



MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

August 21, 2018
Conference and Training Center
1 Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Transportation Commission was called to order at 5:35 p.m. on August 21, 2018.

ROLL CALL

Present:	5	Commissioner:	Rose Casey
		Commissioner:	Ken Montgomery
		Commissioner:	Sandy Moody
		Vice Chair:	Carrie O'Malley
		Chair:	Steve Greenberg

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Moody led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

There were none.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

ORAL COMMUNICATION/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susan Sayre spoke regarding a traffic signal on Paseo Westpark at Alton. Vehicle and pedestrian traffic has increased, posing long delays and safety risks at signalized intersections. She requests an exchange of traffic signals on streets crossing Alton for those with a left-turn signal and requests a review for signal remediation on traffic exiting the Westpark parking lot onto Alton.

PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. MINUTES

ACTION: Moved by Vice-Chair O'Malley and unanimously carried, to:

- 1) Approve the minutes of a regular meeting of the Transportation Commission held on July 17, 2018 as amended.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

2. PASEO WESTPARK PARKING REGULATIONS

Jaimee Bourgeois, City Traffic Engineer, presented the item and answered questions. Tran Tran, Senior Transportation Engineer, was also available for questions.

Public Comments:

Shaheen Signaporza, a resident of Paseo Westpark, spoke against the proposal, noting that the blocked entrance full of cars creates a blind corner, is a safety risk, and restricts access for emergency vehicles; requested permitted parking.

Laura Detweiler, an Aventura homeowner, spoke against parking on Santa Alicia, noting the current on-street parking problem that is not being monitored, a lack of enforcement on Santa Clara, and a lack of notification to impacted residents; suggested a direct mailer. Should this item pass, Laura requested limiting the parking hours.

David Beard, a resident of the Aventura complex, provided copies of petitions signed by Aventura residents opposing the proposal. He spoke regarding Paseo Westpark parking regulations, stating a lack of communication with impacted residents and stated that Hearthstone and Santa Alicia are two different developments; studies for one should not be applicable for both sites. He expressed concern about long term/overnight parking and requested staff work with residents to find a solution that works.

Stephen Palm spoke against the proposal, indicating that restriping helped for a short term. He requested parking permits.

Matthew Billings spoke against the proposal, suggesting that this will just move the problem. He stated that if the apartments were built today, they

would not meet current regulations; requested clarity on the regulations at the time they were built.

Arne Hanson, a resident in Aventura spoke against the proposal. Aventura residents can have up to six spaces with permits and it works. He suggested allowing a permit system for the Villanova area. Without a permit parking system, available parking is appealing to everyone.

Treavor Kensey, a resident of Aventura, spoke against the proposal. He believes that it seems to trade one set of safety and nuisance concerns for another and does not address the underlying problem – where the excess vehicles are coming from. He suggested implementing a permitting program.

Sarosh Siganporia, a resident of Villanova, spoke against the proposal, noting that this problem has grown over the last five years. He says that moving the problem to Santa Alicia would solve his problem, but transfers it to someone else. He suggests restricted parking or a permit system.

Byron Luoma, a homeowner in the Westpark area, studied the Hearthstone experiment and noticed the problem was resolved for a few months, but it was not a long-term solution. He suggested permit parking only.

Anissa Kennedy, a resident, stated she initially was against parking permits, but became aware that it did work in Aventura. She is concerned that people will not clean their garages or get permits unless all of Westpark requires them. Safety is an issue with children. She suggests working with the Irvine Company and homeowners to adapt to the changing needs of the community.

Vasanth Kandasamy, a resident of Villanova stated that she cannot safely ride her bicycle on the street anymore and cannot have friends over due to lack of parking. She suggests overnight parking restrictions or permits.

