

**CITY OF SAN MARINO  
TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMISSION  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

April 17, 2017

7:00 p.m.

City Hall

2200 Huntington Drive

San Marino, CA 91108

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Coupe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Chair Coupe

**ROLL CALL:**

**Commissioners Present:** Chair Coupe, Vice Chair Chang, Commissioners, Doo and Alternate Lo

**Commissioners Absent:** Commissioner Crowley, Commissioner Gupta

**City Officials Present:** Chief John N. Incontro, Ruth Smith, Dan Wall

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- 1) Cordelia Donnelley – Monterey Road: had a general question about street parking. Where her property extends into the middle of the street. Confused as to why the street parking is tightly regulated if the land is privately owned.

Chair Coupe stated we do not have an answer at this time.

Chief Incontro asked for Ms. Donnelley to elaborate.

Ms. Donelley stated we have overnight parking from 2:00 a.m. -5:00 a.m.

Chief Incontro stated the reason we have the ordinance is for safety purposes and reduction of traffic collision overnight. It was the wish of the Community to have clearer streets.

Ms. Donelley stated it must have been political then.

Chief Incontro stated it was due to aesthetics and public safety. In regulations and in laws, there are exceptions and they must be justified. There are exceptions such as those who have construction such as drive way being re-done where we allow overnight parking. These are exceptions to the norm.

Ms. Donelley stated she will do some research on it.

- 2) Mr. Curtis Jung – San Marino – Presented a letter from a neighbor regarding a request for a Stop sign, speed bump or traffic signal on California. Where several traffic collisions have occurred. It is an intersection that needs to be addressed soon. Acknowledged Chief for his prompt response with this matter. Where a Police vehicle was placed as a deterrent to the situation.

Chair Coupe stated the item will be placed on the June agenda.

Chief Incontro stated we are gathering traffic history information and will be forwarding to our Traffic Engineers for review.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 27, 2017:** Vice Chair Chang requested to make a change to the current minutes on page three where Chair Coupe was written instead of Vice Chair Chang under Call to order. Vice Chair Chang moved approval of minutes and was seconded by Alternate Lo.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **UPDATE ON ROBLES AND SIERRA MADRE:** Ruth Smith, Traffic Engineer, provided the report outlining some of the previous actions taken in 2006 -2007. During this time vehicles failed to stop properly at the indicated stops, causing traffic collisions. Her recent observations indicated that sight distance was an issue. She conducted several studies including a warrant for traffic signals, but not sure if traffic signals would be a consideration for Robles at Sierra Madre. Not sure if we would get more traffic if we signalized the intersection. There's a lot of traffic making a left turn during the evening peak. Another action that was considered was to put in a southbound left turn lane. She recommended not to install a signal or stop sign but rather restrict movements for eastbound traffic on Robles to make a right turn only.

Vice Chair Chang asked if restricting turns would be done by signs.

Ruth Smith, Traffic Engineer stated we would need to design this out properly.

Chair Coupe stated if striped lanes would be considered.

Vice Chair Chang commented about vehicles traveling northbound, if edge lines could be placed to reduce speed.

Ruth Smith, Traffic Engineer, stated the City could put white edge lines. It would be sort of like a bike lane. In fact you could put a bike lane to act as a buffer. If (the City) wants to go all out, you can make your sidewalks wider, make the lanes go in and out. These are long term solutions, however, and require buy-in's from the community and money.

Vice Chair Chang stated we won't be able to entertain the bike lane in San Marino.

Chair Coupe asked if there were items we could look at.

Alternate Lo asked if we could install the two way mirrors. However, they do reflect the sun.

Ruth Smith, Traffic Engineer, stated we should have Public Works to look at alternate solutions, and asked if this is something the Commission wants her to look at further or do they wish to entertain other alternatives?

Vice Chair Chang asked if staff could figure out a way to reduce speed.

Chair Coupe stated there are certain roads you don't want to cross. For example Monterey and Garfield where vehicles are jumping the four way stop signs. We should come up with a scheme prior to going to City Council.

Commissioner Doo would like to visualize the options first.

Ruth Smith, Traffic Engineer, stated it would be brought back to June meeting.

Chair Coupe inquired about the agenda for May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

2. **UPDATE ON MONTEREY ROAD:** Ruth Smith, Traffic Engineer, stated she has been working diligently with the City Clerk to obtain information from a Council meeting / workshop back in 2003. However, they cannot find anything and it seems we will need to start from the beginning. One thing about Monterey Road would require completing it in steps and doing an outreach with the public.

Chair Coupe stated a lot of items have been a 50/50 split.

Ruth Smith, Traffic Engineer, said that is exactly why she needs direction from the Commission in regards to what she is proposing.

Commissioner Doo stated we will never get a 100% consensus.

Ruth Smith, Traffic Engineer, stated what's important is people at least have an opportunity to voice their opinion.

## **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Curtis Jung submitted an email regarding finding a remedial for Winston and California. This item will be discussed at the June 19, 2017 Traffic Advisory Commission meeting.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

No Commissioner Reports.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Chief Incontro stated the following intersections are amongst the list for concern:

Huntington / San Marino  
Granada / Huntington Drive  
Huntington/Pasqual  
Kenilworth / Sierra Madre  
Del Mar / Huntington Drive

Speed continues to be a problem along the above intersections. Unsafe turning movements result to be a problem as well. We had two traffic collisions related to DUI. Two hit and run collision and one unsafe lane change. Our Traffic Collisions have decreased by 12.3 % and injury collision decreased by 43% and non-injury stayed consisted with 40 annually. No fatal collisions. Moving citations have increased by 35%. Stepped up our traffic enforcement. There's a direct correlation to traffic enforcement and traffic education.

### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Dan Wall- Public Works Director stated the Huntington Drive final asphalt will be completed on Saturday. The following week striping will be begin with a completion for next week.

### **PUBLIC WRITINGS DISTRIBUTED**

There were no public writings distributed.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- 1) Cordelia Donnelley – Monterey Road: provided an update on Monterey Road where the double lines were painted claiming that it has been a very good safety measure. States she feels the difference.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Coupe adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m. to the joint meeting with City Council to be held at City Hall in Council Chambers on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN N. INCONTRO