

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
11th DAY OF JUNE, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE
AMEDEE O. "DICK" RICHARDS, JR., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1424 MISSION STREET**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Vice Chair Granath. Commissioners present were Commissioner Abelson, Commissioner Fisher, and Commissioner Pendo. Chair Garcia and Council Liaison Mahmud had excused absences.

Staff present: Deputy Public Works Director Shin Furukawa and Public Works Assistant Leonna DeWitt.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Fisher led the pledge of allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting of May14, 2014

Minutes approved as amended. (Abelson, Granath 4-0)

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Items not on the agenda

No public comment.

5. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

No comments.

6. STAFF COMMENTS

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa provided a brief update on the Monterey Road and Orange Grove traffic study which has commenced and the results will be presented to the Commission at a future meeting for further action.

Public Works Assistant DeWitt provided information on the upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Event at the Rose Bowl on June 21 and the Green Living Expo and Concert at Garfield Park on July 20.

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

A. Discussion of Fair Oaks Bulbouts

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa presented background information regarding the history of the Fair Oaks bulbouts and briefly presented the AECOM assessment report.

Commissioner Pendo requested the hard cost for the construction on Fair Oaks.

Commissioner Fisher requested the data on the number of accidents on Fair Oaks.

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa responded to Commissioner's questions.

Vice Chair Granath opened the meeting for public comment.

Chuck Cummings – He lives on Virginia Place. He distributed an exhibit to the Commission and recommend shaving at the southwest corner of Mission at Fair Oaks. He discussed the lack of

signage alerting drivers of the left turn as you approach Fair Oaks from Mission, which leads to driver confusion.

Vice Chair Granath closed the public comment period.

A motion was made to recommend to City Council to authorize a study for the removal of bulbouts along Fair Oaks between Monterey to Grevelia, other than southwest and southeast corners of Grevelia St, southeast corner of Mission St., northeast and southeast of El Centro Street, and include the estimated cost. . (Abelson, Fisher 4-0)

B. Discussion of Monterey Road Left Turn Striping

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa provided an update on this item and stated it was being brought back to the Commission due to the resident responses and to provide an opportunity for public comment.

Vice Chair Granath opened the meeting for public comment.

Kathy Green - She lives on Monterey Road at the corner of Meridian and Glendon. She is not affected by the parking issue, but was speaking on behalf of the Foley's. The issue for her is pulling out onto Monterey from Glendon. If the City moves forward with the striping on Monterey, consider painting "Do Not Block Intersection" across Monterey at Glendon. The striping is just a band aid for a larger problem.

Sara Egan – She lives on Diamond Avenue. She is not affected by the parking issue directly, but when she has guests at her house there is no parking on Diamond and if those spaces are eliminated on Monterey Road that limits the amount of available parking. She agrees with the previous speaker that it should be a bigger conversation about Monterey Road.

Dana Barbera – He lives on El Cerrito Circle. His concern about Monterey was the speed of traffic on Monterey Road to the 110 freeway. He believes safety is a big issue especially for the school kids that travel on Monterey. He suggested narrowing the street or installing a median like on Orange Grove would enhance the area. The speed limit needs to be enforced and slowing traffic would increase property values.

Eric Schermerhorn – He lives on Monterey Road at Glendon & Meridian. He believes traffic is a problem on Monterey. He stated if the parking is removed it will eliminate the buffer between the traffic and the sidewalk. He believes it is a safety issue. He stated traffic needs to be slowed down instead of adding additional lanes.

Luis Ramirez – He lives on Diamond in an apartment complex. He believes the cars parked on Monterey provide a buffer for the pedestrians. He believes the elimination of the parking spaces would increase the noise pollution in the area. He thinks consideration should be given to the concerns of the community.

Commissioner Fisher requested an accident summary report within the two blocks on Monterey Road.

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa informed the Commission that the overall Monterey Road issue is agenzized for the next City Council meeting on June 18 to receive further direction.

Commissioner Abelson clarified the request for the accident summary report to include the area between Fairview and Glendon and to bring it back at the next meeting.

Discussion continued on options for Monterey Road.

Commissioners agreed to have the accident summary report include the last 5 years.

C. Street Improvement Project Update

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa briefly discussed the status of the current projects and the upcoming projects for next year's budget.

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa responded to Commissioner's questions.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Fisher wanted clarity regarding the Status Report and the meaning behind "not yet sent to Council".

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa explained to the Commission the item has moved forward in process for submission to City Council. He briefly explained the process of how staff reports are agendaized for City Council approval.

Commissioner Abelson requested removal of the abandoned pedestrian pushbutton housing from the traffic signal at the northeast corner of Fair Oaks and Oak Street, removal of the temporary vertical delineators at the median island on the north leg of that intersection, and replacing the delineators with "No Pedestrian Crossing" signs if necessary. He also suggested closing the abandoned left turn pocket on Fair Oaks at Rollin and reconstructing the existing island to the full median width.

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa discussed the possibility that this work may have been required as part of the Middle School construction project resulting in the closure of Rollin at Oak and said he would investigate and report back.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Garcia declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were adopted by the Public Works Commission of the City of South Pasadena at a meeting held on July 9, 2014.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:



Clinton Granath, Vice Chair

8/13/14