

**MINUTES OF THE  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023**

**1. OPENING CEREMONIES**

**a. Call Meeting to Order**

The regular meeting of the Lomita Public Safety and Traffic Commission was called to order by Chair Kurata at 6:02 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, in the Commission Conference Room at Lomita City Hall, 24300 Narbonne Avenue, Lomita, California.

**b. Flag Salute**

The Public Safety and Traffic Commission led the salute to the flag.

**c. Roll Call**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners: Carmody, Cozzolino, Pace, Vice-Chair Ballard, and Chair Kurata

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Public Works Director Dillon, Deputy Kellogg, and Deputy City Clerk Abbott

**2. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2023 – 2024**

After brief discussion, Chair Kurata made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cozzolino, to nominate Vice-Chair Ballard as Chair.

**MOTION CARRIED** by the following vote:

**AYES:** Commissioners: Carmody, Cozzolino, Pace, Vice-Chair Ballard, and Chair Kurata

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

It was the consensus of the Commission to appoint Commissioner Kurata as Vice-Chair.

**3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Chair Ballard opened oral communications. As there were no requests from the public to speak on consent agenda items or subjects other than those scheduled, he closed oral communications.

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

##### a. Approval of Minutes – May 17, 2023

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve the minutes.

Vice-Chair Kurata made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carmody, to approve the minutes.

**MOTION CARRIED** by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners: Carmody, Vice-Chair Kurata, and Chair Ballard

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: Cozzolino and Pace

#### 5. SCHEDULED MATTERS

##### a. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF A BUS LOADING ZONE ON ESHELMAN AVENUE

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** That the Public Safety Traffic Commission recommend to the City Council to 1) Establish a bus loading zone from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. on school days on the east side of Eshelman Avenue between a point 65 feet and point 125 feet south of 255<sup>th</sup> Street; and between a point 150 feet and a point 305 feet south of 255<sup>th</sup> Street; 2) Post Bus Loading signage; and 3) Install 30 feet of red curb on the east side of Eshelman Avenue, at its intersection with 255<sup>th</sup> Street as shown on the attached sketch.

Director Dillon presented the staff report per the agenda material.

Brief discussion was held relative to church parking in that area on Sundays. Director Dillon stated that she would reach out to the church regarding the red curb.

Commissioner Cozzolino made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Kurata, to recommend to the City Council to 1) Establish a bus loading zone from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. on school days on the east side of Eshelman Avenue between a point 65 feet and point 125 feet south of 255<sup>th</sup> Street; and between a point 150 feet and a point 305 feet south of 255<sup>th</sup> Street; 2) Post Bus Loading signage; and 3) Install 30 feet of red curb on the east side of Eshelman Avenue, at its intersection with 255<sup>th</sup> Street as shown on the attached sketch.

**MOTION CARRIED** by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners: Carmody, Cozzolino, Pace, Vice-Chair Kurata, and Chair Ballard

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**b. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF NARBONNE AVENUE STRIPING TO PROVIDE WIDTH TO ADD CLASS II BICYCLE LANES IN EACH DIRECTION**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** That the Public Safety Traffic Commission recommend to the City Council: On Narbonne Avenue, from just north of Pacific Coast Highway to the southern City boundary, continue the striping pattern of one lane in each direction and continuous center turn which transitions into left turn bays at select intersections to provide width to add Class II bicycle lanes in each direction.

Director Dillon presented the staff report per the agenda material.

Brief discussion was held relative to the potential loss of parking spaces south of Pacific Coast Highway and the feasibility of head-in parking along Narbonne Avenue.

Commissioner Cozzolino made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Kurata, to recommend to the City Council: On Narbonne Avenue, from just north of Pacific Coast Highway to the southern City boundary, continue the striping pattern of one lane in each direction and continuous center turn which transitions into left turn bays at select intersections to provide width to add Class II bicycle lanes in each direction.

**MOTION CARRIED** by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners: Carmody, Cozzolino, Pace, Vice-Chair Kurata, and Chair Ballard

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**c. SHERIFF DEPARTMENT UPDATES** - Informational only, no staff report.

Deputy Kellogg stated that numerous traffic citations have been issued of late. He remarked on the homelessness problem in the area, saying law enforcement can do little about it as they are a protected class. They are offered resources, but many refuse to accept assistance. He also commented on a sheriff's deputies' chase resulting from a group of juveniles stealing a car.

**d. STAFF UPDATES** - Informational only, no staff report.

Director Dillon stated that the next Public Safety and Traffic Commission meeting will be a Traffic Calming Workshop.

**6. OTHER MATTERS**

**a. "FOLLOW ME, I'M GANG AND DRUG FREE" WALK UPDATE** - Informational only, no staff report.

Deputy Clerk Abbott provided an update on the event, and stated that the Poster Contest Winners were recognized at last night's City Council meeting.

**b. "FOLLOW ME, I'M GANG AND DRUG FREE" WALK SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE**

Vice-Chair Kurata stated that perhaps the event could take place earlier in the year than in the past, and that adding a mental health or public safety aspect might be a positive.

**c. COMMISSIONER ITEMS**

Commissioner Carmody remarked on the June 20, 2023, City Council meeting, where the "Follow Me, I'm Gang and Drug Free" Walk Poster Contest Winners were recognized. He also commented on a public speaker who was upset at having received a parking ticket, the upcoming Founders Day Weekend, an update on the water treatment plant, and the transit center in Torrance.

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

The Tuesday, July 4, 2023, City Council meeting has been cancelled; Commissioner Cozzolino will attend the Tuesday, July 18, 2023, City Council meeting.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to discuss, Chair Ballard adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Linda E. Abbott, CMC, Deputy City Clerk