Parking Restriction on both sides of Chapman Avenue between Jacaranda Place and Wanda Drive.

College Town – Next year in January there will be a study session with the council. The possibility of closing Nutwood to thru traffic and keeping access to the university and businesses at both east and west ends. Close between Titan and Faleno Drive. There will be 5 or 6 neighborhood meetings throughout the city. Committee Member Buttress would like to be on the mailing list for the meetings.

On January 14, 2013 OCTA will hear a recommendation to remove Nutwood from the Arterial Highways Master Plan for the arterial highways. January 15, 2013 will be the study session. This involves cities of Fullerton, Placentia, OCTA, Hope University and CalTrans. They all have to agree with the mitigation measures.

Commissioner Johnson asked what happens if OCTA does not approve the project. Consulting Traffic Engineer Mark Miller said we would have to start all over.

Some of the members will be going off the Committee. At this time it is not certain who the replacements will be.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

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Beverly Norton  
Clerical III