

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING  
LOMITA PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 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 6:00 p.m. on February 20, 2019, in 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 Cozzolino 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: Cozzolino, Sloane, Vice-Chair Carmody, and Chair Kurata

**Absent:** Commissioner Ballard

**2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 16, 2019**

Commissioner Sloane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carmody recommending the commission approve the minutes.

**MOTION CARRIED** by the following vote:

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

## **SCHEDULED MATTERS**

*Commissioner Ballard arrived at the meeting at 6:15 p.m.*

### **4. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON – OUTAGE UPDATES**

Luis Lara with Southern California Edison's outage communications team gave a presentation on outage communications. He hopes to better inform commercial and residential customers with updates on outage communications and grow the partnership with the City to help facilitate the communication of these outages. He touched on spoofing, which heavily impacts small businesses and the senior population. This is a scam involving random calls received by customers with demands for payment. SCE will never call customers and demand payment. He also touched on who to call to get outage information, wildfire mitigation efforts, updates on contact information for critical care customers, and planned and unplanned outages.

Commissioner Ballard suggested a two-page information sheet that could be distributed to residents along with the City's newsletter.

### **5. VEHICLE HEIGHT REQUEST ON CYPRESS STREET**

Traffic Advisor Guilmette presented the report on the request for a Vision Safety Zone at this location. Field observations along Cypress Street and 254<sup>th</sup> Street indicate that there is moderate to heavy on-street parking. However, during peak and off-peak hours, there are gaps of traffic that allow for exiting the street. Her recommendation is to deny the request for a Vision Safety Zone sign posted at this location.

Commissioner Sloane asked if there was a record of any accidents at this intersection. Traffic Advisor Guilmette confirmed that there were none.

Mr. Ihab Ibrahim, who resides on 254<sup>th</sup> Street, spoke regarding the issues with parking and vision restrictions on this street. He also brought pictures to show the difficulty in seeing past and through tall vehicles. He also spoke to the fact that the street is very narrow. Although there have been no reported accidents, he stressed that the commission should look at ways of preventing accidents from happening.

Commissioner Sloane asked about costs for the sign if approved. Director Dillon stated that it would cost roughly \$300 plus staff time to install and that a public notice to the residents would be required.

Commissioner Ballard asked about installing speed bumps before and after the T on the street. Commissioner Guilmette stated that the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed, which is the prevailing speed that most drivers to abide by, is 30 to 35 miles per hour.

Commissioner Sloane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cozzolino to accept staff recommendation to deny the request for a Vision Safety Zone sign posting at the intersection of Cypress and 254<sup>th</sup> Street.

**MOTION CARRIED** by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners: Ballard, Cozzolino, Sloane, Vice-Chair Carmody,  
and Chair Kurata  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

**6. RED CURB REQUEST ON NARBONNE AVENUE**

Traffic Advisor Guilmette presented the report for a red curb request on Narbonne Avenue south of 240<sup>th</sup> Street. Field observations were performed and six years of data was reviewed. There is currently 25 feet of red curb on the east side and 25 feet of red curb on the south side. It was determined that during peak and off-peak hours, there are sufficient gaps in traffic to exit the street on Narbonne. The recommendation is to deny the request to extend red curb at this location.

The requester, resident John Key, 2056 240<sup>th</sup> Street, spoke on this matter. He uses this intersection almost every day. He stated that employees of the real estate company park all along Narbonne Avenue. He stated that wait times to turn are excessive and that you have to pull out quite a bit to see past the parked vehicles. He stated that there are several parking spaces at the church and behind the pizza place for cars to park. He asked for a no parking sign or no parking during morning hours to also be considered.

Commissioner Ballard asked about the possibility of a flashing red light for rush hour times in the morning and in the evening. Traffic Advisor Guilmette stated that there are stringent guidelines for installing flashing lights at intersections and that this item would not meet those guidelines.

Commissioner Cozzolino asked about installing a stop sign. Traffic Advisor Guilmette stated that stop signs are not installed to control speeding. The collision history does not support a need for a stop sign at this location.

Chair Kurata stated that this issue corresponds within the master plan and making parking consistent in the Downtown area. She stated that perhaps the discussion belongs there.

Commissioner Ballard suggested that the commission table item until more information is presented with regards to the Downtown plan.

Commissioner Sloane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ballard to table the issue and request staff to evaluate the request in context with the existing and developing Master Plan.

**MOTION CARRIED** by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners: Ballard, Cozzolino, Sloane, Vice-Chair Carmody,  
and Chair Kurata  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

**7. UPDATE ON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM**

No updates.

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

Deputy City Clerk Hill updated the commission on the date for the walk which has been confirmed with all three elementary schools for Thursday, May 2, 2019, at Lomita Park from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**OTHER MATTERS**

**9. COMMISSIONER ITEMS**

Commissioner Carmody attended the February 19, 2019, council meeting and mentioned the decision to change the start time of the meetings from 6:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. He also mentioned the discussion on short-term rentals within the City. He noticed more street sweeping signs in the Pines.

Commissioner Ballard updated the commission on the CERT sub-committee training and table top exercise that he attended on February 18, 2019. He also mentioned the street light is out at the cul-de-sac at 247<sup>th</sup> place and would like to get it replaced.

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

Tuesday, March 5, 2019 – Commissioner Sloane  
Tuesday, March 19, 2019 – Commissioner Cozzolino

**11. STAFF ITEMS – ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Kurata adjourned the meeting at 7:33 PM.

ATTEST:



Kathleen Hill  
Deputy City Clerk