Commission discussion included: 1) existing six-foot property wall height west of Santa Alicia; 2) municipal code does not allow permit parking north of the I-405 Freeway; 3) clarification that permits must be made available to all residents, including apartment homes; 4) an analysis of restricting overnight parking and the expectation that vehicles will move to another area; 5) clarification regarding public and private street permitting in the Aventura Association; 6) the impact of implementing 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. parking restrictions to eliminate the problem of long-term parking; 7) street sweeping; 8) clarification whether Hearthstone is at full vehicle parking capacity at night; 9) parking restrictions as a possible solution for parking issues at Hearthstone; 10) overflow parking on Virenze and other original streets; 11) dates and times during which the community is monitored and data is collected for the study; 12) public safety concerns; 13) vehicle demographics findings on page 2 of the staff report – 1/3 registered as residents of Santa Maria Apartment Homes vs. 2/3 non-residents of Paseo Westpark or non-

current vehicle registrations; 14) current resident outreach policy; 15) concerns with blind corners, crosswalk issues with children, lack of designated/marked crossing areas; 16) clarification of the California vehicle code regarding intersections and marked/unmarked crosswalks; 17) permit parking and time constraints; 18) history of permit parking, south of the I-405 Freeway, in close proximity to two schools; 19) changing existing ordinance on permitted parking north of the I-405 Freeway would require City Council to amend the municipal code; and 20) the Brindisi Association has mostly private streets, the only public street south of Warner is Santa Clara and it would not make sense to issue permits for a single street with only 17 parking spaces – it may be more feasible to have permit parking on the Villanova side because of overflow.

ACTION: Moved by Vice-Chair O'Malley, seconded by Chair Greenberg, motion carried 5-0 to:

Not accept the recommended action and request City staff return with a report on the following three items within 90 days:

- 1) Staff to review making amendments to the municipal code to allow for permitted parking in and around the area;
- 2) Staff to analyze time restraints for options;
- 3) Staff to analyze locations of highly utilized crossing areas for potential marked crosswalks.

3. CONSIDERATION OF CHAIR GREENBERG'S REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION OF THE VETERANS CEMETERY

Chair Greenberg, Transportation Commission Chair, presented the item.

Public Comments:

Susan Sayre, a resident, requested that the traffic circulation studies of the ARDA and golf course include comparisons of future uses of the two sites. She stated that the cemetery site would generate much less traffic and have less of an impact than the business complex.

Jane Olinger stated that if the cemetery is not built at the ARDA site, the City of Irvine would be disregarding the voters. If it is built at the golf course, it frees up the ARDA site for development and the builder does not want it at the ARDA site. When homes were available for sale, it was not disclosed to the buyers that there would be a golf course or cemetery and the builder is looking at disclosure lawsuits unless it is located elsewhere.

Commission discussion included: 1) the traffic study for Transportation Commission review to be completed by October 16; 2) a proposed new site in the middle of the Great Park; 3) standard practices for traffic analyses should provide a baseline for the area and environmental analyses will be

required; 4) \$40 million in demolition costs; and 5) voters were not given the option of the golf course site.

ACTION: Moved by Chair Greenberg, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery, motion carried 5-0 to:

Conduct a comprehensive traffic study for the Veterans Cemetery with consideration of both the ARDA site and the golf course site.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Commissioner Montgomery requests Transportation Commission and staff discuss the potential for circulators with a local bus system around the Great Park, including Project V submittals and other local bus systems in the county and how they work. The results of this discussion are to be discussed during the first meeting in October

Consideration for the cancellation of the September 4, 2018 Transportation Commission meeting due to the holiday:

ACTION: Moved by Chair Greenberg, seconded by Commissioner Montgomery, motion carried 5-0 to:

Cancel the Transportation Commission Meeting of September 4, 2018

ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, Chair Greenberg adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m. to a regular Transportation Commission meeting on September 18, 2018 at 5:30 p.m., City of Irvine, City Council Chamber, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, CA.



STEVE GREENBERG
CHAIR



MARK LINSENMAYER
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION



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RECORDING SECRETARY



DATE APPROVED