

MINUTES OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – May 10, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Commission met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, Chair Patz presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Chair Patz,
Vice Chair Murphy
D. Hill (absent), R. Hill, Mejia, Marchese,
Salai (absent)

Present: Staff: Ron Noda, Development Services Director
Chris Kelley, City Engineer
Brent Malatesta, Police Sergeant
Michelle Müller, Management Analyst

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Murphy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Chair Patz opened oral communications.

Chair Patz closed oral communications.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

All Consent Calendar items may be acted upon by one motion unless a Traffic Commissioner requests separate action on a specific item.

A. Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 12, 2023.

Motion/Second: Murphy/Mejia

Carried 5/0 (D. Hill and Salai absent): The Traffic Commission approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2023 with the noted revision.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Red Curb Request: Lexington Drive and Howard Avenue

Development Services Director Noda summarized the staff report.

Commissioner Mejia asked and received clarification from Development Services Director Noda about the specific location of this request, stating that it is on the northeast corner of Lexington Drive and Howard Avenue.

Development Service Director Noda briefly discussed the email response from Resident Alexis Varonos expressing concern over this request.

Traffic Commission Marchese expressed concern over the street parking impacts, and how this approval would further affect the area.

Chair Patz asked and received clarification from Sergeant Malatesta about the history of collisions at this location, advising that he has no experience with collisions in that area.

Commissioner R. Hill briefly discussed the idea of considering only 10 feet of red curb.

Vice Chair Murphy asked and received clarification from Development Services Director Noda about where the resident initiating this change resides, stating that it is unknown where the requestor resides.

Vice Chair Murphy briefly discussed whether the issue described is truly present, to warrant this change.

The Traffic Commission and staff briefly discussed the following:

- the basis for this request
- alternative options including enforcement and/or alternative signage
- the existing traffic, line of sight and parking conditions in the area
- whether this request meets emergency status
- the high volume of traffic during peak hours at the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base (LAJFTB)

Commission R. Hill asked and received clarification from Development Services Director Noda describing how the Traffic Engineer reached the proposed recommendation. Development Services Director Noda briefly described what went into the analysis of this request, which led to this recommendation.

Commissioner Marchese stated that similar conditions exist at other intersections within the area.

Chair Patz stated that perhaps if there was a history of accidents, an alternative could consider the placement of a stop sign [north of Howard Avenue heading southbound on Lexington Drive] instead of the red curb.

The Traffic Commission and staff briefly described the potential of adding stop signs instead of incorporating a red curb.

Motion/Second: R. Hill/Murphy

Carried 5/0 (D. Hill and Salai absent): The Traffic Commission denied the recommendation for 40-feet of red curb in response to the red curb request at Lexington Drive and Howard Avenue.

B. Traffic Commission Status Log

This is a tracking tool used by the Traffic Commission to track assignments and accomplishments.

There were no items for discussion.

7. FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Development Services Director Noda advised of the following:

- The last event for the parklet series on Pine Street [May 2023]
- The upcoming Sunset Market [May 2023] starting at 4pm
- The upcoming Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Area Sewer District project
- Reminder to subscribe to the City's electronic newsletter (e-news)
- Announcement of the two (2) Department Secretaries who will be taking over Commission meetings in the near future
- Upcoming Good Morning, Los Alamitos Event on May 24, 2023 at 8:30am
- Briefly described the scheduled dissemination of a survey concerning Short-Term Rentals, steered by the Planning Commission.

City Engineer Kelley briefly described the function of Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Area Sewer District and the planned projects in varying locations throughout the City.

8. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

Commission R. Hill asked and received an update from Development Services Director Noda about the replacement of neighborhood entry signs, advising that a survey will be released as part of this effort late summer [2023].

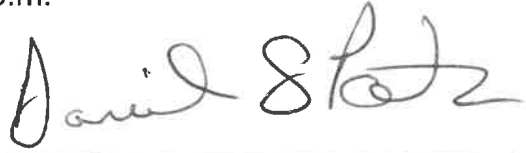
Vice Chair Murphy asked and received clarification from Development Services Director Noda about any codes that may be applicable to preventing large vehicles from passing through Katella Avenue after 11:00 p.m. Development Services Director Noda advised that there is no existing code which restricts large vehicles to only travel at specified times through this main thoroughfare.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second: Marchese/Mejia

Carried 5/0 (D. Hill and Salai absent): The Traffic Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting until June 14, 2023.

The Traffic Commission adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Daniel Patz, Chair

Attest:



Michelle Müller, Management Analyst