

**PLACENTIA TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
March 16, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the Placentia Traffic Safety Commission of March 16, 2015 was called to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room, 401 E. Chapman Avenue, Placentia, by Chairperson Hernandez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Stafford

ROLL CALL: Present: Chairperson Hernandez
Vice Chair Chadha
Commissioner Gorman
Commissioner Hutain
Commissioner Ruppert
Commissioner Stafford

Absent: Commissioner Sarmiento

STAFF PRESENT: Damien Arrula, Assistant City Administrator
Mark Miller, Traffic Engineer
Scott Millsap, Traffic Sergeant
Sara Salazar, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 12, 2015

MOTION by Commissioner Hutain to approve the minutes of January 12, 2015 as submitted;
SECOND by Commissioner Ruppert and **CARRIED** by a **4-0-1-2 VOICE VOTE**
(Hernandez and Chadha Abstain).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairperson Hernandez invited public comments on items which are not public hearings. None were heard.

REPORTS:

TRAFFIC CONTROL: TSC NO. 15-02

Reconsideration of Removal of No Stopping Any Time Restriction on Crowther Avenue (south side)

Mark Miller Traffic Engineer introduced himself to the Commission and gave the report. City Staff has requested to modify the motion from the January meeting determination. City Staff is proposing to put parking on the East side of Crowther. Mr. Miller stated that he visited the

site and reviewed the traffic accident history for the past 2 (two) years. Mr. Miller recommends putting parking on the East side of Crowther. Mr. Miller stated that the East bound traffic on Crowther has the same amount of volume turning South on Melrose as the traffic going East bound through the intersection. Mr. Miller is concerned with side swipe collisions if the parking is located on the South West side of Crowther. Mr. Miller is also concerned with pedestrians not using the cross walk to get to the businesses on the North side of Crowther. Mr. Miller does not support installing No Turn on Red signs on East bound Crowther at Melrose Street. Mr. Miller's recommendations are to remove the skip-white lines and the merge isles on the South East side of Melrose, allow parking on the South East side of Crowther, relocating the No Stopping Anytime signs to allow the 6 or 7 parking spaces, covert the East bound curb lane to a right turn only lane and do not install a No Turn on Red at Melrose.

Commissioner Hutain has concerns with not installing a no right turn on red at Melrose St.

Chairperson Hernandez stated that it would be safer and more efficient to get rid of the merge lane.

Chairperson Hernandez opened the public hearing.

Ellen Nelson of 506 Loyola Dr. asked if the parking concern has to do with housing on Crowther or On Trac.

Mr. Miller stated that employees from the packing house on the North West corner had their parking displaced due to the packing house demolition. Mr. Miller stated that six or seven on street parking spaces are being proposed on the south east side of Crowther.

Chairperson Hernandez closed the public comments.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CHADHA SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GORMAN TO APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TSC NO. 15-02; PASSED BY A 5-1-1-0. (HUTAIN OPPOSED, SARMIENTO ABSENT)

**TRAFFIC CONTROL: TSC NO. 15-03
Blackfoot Avenue Request for Permit Parking**

Mr. Miller gave the report and advised the Commission that residents of Blackfoot Avenue are in support 100% for resident only permit parking.

Staff recommended resident only permit parking on Blackfoot Avenue be effective 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Commissioner Hutain asked if the residents are surrounded by apartments. Mr. Miller responded yes.

Commissioner Ruppert asked why it would not be considered to have restricted hours from 2 am – 6 am.

Commissioner Stafford asked if it is more difficult to enforce a timed no parking. Sergeant Millsap notified the Commission that it is more difficult to enforce a timed no parking. Sergeant Millsap is in favor of permit parking.

Commissioner Ruppert stated that residents will have to purchase parking permits for guests. Mr. Miller stated that residents can purchase up to 5 (five) guest and 5 (five) resident parking permits at \$10.00 each and unlimited temporary permits at \$1.00 each.

Commissioner Hutain stated that residents occupy 75% of the parking spaces.

Mr. Miller stated that there are 13 parking spaces available.

Commissioner Stafford inquired about the large cement slabs on the ends of Waco Avenue and Wyandote Avenue. She asked if this parking for residents of the condos only. Mr. Miller said he could not confirm that. Commissioner Stafford expressed concern that these parking issues will be pushed to the surrounding streets.

Chairperson Hernandez opened the Public Hearing.

John and Evelyn Danskin of 2326 Blackfoot Avenue opposed to all parking permits.

Mary Lou Mc Clellan resident of Madison and Aquamarine addressed the Commission. She asked if the overflow of nonresident cars are from guests or surrounding businesses.

Mr. Miller stated that the license records show the vehicles are from out of the area. He said we do not have knowledge if they are guests.

John Danskin a Placentia resident asked what constitutes out of the area. Mr. Danskin asked if the study was done more than one day.

Mr. Miller responded that the study was done prior to his taking over as Traffic Engineer. He said one vehicle was from Sacramento and one was from San Clemente and the other vehicles were not known. He also stated that the study was done over a 24 hour period.

