

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
8TH DAY OF JULY, 2015 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 7:06p.m. by Chair Granath. Present were Commissioner Abelson, Commissioner Fisher, Commissioner Glauz, Commissioner Pendo, Council Liaison Schneider. Staff present: Deputy Public Works Director Shin Furukawa and Public Works Assistant Leaonna DeWitt.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Glauz led the pledge of allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting of June 10, 2015.

Minutes approved as amended. (Pendo, Glauz 4-0)

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Items not on the agenda

No public comment.

5. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Council Liaison Schneider had no comments.

6. STAFF COMMENTS

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa requested Item# 7B be postponed to a future meeting.

There will be a community meeting on Wednesday, July 22, regarding proposed bicycle lane design improvements on El Centro Street between Pasadena Avenue and Orange Grove Avenue.

Public Works Assistant DeWitt gave a brief summary of the FY 15-16 Strategic Plan, which was reviewed and finalized by City Council on May 6, 2015.

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

A. Consideration to Remove Existing Crosswalk at Lyndon Street/Fair Oaks Avenue

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa provided background information on the item. The intersection of Lyndon Street and Fair Oaks Avenue has an uncontrolled crosswalk. This meeting will serve as a public hearing for consideration to remove the crosswalk. Once the Commission discusses the matter, it will be presented to City Council. Notices were posted at the crosswalk as required by State law and sent to nearby properties, and no comments were received. Staff also reached out to South Pasadena Middle School David Kubela, and he had no objection to the proposal. If approved, the cost to remove the crosswalk is estimated at \$5,000.

Discussion ensued regarding signage, pedestrian safety, and appearance of crosswalk after sandblasting. It was suggested to discuss with the City Attorney regarding the appropriate language.

Chair Granath opened the meeting for public comment.

Kristina Kawakawi – 1713 Lyndon Street. Ms. Kawakawi supports the removal of the crosswalk.

Public comment closed.

A motion was made to recommend to the City Council removal of the existing crosswalk at Lyndon Street and Fair Oaks, and request staff to look into any appropriate signage for directing pedestrians to the preferred crosswalks across Fair Oaks Avenue. (Abelson, Fisher 5-0)

B. Pavement Striping Maintenance Program

Item postponed for a future meeting.

C. Capital Improvement Project Update

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa gave a brief update on the current Capital Improvement Projects.

Discussion ensued regarding the HSIP Flashing Crosswalk Project related to the pedestrian crossings on Mission Street near the Gold Line and the visibility of the flashing lights. Commissioner Fisher suggested that the crossings on Mission Street be timed consistent with the crossing of the Gold Line and to have a rectangular flash beacon below the pedestrian crossing sign which would be synchronized with the in- roadway lights. Commissioner Glauz suggested that the in-roadway lights be improved for better visibility during the day.

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa advised that the City Council included in the FY 2015-16 budget \$200,000 for additional street maintenance projects.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Glauz informed the Commission regarding the EIR scoping meeting for the Mission Place Project at the SPUSD Headquarters on Monday, July 21.

Commissioner Abelson commented the Mission Place Project meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 21 at 6:30pm in the School District Board room. The purpose of the meeting is to receive comment on the scope of the EIR to be prepared for the construction of a proposed mixed used development. Commissioner Abelson reminded the Commission of the residential and commercial development under construction on Mission Street east of Orange Grove Avenue, known as "EightTwenty," which will contain approximately 38 living units and 3 commercial spaces, and suggested that the collective traffic flow and safety and other public works impacts be considered.

Commissioner Abelson also informed the Commission that, at its meeting on Wednesday, July 15, the City Council will be discussing parking and traffic issues and related recommendations by the City Manager's Office for the elementary schools, YMCA and Holy Family Church and that the staff report would be available for review online on Friday, July 10.

Commissioner Abelson requested that the Commission agendaize for discussion the removal of the "no right turn on red" restriction at the intersection of Fair Oaks Avenue and westbound Grevelia Street and the potential for designating the number one lane for left turns only, in order to alleviate the substantial backup and delays on Grevelia Street at this intersection.

Commissioner Abelson expressed concern that traffic safety and other recommendations made by the Commission to City Council starting over one year ago had still not been considered by the Council and requested that the Council begin taking action on these matters.

Commissioner Fisher commented on the proposed development on Mission Street concerning the traffic impact report and the need to consider traffic signal control for pedestrian safety on Mission Street at Diamond Avenue and at Fairview.

Commissioner Fisher commented on the Pavement Striping maintenance program and suggested when the program is brought back to the Commission the following issues need to be discussed: 1) Can the work be accomplished by contractors; and 2) Is it appropriate to use thermoplastic material for those types of pavement markings such as: limit lines, marked crosswalks and pavement arrows.

Chair Granath requested information regarding water conservation efforts the City is undertaking with respect to parkways and, median islands in order to preserve City trees.

Council Liaison Schneider responded that the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission is well aware of the water crisis and is looking into irrigation strategies to preserve the trees.

Council Liaison Schneider also announced he will be absent at the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Pendo shared with the Commission a letter dated May 21, 2015, from Sandra Garden of the Garden Salon on Mission Street to Public Works Director Toor requesting that the City mark designated parking spaces on Hope Street and adjacent streets to maximize availability for parking for clients and residents. Staff advised that it would review the request and respond.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Granath declared the meeting adjourned at 8:16p.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 August 12, 2015.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:



Clinton Granath, Chair

8/12/15