

**MINUTES OF THE  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION  
12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2017 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 7:03p.m. by Chair Abelson. Present were Commissioner Fisher, Commissioner Glauz, Commissioner Granath, and Commissioner Hughes. Councilmember Robert Joe has an excused absence due to a City Council Special Closed Session meeting. Staff present: Public Works Director Paul Toor, Deputy Public Works Director Rafael Casillas, and Public Works Assistant Leonna DeWitt.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Hughes led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Joint Meeting between the Freeway and Transportation Commission (FTC) and Public Works Commission (PWC) on November 9, 2016**

Minutes approved. (Glauz, Hughes 5-0)

**Meeting of March 8, 2017**

Minutes approved as amended. (Hughes, Fisher 5-0)

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Patricia Jackson – 908 Monterey Road. Ms. Jackson has been a resident of South Pasadena for 52 years. She has concerns regarding the installation of red curb along the 900 block of Monterey Road and whether it is ADA compliant. Ms. Jackson is concerned that the traffic is too close to the sidewalk, which has caused air quality issues. She is concerned that seniors or disabled residents have no direct front access due to the red curb. She suggested having a car count of the number of vehicles using the left hand turn lane on eastbound Monterey Road to Meridian Avenue. Ms. Jackson suggested looking at the striping on Fremont southbound from Monterey Road to Huntington Drive as an example of how the 900 block of Monterey Road could be striped. She recommended installing a green curb for loading and unloading for disabled and senior citizens.

Public comment period closed.

**5. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS**

No comments.

**6. STAFF COMMENTS**

Public Works Director (PWD) Toor informed the Commission that Councilmember Joe is attending a City Council Special meeting to discuss the departure of the City Manager Sergio Gonzalez. PWD Toor introduced Rafael Casillas, Deputy Public Works Director (DPWD) who will be replacing Shin Furukawa. He was previously employed by the City of Duarte as an Engineering Manager with over 25 years of experience in the public sector.

DPWD Casillas shared he is thankful for the opportunity to work for the City of South Pasadena and is looking for to working with the Commission on all of the projects.

PWD Toor shared with the Commission that recently the number of resident requests for speed humps had increased. He would like for the Commission and City Council to review the guidelines for future modifications. He stated this item will be presented at the next Commission meeting.

Chair Abelson requested sample street hump policies from other neighboring communities included with the report.

## **7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commission Hughes is pleased with the striping on Monterey Road. She also commented on the new traffic light on Monterey Road at Via Del Rey.

Vice Chair Glauz is pleased with how Monterey Road has turned out.

Commissioner Granath thanked Commissioner Fisher for his suggestion to use thermo plastic for the striping and Commissioner Granath is please at how Monterey Road looks. Commissioner Granath commented about an article he read regarding an audit to monitor water line systems and leak frequencies. He inquired if the City would be effective with this new system and the reporting requirements.

## **8. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM**

### **A. Capital Improvement Project Update**

PWD Toor gave a detailed update on this item. He commented on the Monterey Road project and the challenges staff faced with getting this project underway. There are still punch list items that need to be completed. PWD Toor stated staff has plans to repair Monterey Road to Pasadena Avenue. PWD Toor discussed in detail the various projects under design including Orange Grove/Monterey Traffic Signal, Graves Reservoir, Monterey Road and El Centro Street, Grevelia Street and Garfield Avenue, Fair Oaks Avenue Traffic Signal Improvements, and the Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Station Upgrade project.

### **B. Request to Reconsider Arroyo Traffic Calming Plan**

PWD Toor provided background information on this item. He stated staff implemented what City Council approved, which includes a stop sign on Hermosa Street and installation of a speed feedback sign, location to be determined. The request before the Commission is to install additional striping and restrict parking during certain hours.

Public Comment open

Bill Michels – 308 Arroyo Drive. His concern is the speeding on Arroyo Drive, which he claims drivers are speeding 5 mph over the posted speed limit. Mr. Michels suggested one of the options is a simple striped line designated and signaled to drivers that pedestrians are present, which was not implemented. He stated the former DPWD Furukawa recommended getting a consensus from the neighbors and the striped line marking could be reconsidered. He gave a summary of the 21 residents that live on Arroyo Drive of which he received comment from 15 households. From the 15 residents, 12 supported the pedestrian path, two opposed and one abstained.

Kay Findley – 318 Arroyo Drive. Mrs. Findley opposed the pedestrian path.

Fred Findley – 318 Arroyo Drive. Mr. Findley opposed the pedestrian path.

Discussion ensued regarding types of striping, traffic speeds, and the consequences of implementing a pedestrian path (ADA compliance, repave street etc.).

Bill Michels clarified that Mr. and Mrs. Findley are the two residents who opposed the pedestrian path, and the majority of the residents are in favor of the path.

A motion was made to move forward with the installation of the speed feedback sign on Arroyo Drive. (Hughes, Abelson 5-0)

Chair Abelson requested to take a look at the results of the speed feedback sign after the installation. It has been quite some time and the speed sign is still not installed.

**C. Designation of No Parking Anytime on Stone Drive (Arroyo Drive to 450' north side of the bridge)**

PWD Toor gave a brief overview of this item. Staff recommends installing No Parking Any Time on-street parking restriction on Stoney Drive from Arroyo Drive to 450' north side of the bridge.

Discussion ensued regarding outreach and the language to use on the sign.

A motion was made to recommend the following:

1. To install No Stopping Any Time on Stoney Drive from Arroyo Drive to 450' north side of the bridge (Arroyo Seco Parkway Bridge).
2. That staff make reasonable efforts to notified impacted residents and others ahead of time.
3. That there be some buffer between the time the signs are installed and enforcement begins.
4. The message gets to Parks and Recreation to investigate other parking alternatives. (Abelson, Fisher 5-0)

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Abelson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.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 May 18, 2017.

AYES: 3  
NOES:  
ABSENT: 2  
ABSTAIN:



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Lawrence Abelson, Chair