

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa Traffic Commission
Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.
City Council Chambers, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa. California

The Agenda for this meeting was posted on July 26, 2018.

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL: TRAFFIC COMMISSION

PRESENT: Chair Calandra; Vice Chair Krulikowski; Commissioners Paden; Ortega, Justice

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Director of Public Works/City Engineer Richard Leja; Associate Engineer Michael Kinnard; Police Lieutenant Stoney; Fire Chief Manns; Administrative Coordinator Noemi Becerra; Administrative Office Assistant Carla Vaughn

INVOCATION – COMMISSIONER JUSTICE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. TRAFFIC ACTION ITEMS SINCE PREVIOUS TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

Mr. Manchester reported on an item on the Traffic Work Order Log that was approved or completed since the July 11, 2018 Traffic Commission meeting (See agenda attachment – Traffic Work Order Log 2018).

2. TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATE

Mr. Manchester gave an update on the status of the traffic calming as of July 25, 2018 (See agenda attachment – Traffic Calming Status: Update 07-25-18). Commission questions and discussion ensued regarding selection of streets added to traffic calming list.

Dorcas Hermsmeier, 4827 Beaumont Drive, spoke about being opposed to speed humps being installed as a form of traffic calming.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS (ACTION)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM July 11, 2018 TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING (ATTACHMENT)

ACTION: Commissioner Paden moved to approve the minutes. Vice Chair Krulikowski seconded the motion which carried 4-0.

AYES: Chair Calandra, Vice Chair Krulikowski, Commissioners Paden and Ortega

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Justice

ABSENT: None

4. PERMIT PARKING POLICY (ATTACHMENT)

Director Leja presented the Residential Permit Parking Policy to the Commission. Commission questions and discussion followed regarding the Residential Parking Policy.

Letters from residents in support of the Residential Permit Parking Policy presented to the commission and will be kept on file for review. The following members of the public spoke on the item.

Pilar Placone, 8735 Jefferson Ave., stated her concerns about the community care center employees parking on Jefferson Ave. and limiting parking for residents.

Patrick Giorno, 7928 Morocco Dr., stated his concerns regarding the Aztec Park apartments overflow causing traffic, noise and limiting parking on Aztec Dr. and Morocco Dr. for homeowners. He stated he is in favor of implementing the Permit Parking Policy on these streets.

Julia Zuniga, 8708 Jefferson Ave., stated her concerns about the community care center employees parking on Jefferson Ave. and limiting parking for residents. She stated she is not in favor of implementing permit parking on Jefferson Ave and feels the community care center should find other parking for its employees.

Kaitlen Daigle, 5470 Aztec Dr., stated her concerns regarding the Aztec Park apartments overflow limiting parking on Aztec Dr. and Morocco Dr. for homeowners.

She stated the apartment resident's park in her driveway and in the crosswalk and the curb and request the curbs be painted red.

Brian Hendry, 8681 Larsen Way, stated his concerns about the community care center employees parking on Jefferson Ave., Glen St., and Larsen Way congesting the neighborhood. He stated he is not in favor of implementing permit parking in the neighborhood and feels the community care center should find other parking for its employees. He stated parking on La Mesa Blvd should not be limited to 2 hours.

Kevin Leinum, 8711 Jefferson Ave., commented and presented pictures of the Community Care Center employees parking on the 8700 block of Jefferson Ave., limiting parking for residents. He requested parking on La Mesa Blvd not be limited to 2 hours.

Tracey Ferguson, 7914 Morocco Dr., stated her concerns regarding the residents of Aztec Park Apartments limiting parking on Aztec Dr. and Morocco Dr. for homeowners. She is in favor of implementing permit parking on the residential side of Aztec Dr. and Morocco Drive.

John Cowan, 5440 Aztec Dr., stated concerns with residents taking up all the street parking on his street. He is in favor of implementing permit parking on the residential side of Aztec Dr. and Morocco Drive.

Kim DeHaven, 8718 Jefferson Ave., stated her concerns about the community care center employees parking on Jefferson Ave., limiting parking for residents and causing noise.

Mercy Graef, 5473 Wellesley St., reminded the commission to exclude Wellesley St. east and west from then new Permit Parking Policy.

Director Leja clarified this action item is the first step in establishing the Residential Permit Parking Policy. He stated residents can choose, once it's available, whether they would like to utilize it in their neighborhood.

Commission questions and discussion followed regarding residential/commercial development and how it relates to the Permit Parking Policy.

ACTION: Vice Commissioner Krulikowski moved to approve the Residential Permit Parking Policy with the following additions/changes:

1. The initial request shall be in the form of a petition signed by residents representing at least 66% of the homes in the preliminary area.
2. Before recommending the creation of a residential permit parking area, a positive response shall be received from at least 75% of the homes located in the final area.
3. No request shall be submitted for a district size smaller than approximately 30 spaces.

4. Typically a maximum of three (3) permits per residence may be purchased (specific permit to a specific vehicle), One (1) guest permit may also be purchased. Typically apartment renters may purchase one permit per apartment, but may not purchase guest permits.
5. Study will include hours of operation and other parameters.

Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion which carried 5-0.

AYES: Vice Chair Krulikowski, Chair Calandra, Commissioners Paden, Ortega, Justice
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

COMMISSION INITIATED ITEMS

Commissioner Ortega discussed creating a sub-committee to examine the City's right-of-ways and how they connect with traffic calming efforts. Commissioner Ortega will present a report to the Commission at a future meeting on this topic.

Vice Chair Krulikowski spoke about possibly creating traffic engineering training for the Commission.

STAFF COMMENTS

Director Leja congratulated Commissioner Justice on her reappointment to the Traffic Commission.

FUTURE ITEMS – (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

- Annual update to the traffic calming program

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.