

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa Traffic Commission
Wednesday, February 6, 2019 2018 at 9:00 a.m.
City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

The Agenda for this meeting was posted on February 1, 2019.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL: TRAFFIC COMMISSION

PRESENT: Chair Calandra; Vice Chair Krulikowski; Commissioners Paden; Ortega, Justice

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Director of Public Works/City Engineer Richard Leja; Engineering Project Manager Jeffrey Kinnard; Associate Engineer Michael Kinnard; Police Lieutenant Stoney; Administrative Coordinator Noemi Becerra; Administrative Office Assistant Carla Vaughn; Sustainability Analyst Jenny Lybeck

INVOCATION – COMMISSIONER CALANDRA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

NONE

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. TRAFFIC ACTION ITEMS SINCE PREVIOUS TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

Mr. Manchester reported on the Traffic Work Order Log item which was approved since the January 9, 2019, Traffic Commission meeting (See agenda attachment – Traffic Work Order Log 2019).

2. TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATE

Mr. Manchester gave an update on the status of traffic calming as of January 29, 2019 (See agenda attachment – Traffic Calming Status: Update 01-29-2019).

PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

Ray McEdward, 7146 Colony Road

Mr. McEdward thanked the Commission and City Staff for responding quickly to his request for a traffic count survey on Colony Road prior to the installation of speed humps on Stanford Avenue. He will reach out to staff for questions about distribution of the data.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS (ACTION)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 9, 2019 TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

ACTION: Vice Chair Krulikowski moved to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2019 Traffic Commission meeting. Commission Justice seconded the motion which carried 5-0.

AYES: Chair Calandra, Vice Chair Krulikowski, Commissioners Ortega, Paden, Justice

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

4. REQUEST FOR RED CURB (NO PARKING ZONE) AT 9284 BRIER ROAD (ATTACHMENT)

Director Leja stated the request was evaluated by staff and found there are no traffic related issues that would warrant the approval of the red curb. He stated Council has the authority to declare any street a no parking zone for other reasons and the Commission was reviewing the request as an "other than traffic related issue". Mr. Manchester gave more background about the area.

Donald Gravalec representing Linda Oftedahl

Mr. Gravalec stated the requesting parties are tenants and not land owners. He stated there is no benefit to the public for approving the request as it would reduce parking.

Linda Oftedahl, 9260 Briercrest Drive

Ms. Oftedahl stated she has lived in the area for over 40 years and that approval of the request would negatively impact her property value. She read the letter her attorney submitted, on her behalf to the City, on January 30, 2019.

Virginia German, 9284 Brier Road

Ms. German stated she submitted the request for safety reasons. She stated she feels unsafe when cars are parked in front of her house and she's called the La

Mesa Police Department (LMPD) on several occasions regarding this issue. She also said she has lived in there for over 15 years and frequently finds trash in front of her residence.

Jaqueline German, 9284 Brier Road

Ms. German stated she feels unsafe because of the cars parking in front of the property. She said she was advised by LMPD to call when a car is parked there and has done so. She stated she finds trash on the street from the cars parked in front of the property. She stated she has support from the other neighbors and said the red curb would make her feel safe. She said she doesn't know why her neighbor would oppose the red curb.

Director Leja stated since the request does not have a traffic element staff does not have a recommendation on this item.

Police Lieutenant Stoney stated since 2016 there have been 26 calls for police services at 9284 Brier Road, approximately 1/3 of the calls were for medical aid and 5 calls were for suspicious vehicles. Police Lieutenant Stoney stated he has spoken to the requestors of the red curb and has advised them to contact LMPD when they see a suspicious vehicle.

Considerable Commission discussion, comments and questions followed regarding the amount of parking in the area, the other parking restriction options available, the neighborhood watch, and lighting options.

Request to re-open public comments for this item was made and approved by Chair.

Virginia German stated her mail carrier will not deliver her mail because of the cars parked in front of the mail box.

