MINUTES TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION COMMISSION MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2013, 4:00 P.M. City Council Chamber, City Hall

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Alex Burrola

John Carroll arrived at 4:03 p.m.

Jeffrey Grant Amy Koorstad Pat Buttress Charles Doll

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Miller, City Traffic Engineer

Dave Langstaff, Traffic Engineering Analyst Scott Rudisil. Lieutenant - Police Traffic Bureau

Daniel Guerra, Clerical

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Grant at 4:01 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public present

CONSENT CALENDER

MOTION made by Commissioner Burrola, seconded by Commissioner Koorstad and CARRIED unanimously, that the Minutes of September 9, 2013 meeting be APPROVED as written. Commissioner Buttress chose to recluse herself as a result of not being at the previous meeting.

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

MOTION made by Commissioner Koorstad to elect Commissioner Buttress as Co-Chair, seconded by Commissioner Burrola and CARRIED unanimously.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

ITEM NO. 1

1201 E. SUDENE AVENUE - DISABLED PERSON'S PARKING

RECOMMENDATION

City Traffic Engineer Mark Miller described the parking situation within the surrounding area of 1201 E. Sudene Avenue, including both street and alley parking. Staff recommendation was to deny the request for disabled person's parking as the request does not meet the City's guidelines for installation.

Traffic Engineering Analyst Dave Langstaff stated that the problem is a conflict between neighbors over parking availability and not a disabled person's parking hardship.

Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the Transportation and Circulation Commission/Board of Parking Place Commission, regarding any item on this agenda, will be made available for public inspection at City Hall, Engineering Department, 303 W. Commonwealth Avenue, Fullerton, CA 92832 during normal business hours.

Mr. Langstaff had initially recommended to the residents that they pursue a "hardship exemption" through the police department.

Co-Chair Buttress inquired as to what is required to get a "hardship" permit. Scott Rudisil stated that there is a \$250 application fee and that a site survey is conducted to determine if there is a parking deficiency leading to a hardship. It was also explained that the FMC requires the resident to make off-street parking improvements where possible before any "hardship" permit is issued. Lt. Rudisil stated that only two permits have been issued to date.

Co-chair Buttress questioned the neighbor's practice of parking within the driveway and alley. Mr. Langstaff explained that it is possible to back out of driveway but that it could be difficult if a vehicle is parked in the alley on the opposite side.

Mr. Miller stated that parking on Sudene Avenue is not heavily parked and that there is on-street parking readily available.

Commissioner Koorstad asked if there was a disabled person living at this residence. Mr. Langstaff answered in the affirmative; however, staff was not provided with proof of a disabled person's handicapped placard prior to the meeting.

Mr. Langstaff explained that the distance from the stop sign to the driveway is very short and that any approval of a disabled person's parking space may block either the adjacent driveway or the access ramp itself.

Commissioner Grant asked how many site visits were made to this residence in regards to the parking issue. Mr. Langstaff stated that both Police Department Parking Control Officers and Code Enforcement Officers had been to the residence several times.

MOTION made by Co-chair Buttress, CARRIED unanimously to deny the request for a disabled person's parking space at 1201 E. Sudene Avenue.

ITEM NO. 2

1136 W. WILLIAMSON AVENUE - DISABLED PERSON'S PARKING

RECOMMENDATION

City Traffic Engineer, Mark Miller described the parking situation within the surrounding area of 1136 W. Williamson Avenue, including both street and alley parking. Staff's recommendation was to approve the disabled person's parking space as requested. The residents were also informed that they would need to complete an access ramp prior to taking the item to Council.

Commissioner Carroll questioned the mechanism for removing blue curb. Mr. Miller explained that the process is self policing and that the Director has the authority to remove the blue curb when a resident finds it no longer necessary.

MOTION made by Commissioner Koorstad, CARRIED unanimously to approve disabled person's parking space at 1136 W. Williamson Avenue.

ITEM NO. 3

516 W. WILLIAMSON AVENUE - DISABLED PERSON'S PARKING

RECOMMENDATION

City Traffic Engineer, Mark Miller described the parking situation within the surrounding area of 516 W. Williamson Avenue, including both street and alley parking, and the hardship for the family due to the son's disabilities. The residents were also informed that they would need to complete an access ramp prior to taking the item to Council.

MOTION made by Co-Chair Buttress, CARRIED unanimously to approve a disabled person's parking space at 516 W. Williamson Avenue.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Grant asks for BUSC meeting update.

Mr. Miller advised the committee on the rules and regulations for the use of sharrow bike markings, based on the California Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Device guidelines. The BUSC committee is still in discussion as to where sharrows should be installed.

Mr. Miller also discussed bike lane laws and the rules of the road for both bicyclists and motorists. Mr. Miller stated that additional information would be made available at the upcoming Commissioner's Workshop.

Chair Grant asked about the Tow Services Franchise RFP. Commissioner Koorstad stated the RFP has been pushed back.

COUNCIL REVIEW

Mr. Langstaff discussed the recent approval of two items by Council.

- 1. Introduction of an ordinance addressing the "Sale OF Vehicles" on select City streets.
- 2. Resident Only Permit Parking on Berkeley Avenue between Wilshire and Chapman

Co-Chair Buttress discussed how Southern California Edison has started a program of infrastructure improvements which involves the replacement of vaults and deteriorated poles. The work has caused some inconvenience; however, the work is necessary and proceeding as planned with the public's welfare in mind. Mr. Langstaff added that in addition to Edison the Southern California Gas Company will be starting similar work at the intersections of Bastanchury Road and Harbor Boulevard.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Transportation and Circulation Commission adjourned at 4:47 p.m. until the next meeting to be determined for December.