Chairperson Hernandez closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Stafford is unclear where the problem comes from. She expressed concern that none of the residents attended the Traffic Safety Commission meeting.

Commissioner Hutain asked if anything would keep the problem from migrating. Mr. Miller answered no.

After a brief discussion the Commission took action.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER STAFFORD TO TABLE THE ITEM. NO SECOND MOTION WAS MADE. MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HUTAIN SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CHADHA TO DECLINE THE PERMIT REQUEST FOR TSC NO. 15-03; PASSED BY A 6-0-1-0 VOTE. (SARMIENTO ABSENT)

TRAFFIC CONTROL: TSC NO. 15-04

Loyola Way, Loyola Drive and Fordham Drive Request for Permit Parking

Commissioner Chadha excused himself from the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Mr. Miller gave a history of the petition and field survey process. Staff recommends that a resident-only permit parking zone be established on Fordham Drive and Loyola Way and the effective hours of the proposed zone be for 24 hours, seven days a week. Because the guidelines are not substantially satisfied, it is recommended that a resident only parking zone not be established on Loyola Drive.

Commissioner Hutain pointed out an error on table 2. No. 3 for Fordham should be NO.

Sergeant Millsap stated that after issuing permit parking for Dartmouth it would only be a matter of time before the surrounding streets would all want permit parking. Sergeant Millsap's request would be 24 hour a day seven days a week restriction.

Commissioner Ruppert asked why not restrict parking from 2 am – 6 am. Seargeant Millsap suggested that it would be best if the effective hours were 24 hours, seven days a week.

Mr. Miller stated that most of the cars in his survey were from 212 S. Kraemer.

Mr. Miller received and read 4 emails from residents who could not attend the Traffic Safety Meeting. Two of the 4 emails were in favor of resident only permit parking.

Chairperson Hernandez opened the Public Hearing.

Fushio Nakawaki of 407 Loyola Way is not in favor of restricted parking from 2 am – 6 am as he needs to park his car on the street. Mr. Nakawaki would not want to deal with permits if he has a family gathering at his house.

Lucinda Swan of 512 Fordham Drive petitioner has lived there for 37 years. Ms. Swan is in favor of permit parking.

Don Nelson of 506 Loyola Drive. Mr. Nelson stated that he received his notice for this meeting 2 days prior. Mr. Nelson stated that cars are parking in this area as early as 4:30 am. Mr. Nelson does not want permit parking but feels this is a environmental issue.

Ken Evans of 513 Loyola Drive is against permit parking. He feels that this is a City issue due to permit parking in the surrounding streets causing an overflow of parking on his street.

Hector Munoz of 512 Loyola drive agrees with Mr. Nelson and Mr. Evans and is against permit parking.

Francis Yuen of 536 Fordham Drive feels that there is a safety issue and is in support of permit parking.

Robert Holmes of 538 Loyola Drive feels that the parking problem started when the surrounding public streets were made no parking zones.

Chairperson Hernandez closed the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Hutain asked if there are guidelines as to when permit parking can be approved. He feels that according to the numbers of parking conditions he does not approve on parking permits but the citizens of the area want it.

Commissioner Ruppert asked for clarification on their decision of approval. He asked if this would then go to City Council. Mr. Miller said yes.

Chairperson Hernandez asked why the parking on Chapman is painted red. Mr. Miller stated that the City Council made the decision and he is unsure why.

Commissioner Chadha stated that the numbers do not support the need for permit parking. Commissioner Chadha asked if it is illegal to cross a street mid block. Sergeant Millsap said yes it is jay walking and pedestrians should cross in an intersection.

After a brief discussion the Commission took action.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HUTAIN TO DECLINE STAFF RECOMMENDATION. NO SECOND MOTION WAS MADE.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER STAFFORD SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GORMAN TO ACCEPT STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL: TSC NO. 15-04 Loyola Way, Loyola Drive and Fordham Drive Request for Permit Parking. MOTION DID NOT PASS BY A 3-3-1-0 VOTE. (SARMIENTO ABSENT)

INFORMATION/COMMUNICATIONS:

Police Department Traffic Summary

Sergeant Millsap provided Stat Sheets for 2014 and January and February of 2015 and notified the Commission that Total Collisions for last year was 340. There were 2 fatal collisions, 139 personal accident injuries, 197 property damage collisions.

Discussion items by Traffic Engineer

Mr. Miller notified the Commission of the Lakeview grade separation closure. He discussed signal coordination through out the City.

NON AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioners discussed bringing up parking restrictions on All America Way to the City Council.

Commissioners discussed parking issues at Cinnamon Tree.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, **MOTION** by Commissioner Gorman to adjourn to the next regular meeting on May 18, 2015; **SECOND** by Commissioner Ruppert and **CARRIED** by a **6-0 VOICE VOTE**. Meeting adjourned on March 16, 2015 at 9:15 p.m.



MARK MILLER, T.E., P.E., Traffic Engineer
Secretary to the Traffic Safety Commission