

CITY OF LAWNDALE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting of August 18, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 PM by the Committee Chairperson.

1. Roll Call

Committee Members in attendance: Frank Senteno, Public Works Director; Deborah Holland, Municipal Services Manager; Deputy Tim Crise, LASD; and Sean Moore, Community Development Director.

Committee member absent: None.

Staff present: Miguel Alvarez, Associate Engineer

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Approval of minutes for March 17, 2016

Motion made by Debbie Holland, seconded by Sean Moore, to approve the minutes of March 17, 2016. Minutes approved as submitted.

4. Items of Discussion

A. Discussion on Requests for Red Curbs Adjacent to Driveway Approaches.

Chairperson opened the item for discussion and requested input from committee members on painting the "wing" portion of a driveway approach red with the goal of deterring motorists from parking in front of it. Mr. Senteno further commented that "requests received for red curbs will be reviewed on a case by case basis and not just freely go and paint curbs." Maintenance costs and enforcement were also recognized and discussed among the members of the Traffic Committee.

Ms. Holland acknowledged that motorist blocking driveway, either partially or fully, is an enforcement issue and that it would be difficult to say if painting the wings red would really deter motorists from encroaching into the driveway approach area. It was clear that encroaching the driveway approach area calls for a citation and/or towing away a vehicle if blocking someone from exiting or entering a driveway. She reiterated that parking enforcement is available for residents to call if someone is blocking a driveway. Deputy Crise also commented along the same lines as Ms. Holland. The Committee clearly recognized that calling the City and/or the Sheriff's office for parking enforcement can potentially be an inconvenient to the petitioners.

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B. Discussion on Requests for Prohibiting Left Turn Movements from Southbound Sombra Avenue onto Eastbound Manhattan Beach Boulevard.

Mr. Alvarez informed the Committee that Public Works received a request from an apartment building owner on Sombra Avenue to address 1) U-turn movements at the intersection of Manhattan Beach Boulevard and Sombra Avenue by motorists traveling eastbound on Manhattan Beach Boulevard, 2) U-turn movements in front of his property on Sombra Avenue, and 3) Left turn movements onto Manhattan Beach Boulevard by motorists traveling southbound on Sombra Avenue.

The requestor claimed that all the traffic movements mentioned above pose potential condition for collisions. The request was discussed among the members of the Traffic Committee and concluded that a formal traffic study should be conducted to address line of sight, collision reports, and the traffic movements mentioned.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 PM to next Committee meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2016, at 2:00 PM.

Approved by Committee Secretary: _____


Miguel Alvarez