

MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, JULY 26, 2010, 4:00 P.M.
City Council Chamber, City Hall

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: David Rizzo
Johnnie Simmons
Edmundo Duvignau, Chair
Stephen Hall, Vice Chair
Robert Duncan
Jay Park

COMMISSIONER ABSENT: Rob Hallstrom

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Miller, City Traffic Engineer
Dave Langstaff, Traffic Engineering Analyst
Craig Brower, Police Lieutenant
Nadia Muhaidly, Engineering Intern II
Becky Stevens, Administrative Assistant I

The meeting was called to order by Chair Duvignau at 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one from the public wished to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Commissioner Hall, SECONDED by Commissioner Rizzo, and CARRIED unanimously by voting members present, that the Minutes of the May 3, 2010 meeting be APPROVED as written.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 1

155 S. Lincoln Avenue – Disabled Person's Parking

City Traffic Engineer Mark Miller presented the request to consider a disabled person's parking space in front of the residence at 155 S. Lincoln Avenue. He noted that this item had previously been heard by the Commission. The request is a result of the need for close-proximity parking in the front of the home because of limited ambulatory abilities. Staff spoke with the property owner and went through the questionnaire with them. They have parking at the rear of the property off the alley; however, it requires them to open a physically demanding gate and a lengthy walk to the residence. Staff's recommendation was to approve and recommend to Council.

Public comment was opened.

There was no one present who wished to speak on this matter. Staff reported that the disability of the property owner made it difficult for him to attend the meeting.

Public comment was closed.

MOTION made by Commissioner Hall, SECONDED by Commissioner Duncan, and CARRIED by a 5-1 vote, with Commissioner Rizzo voting no, that said request be recommended to City Council for approval.

ITEM NO. 2

E. Truslow Avenue – 15-Minute Parking

City Traffic Engineer Mark Miller presented the staff recommendation to install 15-minute parking on the south side of Truslow Avenue, adjacent to 124 E. Truslow Avenue. The owner of market is asking for relief from long-term parking by residents of the Soco townhomes and commuters, which is negatively impacting his business. Staff's recommendation was to approve and recommend to Council.

Commissioner Hall asked staff to clarify that the property owner was aware that the restriction is for 15 minutes, not 20 minutes, and staff answered affirmatively.

There was no one from the public who wished to speak on this matter.

MOTION made by Commissioner Rizzo, SECONDED by Commissioner SIMMONS, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY by voting members present that said request be recommended to City Council for approval.

ITEM NO. 3

101 N. Basque Avenue – 15-Minute Parking

City Traffic Engineer Mark Miller presented the staff recommendation to install 15-minute parking in front of 101 N. Basque Avenue. The owner of the Village Market is requesting 15-minute parking in front of his business. Because of Kimmie's Restaurant adjacent to the market and a car dealership across the street, this location is heavily parked. Staff also noted that additional red curbing is needed along the west side of the street at the intersection to improve progression. Staff was recommending 44 feet of green curb (2 parking spaces) and 14 additional feet of red curb.

Mr. Singh, store owner, stated that weekend parking for the adjacent businesses is detrimental to his business. He wanted to ensure that the time restriction applied to Saturday and Sunday also. Staff clarified that the exemption was only available through Saturday; however, the green curb should serve as a deterrent for Sunday customers.

Chairman Duvignau clarified that the recommendation was for paint only, with no signage, and staff answered affirmatively.

MOTION made by Commissioner Simmons, SECONDED by Commissioner Hall, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY by voting members present that said request be recommended to City Council for approval.

ITEM NO. 4
Citywide Speed Surveys

City Traffic Engineer Miller reported that Caltrans regulates the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Caltrans requires cities to establish speed limits at the nearest five (5) mph increment of the 85% percentile speed. In evaluating all City speed limits, there were 24 where the posted speed limit was more than 5 mph below the 85% percentile speed.

The Police Department has been running into difficulty in court because defendants claim the speed limit is not posted correctly. Staff has been working with police department staff and determined that verbiage could be included in the traffic survey stating: “conditions not readily apparent to the driver on the majority of the surveys, with exception of the 24 locations indicated”. More drivers are challenging citations in court, so it is important that speed limits are posted correctly. Lt. Brower indicated the Police Department supported increasing the speed limit by 5 mph at the 24 locations stated in the staff report.

MOTION made by Commissioner Rizzo, SECONDED by Commissioner Park and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY by voting members present that said request be recommended to City Council for approval.

COUNCIL REVIEW

City Traffic Engineer Miller discussed the permit parking program soon to be implemented for the areas around Fullerton College, Cal State Fullerton and Troy High School. Also discussed were new truck routes that were approved by Council.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chairman Duvignau announced that he has enrolled in the Fullerton Police Academy and plans to remain on the TCC, but depending on his training schedule may have to resign from the Bicycle User’s sub-committee. He will keep staff advised.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Transportation and Circulation Commission adjourned at 4:31 p.m. until the next regularly-scheduled meeting of September 1, 2010, at 4:00 p.m.

Becky Stevens
Administrative Assistant I