

**MINUTES OF THE  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION  
12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 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 7:10 p.m. by Chair Garcia. Commissioners present were Chair Garcia, Commissioner Abelson, Commissioner Fisher, Commissioner Granath, Commissioner Pendo, and Council Liaison Diana Mahmud had an excused absence.

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Pendo led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting of December 11, 2013**

Motion made to approve minutes as amended. (Pendo, Fisher) abstained: Abelson

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Items not on the agenda**

Chair Garcia opened public comment. There being no speakers, public comment was closed.

**5. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS**

No comments.

**6. STAFF COMMENTS**

Public Works Assistant Leonna DeWitt gave a brief report on the water main break on Arroyo Dr. Deputy Public Works Director thanked Commissioner Granath for his participation in representing the Commission at the Citizen's Summit on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Abelson introduced himself.

**7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. Re-organization of Commission**

Motion made to reappoint Steve Garcia as Chair and Clinton Granath as Vice Chair. (Fisher, Abelson, 5-0). Motion made to reappoint Public Works Assistant Leonna DeWitt as Secretary. (Garcia, Abelson, 5-0).

**B. Intersection of Marengo Avenue and Oxley Street (consideration of an All Way Stop)**

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa gave a summary of the previous discussion at the Commission meeting on December 11, 2013, accompanied by PowerPoint presentation, and responded to Commissioner questions.

Chair Garcia opened for public comment.

James Dolan, 1039 Stratford Avenue – He is opposed to installing an all-way stop. He believes it is inappropriate and will cause an enormous number of downstream negative effects of unintended consequences.

Scott Moses, 1105 Marengo Avenue – He is in support of installing a stop sign on Marengo to help control the rate of speed.

David King, 1832 Oxley Street – He is in support of installing a stop sign.

Chair Garcia opened for Commissioner comments.

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa responded to Commissioner questions.

Commissioner Fisher explained after his assessment of the area, an all-way stop at this location is not justified. He believes the marked crosswalks cause confusion and shouldn't be there. He explained things to consider for the area such as a speed feedback sign, deployment of the police speed trailer and adding red curb on the corners of Marengo.

Discussion continued regarding the other options that can be made at the intersection.

Motion was made as follows:

1. The Commission supports staff's recommendation to not install an all-way stop.
2. Recommend the removal of both marked east-west crosswalks and related signage on Marengo.
3. Recommend the Police deploy their speed trailer and make Marengo a part of their enforcement activities, and provide a report to the Commission after three months.
4. Request that staff consider extending the red curb on Marengo approaching Oxley to improve cross traffic visibility. (Fisher, Abelson)

Motion amended by Chair Garcia. (Abelson, 5-0)

### **C. Adopting a Standard Format for the Public Works Commission Minutes**

Motion was made to change the format of Commission minutes to be similar to the City Council, which is an action and summary style. (Garcia, Abelson, 5-0)

It was recommended to retain the recordings for 3-6 months.

### **D. Street Improvement Project Update**

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa gave a brief overview of the Street Improvement Projects. He would like to agendize the selection of Proposed Street Improvements for FY2014-15 for the next meeting.

Discussion followed among the Commission and staff regarding the pavement management system and the related cost.

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa responded to Commissioner questions.

## **8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Abelson requested staff to consider installing a solar speed feedback sign to help reduce the speed on San Pasqual. He requested for the striping, curb and the solar speed feedback sign be added to the project and the two parking lots adjacent to the Arroyo field be added to the project.

Commissioner Fisher agreed with installing a solar speed feedback sign on San Pasqual as well as including parallel parking at the playing fields.

Commissioner Abelson requested to have an agenda item to consider the installation of left turn pockets on Monterey Road at Diamond Avenue and Meridian Avenue in both directions.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Garcia declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45p.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 March 12, 2014.

AYES: 3  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN: 1



Steven Garcia, Chair