

**MINUTES**  
**TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION COMMISSION**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2008, 5:00 P.M.**  
**City Council Chamber, City Hall**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: J. Michael Cochran  
Azim Ghafoori  
Rob Hallstrom  
Lesley Mahaffey  
Johnnie Simmons

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Stephen Hall  
Edmundo Duvignau

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Miller, City Traffic Engineer  
Dave Langstaff, Traffic Engineering Analyst  
Yelena Voronel, Senior Civil Engineer  
Lt. Kevin Hamilton, Fullerton Police Department  
Teri Carlson, Engineering Aide III

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Cochran.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION made by Commissioner Simmons, SECONDED by Commissioner Hallstrom, and CARRIED unanimously, that the Minutes of the May 5, 2008 meeting be APPROVED as written.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MALVERN AVENUE – NO STOPPING ANYTIME**

Mark Miller, City Traffic Engineer, requested direction from the Commission regarding a request to remove parking on the south side of Malvern Avenue, and explained the item would go to Council for a final decision. Mr. Miller described the location and provided traffic counts and a brief background of the parking situation in the area. This request had come at Council's direction, and was due to a recent pedestrian involved accident. Parking on the south side of Malvern Avenue was used exclusively by the residents on the north side, due to insufficient onsite parking. Staff believed public safety could be better served with the elimination of the parking on the south side of Malvern Avenue, along with the installation of a two-way left turn lane in the center of the roadway to allow left turns into the apartments and onto Adlena Drive; however, the elimination of parking on the south side of Malvern Avenue would be met with resistance, and if approved, would result in tenants of the apartments parking on the adjacent residential streets.

Commissioner Cochran asked if the two-way left turn lane could be implemented without the elimination of parking on the south side, and Mr. Miller responded that it could not due to the width of the street.

Commissioner Mahaffey asked who owned the alley, and Mr. Miller responded the apartment owners owned the alley and was possibly a fire department requirement.

Public hearing opened.

The following people spoke in opposition to removal of the parking on the south side of Malvern Avenue:

- Kara Zugman
- Mike Stanko
- Ken Stumpt
- Bryan Rushing
- Joseph Dellacioppa
- Kurt Schiessel

Public hearing closed.

Commissioner Simmons asked if flashing yellow lights would encourage people to slow down, and Mr. Miller responded that the most effective method for speed concerns would be the feedback signs; people tend to get used to the yellow flashing lights and ignore them. A crosswalk at Adlena Drive would not be recommended, nor would likely be used.

Commissioner Cochran believed eliminating the parking on the south side would create a problem for the homeowners.

MOTION made by Commissioner Simmons, SECONDED by Commissioner Hallstrom, and CARRIED 4-1, with Commissioner Mahaffey opposed, to continue this item to allow staff to look into the addition of an east bound left turn lane at Adlena Drive and how much parking would be removed in order to accomplish this.

#### BUENA VISTA – RESCIND OVERNIGHT PARKING

Mr. Miller explained the majority of property owners had requested the overnight parking be rescinded on Buena Vista, between Wesley Drive and Rose Drive. Staff recommended the Commission approve and recommend to Council that the overnight parking exemption be rescinded at this location. Mr. Miller described the area and the background of the exemption.

Public hearing opened.

The following people spoke in support of the request:

- Chris Barnhill
- April Brunetti
- Pat Reese

Public hearing closed.

MOTION made by Commissioner Ghafoori, SECONDED by Commissioner Mahaffey, and CARRIED unanimously that said request be recommended to City Council for approval.

#### DISABLED PERSON'S PARKING – 134 S. YALE AVENUE

Mr. Miller explained the request was to install blue curb/disabled parking in front of the residence at the request of the property owner. There was insufficient parking in the evening in front of their home, and parking in the alley at the rear of the property was beyond the physical abilities of the property

owner. Staff viewed the area and note the surrounding area is heavily utilized with parking as it is approved for early morning parking, making it difficult for the property owner to find necessary on-street parking. Based on this review of the area, and after speaking with the resident, staff supports this request.

Public hearing opened.

No one from the public wished to speak on this item.

Public hearing closed.

MOTION made by Commissioner Simmons, SECONDED by Commissioner Mahaffey, and CARRIED unanimously that said request be recommended to City Council for approval.

#### NO STOPPING-STUDENT LOADING/UNLOADING – PARKS ROAD

Mr. Miller explained the request had come from the school; the request was to install “No Stopping-Student Loading/Unloading” during the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., and from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., non-school days exempt, on the east side of Parks Road adjacent to Parks Jr. High. Mr. Miller described the area and the school loading/unloading patterns.

Public hearing opened.

No one from the public wished to speak on this item.

Public hearing closed.

MOTION made by Commissioner Mahaffey, SECONDED by Commissioner Simmons, and CARRIED unanimously that said request be recommended to City Council for approval.

#### STOP SIGNS ON LINCOLN AVENUE AT HARMONY LANE

Mr. Miller explained that staff had received a letter from a resident in the area requesting staff evaluate safety concerns pertaining to drivers on Lincoln Avenue who routinely fail to yield to opposing driver’s right-of-way on Harmony Lane, and to consider the installation of stop signs and/or yield signs. The intersection was described, as was the justification for a two-way or four-way stop. This justification was not met in regards to reported accidents as well as traffic volumes, but the Traffic Manual did allow for engineering judgment. Mr. Miller had observed the intersection and he believed it would be appropriate to stop the traffic on Lincoln Avenue, and allow the traffic on Harmony Lane to encroach into the intersection knowing the traffic on Lincoln Avenue was stopped. Staff recommended a two-way stop at this intersection.

Public hearing opened.

The following person spoke on this request:

- James Cuzzolina, Jr.

Public hearing closed.

MOTION made by Commissioner Hallstrom, SECONDED by Commissioner Ghafoori, and CARRIED unanimously that said request be recommended to City Council for approval.

DISABLED PERSON'S PARKING – 445 E. COMMONWEALTH ROAD

Mr. Miller described the location; the disabled person's parking space would be located between the two sets of apartments, and there was currently a concrete landing in place. Staff recommended approval.

Public hearing opened.

No one from the public wished to speak on this item.

Public hearing closed.

MOTION made by Commissioner Simmons, SECONDED by Commissioner Mahaffey, and CARRIED unanimously that said request be recommended to City Council for approval.

**COUNCIL REVIEW**

City Traffic Engineer Miller gave an update on recent traffic-related Council actions.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Lt. Hamilton explained a thirty day notification was required prior to activation of the red light cameras, and they were currently awaiting advice from the City Attorney on how to meet the this notification requirement.

Commissioner Hall asked what had been done in regards to a letter the Commission received from Jennifer Fitzgerald. Lt. Hamilton replied that they had done an accident analysis on the streets she had mentioned, and they had found one accident in the last three years. The radar trailer had also been parked on these streets to capture data on speed, and there did not appear to be a speed problem.

Mr. Miller discussed the handout on the top ten locations of collisions in the City.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Transportation and Circulation Commission adjourned at 5:15 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting of October 6, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. The September 1, 2008 meeting has been cancelled.