

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
14th DAY OF MAY, 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 7:05 p.m. by Chair Garcia. Commissioners present were Vice Chair Granath, Commissioner Abelson, and Commissioner Fisher. 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 April 2, 2014

Minutes approved as amended. (Abelson, Granath)

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Items not on the agenda

No public comment.

5. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Council Liaison Mahmud wanted to remind the Commission again regarding the request made by City Council to have the Commission review the Fair Oaks bulbout issue.

6. STAFF COMMENTS

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa provided a brief update on the Proposed Street Improvement Projects. He stated the item was presented to City Council on April 23, but there was no action taken and the item was deferred to the next meeting of May 7. At this meeting, the item was not discussed due to the lateness of the hour and was rescheduled for May 21.

Public Works Assistant DeWitt provided information on the upcoming Public Works Week Open House scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, 2014.

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

A. Consideration to Perform a Traffic Study to Determine Whether a Traffic Signal is Justified at the Intersection of Monterey Road and Orange Grove Avenue

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa presented background information regarding the history on the intersection at Monterey Road and Orange Grove Avenue.

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

Chair Garcia opened the meeting for public comment.

Pamela Dong - 1205 Orange Grove Avenue. She thanked the Commission for having this discussion. She stated she spoke with the Chief in 2010 and 2011 about the 6 accidents that occurred. She mentioned the traffic is horrendous at 7:30am when the children are being dropped off at school and again between 3:00pm and 7:00pm. The residents on Via Del Rey use Orange Grove as a connector to the freeway. She stated she conducted a survey with the block captains on Via Del Rey and she stated they are in support of a traffic study. She was in favor of conducting a traffic study.

Wilbur Dong – 1205 Orange Grove Avenue. He stated the traffic counts conducted in July 2012 does not address the particular issue of cars trying to get across Monterey Road and make a left turn. The warrants that are listed do not address this particular problem. At the accident today there were 4 police officers there to handle traffic control and if there was a signal there it would minimize the expense of having the police out to direct traffic.

A motion was made to have the City proceed with performing a traffic study to determine whether a traffic signal is warranted at the intersection of Monterey Road and Orange Grove. (Abelson, Fisher 4-0)

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa stated he would move forward with the study and bring back the results at a future meeting.

B. Consideration to Create a Citywide Pavement Striping and Marking Maintenance Program

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa presented background information regarding the current striping maintenance operations by the Street Division.

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

Chair Garcia requested staff bring back the item inclusive of the comments (timing, sequence, type of paint) provided by the Commission.

C. Street Improvement Project Update

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa briefly discussed the status of the current projects.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

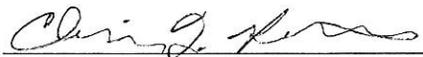
Commissioner Fisher requested a status report on the items recommended by the Commission to City Council. He stated this would be helpful to keep track of the items that have been approved.

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 June 11, 2014.

AYES: 4
NOES: 0
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:



Steven Garcia, Chair

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