



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
Telephonic/Video Conference

**TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

July 1, 2021
9:00 AM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: July 1, 2021 / 9:00 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONER LISA KAY SCHWARTZ

City Clerk Huma Ahmed administered the oath.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Schwartz, Shalowitz, Solnit, Vice Chair Ignarro, Chair Meshkaty

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Shana Epstein, Martha Eros, Daren Grilley, Jessie Holzer, Ilene Knebel, Kevin Riley, David Tomlin, Giovanni Trejo

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Members of the public may address the Commission regarding any items on the Agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. By State law, the Commission may not discuss or vote on items not on the agenda.

Public Speakers: Email from Debra Supnik was read into the record.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By Order of the Chair, the agenda was approved as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes

Consideration of the June 3, 2021 Minutes of the Traffic and Parking Commission regular meeting.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Shalowitz, SECONDED by Commissioner Solnit to approve the minutes as presented (4/0).

AYES: Commissioners Shalowitz, Solnit, Vice Chair Ignarro, Chair Meshkaty

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Schwartz
NOES: None

CARRIED.

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

2. Police Department Report

Lieutenant Giovanni Trejo updated the Commission on relevant Police Department activity during the past month. Loud exhaust and speed violations are being monitored in specific areas and violators cited. The Tour d'Elegance Father's Day Car Rally was a success with thousands of people in attendance. Plans are underway for the Los Angeles Marathon to be held on November 7, 2021. The August DUI checkpoint and selected major accident updates were noted. An update was provided about the addition of two new Motor Officers, including the first female Motor Officer in the history of the Beverly Hills Police Department.

The Commissioners commented and inquired about various items.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

3. Connect Beverly Hills Project Advisory Committee

Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer introduced the final project update, which will highlight the community feedback received for the project. Toole Design Consultant Cindy Zerger presented the item and provided project updates.

City staff requested the Commission proceed with a recommendation to City Council for adoption.

Motion: MOVED by Chair Meshkaty, SECONDED by Commissioner Solnit to proceed with adopting the Connect Beverly Hills plans as presented by city staff and Toole Design and to move forward for City Council consideration (5/0).

AYES: Commissioners Schwartz, Shalowitz, Solnit, Vice Chair Ignarro, Chair Meshkaty

ABSTAIN: None
NOES: None

4. Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Community Advisory Committee Appointment

Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Program Manager Josette Descalzo presented the CAAP to the Commission and asked for up to two members of the Traffic and Parking Commission to join the committee. Vice Chair Ignarro and Commissioner Schwartz volunteered.

5. Proposed Agenda Items for August through December 2021 Meetings

City Engineer Daren Grilley presented an overview of upcoming Traffic & Parking Commission meeting agenda items. The Commission commented and gave feedback.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Stop Sign Installation Request at Whitworth Drive & South Maple Drive

Senior Transportation Engineer Kevin Riley provided the Commission with an update of the proposed project. The intersection meets the requirements for all-way stop.

Public comment: Emails from Lawrence Adler and Tom Hardig were read into the record.

The Commission discussed and presented the following motion:

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Shalowitz, SECONDED by Commissioner Schwartz to approve the Stop Sign installation request at Whitworth Drive and South Maple Drive as presented (5/0).

AYES: Commissioners Schwartz, Shalowitz, Solnit, Vice Chair Ignarro, Chair Meshkaty

ABSTAIN: None

NOES: None

7. Recommended Update to Parking Permit Operations Policies and Municipal Code

Sergeant David Tomlin and consultant, Julie Dixon, presented an overview and future changes to the Permit Parking Program. The changes include automating some aspects of the program through use of License Plate Reader (LPR) technology and "virtual permits" in lieu of hangtags. In addition, the Beverly Hills Municipal Code would also be revised associated with the proposed changes and to reflect other changes since the permit issuance and enforcement operations moved from Public Works to the Police Department.

Commission comments and feedback were received.

PROJECT UPDATES

8. Project Updates

City Engineer Daren Grilley and Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer responded to Commissioner comments.

Public comment: Email from Steve Mayer was read into the record.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

9. Traffic Engineering Quarterly Report

Senior Transportation Engineer Kevin Riley provided the Traffic Engineering Quarterly Report.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

The Commission welcomed Commissioner Schwartz.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF

City Engineer Daren Grilley informed the Commission of the upcoming Bike Lane Demonstration Event on Saturday, July 25th at Roxbury Drive from 10AM – 4 PM. Additional bike corrals will be installed this summer on South Beverly Drive, utilizing unused street space for bicycle parking.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: July 1, 2021 / 11:59 AM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 5th DAY OF AUGUST, 2021



Nooshin Meshkaty, Chair