



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
Room 280A

In-Person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday, November 2, 2023
9:00 AM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: November 2, 2023 / 9:00 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Geller, Ignarro, Vice Chair Schwartz (arrived at 9:07 AM), Chair Shalowitz
Commissioners Absent: Afra-Maghen
Staff Present: Jessie Holzer Carpenter, Martha Eros, Daren Grilley, Ilene Knebel

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 Comment: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes

Consideration of Minutes of the Traffic and Parking Commission regular meeting of October 5, 2023.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Ignarro, SECONDED by Commissioner Geller to approve the consent calendar item as presented (3/0).

AYES: Commissioners Ignarro, Geller, Chair Shalowitz.

NOES: None.

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

2. Police Department Report

Lieutenant Renato Moreno gave the commission an update on recent events, including the city's Halloween festivities. Minimal negative incidents occurred. He discussed a pro-Israeli rally that will be held on Sunday, November 5, a DUI checkpoint that will be held sometime in December, and The Golden Globe Awards that will be held on January 7, 2024. The commission commented on the need for increased policing of dangerous intersections and reckless drivers. The commission also stressed the greater need for improved road design.

Public Comment: Public comment was read into the record from Andrea Spatz.

Lieutenant Moreno commented that there is increased motor enforcement in the general area where the accident occurred which was read in Public Comment.

3. Monthly Educational Speaker Series – Livable Communities

Transportation Planner Martha Eros introduced Lindsay Sturman from Livable Communities Initiative, a Larchmont-based group focused on improving communities in Los Angeles by creating "15-minute communities", which aim to reduce traffic, add gentle density, and create an amenity for the community by improving building design and increasing walkability. The commission asked about how best to ensure business variety in walkable communities and guarantee grocery store availability.

Public Comment: Public comment was heard from Steve Mayer.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Introduction to Local Road Safety Plan

Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer Carpenter introduced the Local Safety Plan, which establishes a framework and method for increasing roadway safety to reduce collisions and injuries by addressing the most dangerous street locations as analyzed by data. The final version of the plan is expected to be presented to the commission in early 2024, with implementation and regular updates to follow. The commission asked about any potential attempts to cancel projects from the Local Road Safety Plan, how the data was collected for the plan, and how it would be implemented.

5. Mobility Education and Encouragement Program

Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer Carpenter provided an overview of the Mobility Education and Encouragement Program which aims to educate residents about different options for traveling and encourage residents to use them, including bicycle training programs and incentives to shop local. The commission asked about ways to include the Beverly Hills school system involved, a bikeshare program, and special events to get the community involved.

PROJECT UPDATES AND FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

6. Project Updates and Follow-up Items

Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer Carpenter gave an update on various traffic-related projects across the city and Project Manager Christine Chung provided an update on the Metro Purple Line Extension project. Construction on the two stations in Beverly Hills is expected to be completed in 2025. The commission asked about updating the messaging on safety flyers and about the updates on Metro construction.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

None.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF

The Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program will be presented to City Council on November 7, and the annual Rodeo Drive holiday lighting event will be held on November 16 from 5 PM – 8 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: November 2, 2023 / 10:54 AM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 4TH DAY of JANUARY, 2024



Lisa Kay Schwartz, Chair