



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, June 1, 2023
9:00 AM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: June 1, 2023 / 9:00 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Geller, Afra-Maghen, Ignarro, Vice Chair Schwartz,

Commissioners Absent: Chair Shalowitz

Staff Present: Jessie Holzer Carpenter, Sergeant Dale Drummond, Martha Eros, Cindy Gordon, 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.

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 May 4, 2023

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Ignarro, SECONDED by Commissioner Afra-Maghen to approve the consent calendar items as presented (4/0).

AYES: Commissioners Geller, Afra-Maghen, Ignarro, Vice Chair Schwartz

NOES: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

2. Police Department Report

Sergeant Dale Drummond presented information regarding National Bicycle Safety Month and the OTS (Office of Traffic Safety) enforcement related to bicycle and pedestrian safety. He reviewed the citations and noted the most common violations were cell phone use, speed, distracted driving, stop sign and unsafe turning movements.

Lead TCO (Traffic Control Officer) Jeff Grijalva answered questions regarding the permit parking procedures and website. He relayed the Traffic Office's phone number, 310.285.2500 for questions regarding exemptions and setting up accounts. Questions/concerns can also be directed to parking@beverlyhills.org.

In June, there will be multiple events including:

- OTS Primary Crash Factor Enforcement Day
- Street Racing and Modified Vehicle Enforcement Training Course
- Monthly Maximum Traffic and Parking Deployment Day – this is a coordinated effort to combat ongoing traffic issues in specific areas of the city.

The Commission inquired about DUI Training for officers.

3. Monthly Educational Speaker Series – City of San Luis Obispo Mobility Projects

Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer-Carpenter introduced City of San Luis Obispo's Transportation Planner/Engineer Jennifer Rice, who gave a presentation on that city's recent bike and pedestrian improvements. These projects included lane reductions in the downtown area to provide bike lanes and bike corrals. Projects were done in collaboration of the city's annual pavement maintenance project.

The Commission asked about any changes in retail due to less parking and increased pedestrians, the educational needs of the community when adding traffic circles and other calming devices and the durability of the green paint delineating the bike lanes.

4. Planning Quarterly Update

Principal Planner Cindy Gordon was present to answer questions on the current development projects list. The Commission asked about developers requesting increased height for their projects. Ms. Gordon explained deviations from code can be requested to provide more units under the density bonus, a state statute where if a multi-family residential development provides some amount of affordable housing, they are able to request incentives from existing development standards.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

5. Clifton Le-Doux Corridor Mobility Study

Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer-Carpenter provided background on the project including information about the Metro Grant that was received to complete the feasibility study. The project study area is the Clifton-Le Doux area corridor between Cañon and La Cienega. Community feedback has been gathered in a variety of ways. Project consultant Ashley Harrick, of Alta Planning and Design, presented the draft conceptual design treatments in each block. The proposed traffic circles and curb extensions have traffic calming benefits cited in the presentation.

Public Comment: Public comment was read into the record from Arnie Sklar and Jeff Peck.

The Commission inquired about speeding along Clifton and commented on the design plans, including wayfinding signs, and future demonstrations.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Proposed Agenda Items July – December 2023

Transportation Planner Martha Eros informed the Commission of the proposed items for the upcoming six months. The Commission inquired about the Transit Study, keeping safety in mind, i.e., distracted driving, and a possible monthly speaker with the topic of "Congestion Pricing."

PROJECT UPDATES AND FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

7. Project Update and Follow-up Items

Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer-Carpenter presented updates to the Commission including a reminder that the annual update to the Complete Streets Action Plan is posted on the City Website, the June Transportation Safety Campaign theme regarding speeding, and Metro Updates.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Geller asked about follow-up about Metro's school bus pass program.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF

Assistant Director of Public Works/City Engineer Daren Grilley mentioned events that will be held in June that will cause traffic delays:

- June 12-18th: US Open
- June 17-18th: Father's Day/Concours de Elegance Car Show

Special mention for Senior Transportation Planner Kevin Riley, who has accepted a new position with the City of Newport Beach, California.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: June 1, 2023 / 10:48AM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 3RD DAY of AUGUST, 2023



Ron Shalowitz, Chair