

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

July 18, 2016

7:01 p.m.

City Hall

2200 Huntington Drive

San Marino, CA 91108

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Coupe called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Chair Coupe

ROLL CALL:

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

Commissioners Absent:

City Officials Present: Chief John N. Incontro, Lucy Garcia, Ruth Smith and Dan Wall

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- 1) 2700 Block Monterey Road - Ms. Cordelia Donnelley spoke in regards to the safety concerns she submitted to the City a year ago related to Monterey Road. She spoke of why Monterey Road did not have a double yellow line or speed bumps. In addition, she talked about the 86th percentile rule expected of drivers as this underlines our safety. Why doesn't Monterey Road have a 25 MPH speed sign? Ms. Donnelley continued with reading her e-mail correspondence to the Commission members providing a summary of the several findings. She spoke of the ingress and egress being quite dense on Monterey Road. She spoke of Theodore Petritsch's study pertaining to lane widths making it more noticeable to drivers. She concluded that the speed limit signs need to be removed.
- 2) 2800 Block Monterey Road – Tory Collender spoke in regards how population has emerged over the years. Building the 210 freeway to help mediate the flow of traffic. She urged not to install a “Stop” sign.
- 3) 2700 Monterey Road – Fran Bile spoke about the flow of traffic on Monterey Road. Specifically in regards to the Yield sign on Old Mill which significantly slowing traffic down. She inquired why South Western did not consider installing school signs to make people aware as they do have a lot of sporting events, etc.

- 4) 2700 Monterey Road - Mr. Dan Biles spoke in regards to Monterey Road going through its ups and downs. Not sure if we agree with Cordelia on installing the marking to psychologically deter drivers on Monterey Road. Not certain why SouthWestern has not been designated to be in a school zone versus residential.
- 5) Chair Coupe promised to place Monterey Road on our September 19, 2016 Traffic Advisory Commission meeting Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 20, 2016:** Commissioner Crowley moved to approve the minutes and seconded by Commissioner Chang. Minutes passed unanimously with suggested corrections.
2. **INTRODUCTION OF DAN WALL PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR AND CITY ENGINEER:** Asst. City Manager Garcia acknowledged her work with the Commission and community members. Talked about the City's intention to hire a Public Works Director/City Engineer Dan Wall. Assistant City Manager Garcia introduced Dan Wall as the new Public Works Director and City Engineer. Asst. City Manager Garcia highlighted Mr. Wall's biography and background to the Commission Members. Mr. Wall has already commenced with several public works projects.

Mr. Wall indicated that the Traffic Advisory Commission is a great safety source for the community. Mr. Wall stated he looked forward with working together.

Chair Coupe welcomed Mr. Wall and expressed his gratitude for him being a part of the City.

OLD BUSINESS

3. **UPDATE ON "STOP" OR "YIELD" SIGNS ON CANTERBURY AND SANTA ANITA ROADS AND OTHER NON-CONTROLLED INTERSECTIONS:**

Chair Coupe inquired if there were any reports.

Chief Incontro and Ruth Smith indicated no reports were available at this time.

Chair Coupe requested we bring this particular item back to the September 19, 2016 agenda.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Incontro indicated that there are few student commuters and very few speeding on Monterey Road. Teachers park on Veronda Place.

Chair Coupe stated he sees speeders on the East side of Monterey Road as well.

Commissioner Doo stated she too takes Monterey Road once a day. Old Mill to Los Robles people drive very slow.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

There were no Commissioner Reports

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Incontro stated accidents have stabilized with fewer injury accidents. Pretty much we have the same traffic issues on Huntington / San Gabriel, Huntington / Los Robles and

Chair Coupe inquired if the department had any vacancies.

Chief Incontro indicated we have had five vacancies due to retirements, etc. In addition, we are moving towards increasing our traffic enforcement within the community.

Chief Incontro talked about Dr. Roumani's complaints on Los Robles where trucks were delivering goods. Staff checked on the status of these trucks and they were in compliance.

Chief Incontro discussed / distributed pamphlets regarding gift rules for Public Officials and Employees and Avoiding Financial Conflicts of Interest

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Public Works Director / City Engineer Wall discussed the paving projects on Winston, Stratford and Virginia which will be completed within the next two weeks. City Council approved the Left Turn Pocket Northbound on San Marino Avenue. Work will commence within the next 10 days or so. Currently working on opening bids for re-paving Huntington Drive between Winston and Virginia Road. We are currently out to bid on Traffic Signal equipment. Public Works is working diligently to resolve the situation in the area of Los Robles and Marengo where the tree fell.

Asst. City Manager talked about the sizeable tree that fell on Los Robles and Marengo. Residents were concerned if this item was a San Marino or Pasadena issue to resolve. Working together with the City of Pasadena on the enhancements / improvements at this time.

Ruth Smith spoke in regards to installing a guard rail in the area where the tree fell on Los Robles and Marengo.

Chair Coupe inquired on the history of accidents in the area.

Ruth Smith stated there have not been significant accidents and Pasadena is inquiring if San Marino wishes to share the cost of installing a guard rail. We are currently looking into alternatives to resolve the issue. There's also an issue of replacing the tree that fell. The tree on the north side is a Eucalyptus tree. We are working in conjunction with the City of Pasadena to see if the tree belongs on our side or Pasadena's side.

PUBLIC WRITINGS DISTRIBUTED

There were no public writings distributed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Coupe adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held at City Hall in Council Chambers on Monday, August 15, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN N. INCONTRO