Donald Gravalec, representing Linda Oftedahl, stated there are plenty of other safety options available to the tenants. He said if installation of the red curb is approved cars will just park down the street and it will have a negative effect on that area.

ACTION: Commissioner Paden moved to deny the request for red curb at 9284 Brier Road. Vice Chair Krulikowski seconded the motion which carried 5-0.

AYES: Chair Calandra, Vice Chair Krulikowski, Commissioners Ortega, Paden, Justice

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

5. DISCUSS STANFORD AVENUE PHASE III TRAFFIC CALMING – CONSTRUCTION (ATTACHMENT)

Staff reviewed the item and presented the design to the Commission. Mr. Manchester stated staff received a comment related to the grades on Stanford Avenue. He stated Stanford Avenue meets the criteria by being under the recommended 8% maximum slope for speed humps.

Dorcas Hermsmeir, 4827 Beaumont Drive

Ms. Hermsmeir asked if the residents are aware and have approved the installation of speed humps in front of their property. She asked if sidewalks will be installed and if not, will water runoff be negatively affected.

Director Leja stated the homeowners and the tenants get an opportunity to express their opinions through the petition and the community is always invited to the design meetings. He stated sidewalk installation is not part of the design. He stated speed humps are designed so that there is adequate distance from the pavement to allow for drainage to pass. So, there should not be any significant diversion of water runoff.

Considerable Commission discussion and questions followed regarding the effect of the installation of speed humps.

ACTION: Commissioner Ortega moved to approve Stanford Avenue Phase III Traffic Calming. Commissioner Calandra seconded the motion which carried 5-0.

AYES: Chair Calandra, Vice Chair Krulikowski, Commissioners Ortega, Paden, Justice

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

6. DISCUSS DRAFT DOCKLESS BICYCLE AND SCOOTER AGREEMENT AND ORDINANCE (ATTACHMENT)

Jenny Lybeck, Sustainability Analyst, presented the Draft Dockless Bicycle and Scooter Agreement and Ordinance and gave a timeline of the presence of dockless bicycles and scooters in the City. Director Leja stated the Commission's primary objective is safety, indemnification of the City's liability and cost recovery. He stated the Commission will submit a draft agreement along with an ordinance that will prohibit any company to operate within the City without having an agreement in place.

Vice Chair Krulikowski suggested adding "and or similar equipment" to broaden the definition to include other types of potential vehicles in the future. Considerable Commission discussion, questions, and comments followed regarding the Dockless Bicycle and Scooter Agreement and Ordinance.

ACTION: Vice Chair Krulikowski moved to approve the Draft Dockless Bicycle and Scooter Agreement and Ordinance with the expansion of the vehicle classification to include micro mobility vehicles including bikes, scooters and other similar equipment and to have the opportunity to review the agreement should additional information become available to the Commission. Commissioner Justice seconded the motion which carried 5-0.

AYES: Chair Calandra, Vice Chair Krulikowski, Commissioners Ortega, Paden, Justice

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

7. GRANT UPDATE

Mr. Manchester stated that in Fiscal Year 2019 the City has been awarded seven (7) grants totaling approximately \$1.7 million. This includes the following:

1. Four (4) Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Grants totaling \$1,014,100
2. Two (2) SANDAG Active Transportation Grant Program (ATGP) Capital Grants totaling \$625,000
3. One (1) SANDAG Smart Growth Incentive Program Planning Grant for \$169,000

Mr. Manchester then gave an overview of what projects the grants would fund. Commission questions and comments followed.

COMMISSION INITIATED ITEMS

Chair Calandra will deliver the Traffic Commissions 2019 Annual Report to the City Council on Tuesday, February 12th.

STAFF COMMENTS

NONE

FUTURE ITEMS

HOWELL DRIVE - PHASE 3 TRAFFIC CALMING CONSTRUCTION
UPDATE ON STEP GRANT RECEIVED BY LA MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING IS MARCH 6, 2019

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.