

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING  
LOMITA PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019**

**1. OPENING CEREMONIES**

**a. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Public Safety and Traffic Commission was called to order by Chair Kurata at 6:03 p.m. on January 16, 2019, at the Lomita City Hall Council Chambers, 24300 Narbonne Avenue.

**b. FLAG SALUTE**

Chair Kurata led the flag salute.

**c. ROLL CALL**

The following Commissioners responded to the roll call by Deputy City Clerk Hill: Commissioners Ballard and Sloane, Vice-Chair Carmody and Chair Kurata, Also present were Public Works Director Dillon, L.A. County Traffic Engineer Guilmette, and Deputy Despot.

**Present:** Commissioners Ballard and Sloane, Vice-Chair Carmody, and Chair Kurata

**Absent:** Commissioner Cozzolino

**2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 18, 2018**

Commissioner Sloane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carmody recommending the commission approve the minutes of July 18, 2018.

**MOTION CARRIED** by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners: Ballard, Carmody, Sloane, Kurata  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Commissioner: Cozzolino

## **SCHEDULED MATTERS**

### **4. DISCUSSION REGARDING REQUEST TO EXTEND RED CURB ON EAST SIDE OF PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE SOUTH OF MCKENNA COURT**

Public Works Director Dillon introduced the item and Traffic Engineer Guilmette presented the report. She noted that Pennsylvania Street currently has 25 feet of red curb north of McKenna and 25 feet of red curb south of McKenna. There is currently no parking on the west side of Pennsylvania. There has been no intersection traffic collisions reported at the location. The recommendation is to deny the request to extend the red curb.

Commissioner Sloane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ballard to accept staff recommendation to deny the request to extend the red curb on the east side of Pennsylvania Avenue south of McKenna Court.

**MOTION CARRIED** by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners: Ballard, Carmody, Sloane, Kurata  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Commissioner: Cozzolino

### **5. DISCUSSION ON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM – UPDATES**

There was a brief discussion on the current active neighborhood watch programs. Chair Kurata mentioned that Lomita Pines and Lomita Park are the two neighborhood watch programs that are actively meeting with the Sheriff's Department. Chair Kurata encouraged public participation in the program.

### **6. DISCUSSION AND UPDATE ON ANNUAL ANTI-GANG AND DRUG FREE WALK**

Deputy City Clerk Hill announced that the schools have been contacted regarding setting the date for the annual anti-gang and drug free walk. The dates for consideration are April 26, May 17 and May 24, 2019. Staff will follow up with the schools to confirm a date and report back to the commission.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

### **7. COMMISSIONER ITEMS**

Commissioner Carmody stated that he noticed more and more cars on the streets and the parking of oversized vehicles. He wanted to know if it was time again to look at making a recommendation on regulating oversized vehicles. He also mentioned the stacked street signs at the entrance of the Pines culdesac at Fairview and 263<sup>rd</sup> Street, Signage at location currently reads: no thru street, street sweeping, and neighborhood watch. He asked about the protocol on the signs, as he would like the "no thru" sign to have prominence. Traffic Engineer Guilmette stated that they do not use "no thru" signs anymore but use the language "dead end".

Commissioner Ballard stated that RV's have three days before the vehicle must be moved. He says that whenever he calls the Sheriff's department regarding the issue they take care of the problem.

Commissioner Sloane did not think that the problem with parked over-sized vehicles warrants another review by the commission. He reported on attending the City Council meeting in August 2018. He referenced the minutes from the November 20, 2018, council meeting noting that a resident expressed concern about Lomita not having blind friendly crosswalks. He requested staff to look into it and report back at the next meeting. Another item that he requested an update on is the response from the Public Utilities Commission on receiving a timely notice to the critical facilities, residents, and business in the event of wildfires.

Chair Kurata reported on the CERT training and encouraged the commissioners and public to attend. She mentioned that of the eleven areas within the City, only three areas have CERT trained volunteers to cover those areas.

**8. COMMISSIONERS TO ATTEND CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Tuesday, February 5, 2019 – Commissioner Sloane  
Tuesday, February 19, 2019 – Commissioner Carmody


**9. STAFF ITEMS – ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Kurata adjourned the meeting at 6:39 PM.

ATTEST:

  
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Kathleen Hill  
Deputy City Clerk