

MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2007 - - - 4:00 P.M.
City Council Chamber ----- City Hall

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: J. Michael Cochran, Chairman
 Stephen Hall, Vice-Chairman
 Edmundo Duvignau
 Johnnie Simmons
 Lesley Mahaffey
 Rosa Nowels
 Rob Hallstrom (arrived at 4:02 p.m.)

STAFF PRESENT: Donald K. Hoppe, Director of Engineering
 Mark Miller, City Traffic Engineer
 Lt. Alex Bastreri, Fullerton Police Department
 Dave Langstaff, Traffic Engineering Analyst
 Teri Carlson, Engineering Aide III
 Amy Inzunza, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Nowels made a motion to approve the minutes of April 2, 2007. Vice-Chairman Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO INSTALL "1-HOUR PARKING" ON BOTH SIDES OF SYCAMORE AVENUE.

Mark Miller, City Traffic Engineer, presented the item.

The public comment segment was opened.

William Mall, Jr., 552 North Sycamore Avenue, stated that he collected the petition. He said Sycamore Avenue has become a parking lot for California State Fullerton University. He said that there is an entrepreneur that runs a shuttle from this location to the campus. He asks that the commission approve this request.

The public comment segment was closed.

Commissioner Nowels stated that the request seems like a reasonable request.

Vice-Chairman Hall made a motion to accept staff's recommendation. Commissioner Nowels seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

2. PUBLIC PRESENTATION.

William Dannemeyer, 834 Grandview Avenue, presented his documentation that he submitted to the commission. His concern is in regards to the alley between Fern Drive and Woods Avenue particularly the unpaved portion of the alley. The alley is 3,000 feet long and the north end is paved for a distance of 450 feet and the south end is paved for a distance of 1,850 feet leaving an unpaved portion of 700 feet. The unpaved portion is adjacent to his property.

On April 27, 2007 he noticed that there were metal posts embedded in concrete placed on either side of the alley beginning at the unpaved portion of the alley. A chain is connected to the posts blocking access to the alley. He said that no notices were posted before the posts were placed. He read the California Vehicle Code Section 21102.1 entitled "Restriction of Vehicular or Pedestrian Traffic through alley". He read Sections D, E, F, and G.

He stated that any restriction of access to the alley must be for cause and equally applied to all the residents along the entire alley. Mr. Dannemeyer said there should not be any restriction to the alley because no cause has been documented to exist or warrant any restriction to the alley at any point. If there was such a need for a restriction then the posts would have to be placed at the entrance to the alley on the north end of Fern Drive and at the south end of the alley on Woods Avenue. Placing the posts and chains at those locations would create a severe hardship for twenty seven families that have had unrestricted access for forty three years. He selected forty three years because he has lived in the area for that long. In order to comply with California Vehicle Code the alley must be paved so that all the families can have access to the alley.

Mr. Dannemeyer is asking the commission that the posts and chains be permanently removed from both ends of the unpaved portion of Fern Drive and Woods Avenue and to recommend to the City Council that the unpaved 700 feet of the alley be paved.

3. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO INSTALL "NO PARKING" DURING SELECT HOURS AND DAYS ON CAMINO CENTROLOMA, ADJACENT TO SUNSET LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, FOR THE LOADING/UNLOADING OF STUDENTS.

Mr. Miller presented the item.

Commissioner Nowels asked Mr. Miller why the hours of 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. are being used. Mr. Miller replied that the school has two different dismissal times.

Chairman Cochran asked if the 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. will be on all school days. Mr. Miller replied yes.

The public comment was opened and closed.

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to accept staff's recommendation. Vice-Chairman Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDERATION OF A STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO INSTALL “NO STOPPING ANYTIME” ON BOTH SIDES OF LAGUNA ROAD BETWEEN VALENCIA MESA DRIVE AND BASTANCHURY ROAD.

Mr. Miller presented the item.

Commissioner Nowels asked staff who brought this item to staff. Mr. Miller stated that several doctors brought it to staff’s attention but it is an ongoing issue that was already on staff’s plans because of limited sight distance.

Donald Hoppe, Director of Engineering, stated that staff will make the actual installation and the restriction contingent upon the opening of the new parking structure that the Providence Center is building so that there will be plenty of adequate parking available.

Mr. Miller stated that staff will require that the developer stripe a two-way left-turn pocket on Laguna Road so that there will be areas for cars to be sheltered in when making left turns.

Commissioner Duvignau asked staff if the parking structure is free to the public. Mr. Hoppe stated that it will initially be free.

The public comment segment was opened and closed.

Commissioner Nowels made a motion to approve staff’s recommendation. Vice-Chairman Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO INSTALL A DISABLED PERSON’S PARKING SPACE IN FRONT OF 445 TRUSLOW AVENUE.

Mr. Miller presented the item. He mentioned that the disabled parking space has already been installed due to the resident’s immediate need of the blue curb.

Commissioner Duvignau asked how many blue curbs there are along Truslow Avenue. Mr. Miller replied that there are two approved blue curb spaces including this one.

The public comment segment was opened and closed.

Vice-Chairman Hall made a motion to accept staff’s recommendation. Commissioner Duvignau seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

6. GENERAL PLAN UPDATE.

Bob St. Paul, Senior Planner with the Community Development Department presented David Barquist of AWIC. Mr. Barquist presented the General Plan Update to the Commission.

COUNCIL REVIEW

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chairman Cochran mentioned that there will be a Parking Hearing on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 and Commissioner Duvignau is scheduled to attend. Commissioner Simmons will attend the August 21, 2007 Parking Hearing. Vice Chairman Hall will attend the September 18, 2007 Parking Hearing. Mr. Duvignau will attend the October 16, 2007 Parking Hearing. Chairman Cochran will attend the November 20, 2007 Parking Hearing. Commissioner Hallstrom will attend the December 18, 2007 Parking Hearing.

Chairman Cochran mentioned that the July 2, 2007 Transportation & Circulation Commission meeting will be cancelled. The next meeting will be held on August 6, 2007.

Commissioner Duvignau asked staff what will happen with Mr. Dannemeyer's request. Mr. Hoppe stated the item will be going to Council in August.

Commissioner Hallstrom asked Mr. Hoppe what the general consensus of the other neighbors in the area or is Mr. Dannemeyer representing all the neighbors. Mr. Hoppe stated that staff received a number of comments from residents stating they prefer that the chains stay up. Residents have made requests to reinstall the chains in the alley.

Commissioner Hallstrom walked the area in question and it seems that up to that point all of the residents do need the access. Commissioner Hall said he does not see a reason to pave the area.

Commissioner Simmons asked why the unpaved alley portion was not paved when the one portion of the alley was paved. Mr. Hoppe replied that he could only imagine that the portion that was paved was much easier to pave at the time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments will be allowed on matters not appearing on the agenda but within the Commission's jurisdiction.

ADJOURNMENT

The Transportation and Circulation Commission adjourned at 4:41 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting of August 6, 2007, at 4:00 p.m.