# MINUTES TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD MARCH 18, 2015 7:00 P.M.

# PLUMMER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER, 7377 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, ROOMS 5 AND 6, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90069

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair Eichman.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance Scott Schmidt led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. Reminder to Speak Clearly Into Microphone and to Turn Off All Cellular Phones and Pagers

The Commissioners and public were reminded to speak clearly into their microphones to accommodate the public record tapes and the hearing-impaired.

C. Roll Call

Commissioners present:

David Eichman, Steven Greene, David Warren, Steve Wayland

Commissioners absent:

Misti Cooper, Amy Walia-Fazio,

Staff present:

Bianca Siegl, Long Range and Mobility Planning Manager

Don Norte, Parking Services Officer

Walter Davis, Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Specialist

Perri Sloane Goodman, Transportation Program Administrator

Danny Casillas, Administrative Specialist III

D. Approval of the Agenda of March 18, 2015, Transportation Commission meeting.

Motion: Greene Second: Warren

All ayes.

Motion passed.

# E. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approve minutes, Commission meeting of February 18, 2015 with the following changes:

Page 3: Clarify Warren's statement to read prevention of pedestrians jay-walking anywhere across medians.

Page 4: Attribute question about printed fliers to Commissioner Wayland.

Moved: Wayland Second: Warren

Aye: Steven Greene, David Warren, Steve Wayland

Abstain: Eichman Motion passed.

## 2. CONSENT CALENDAR

No items.

## 3. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

Scott Schmidt, WEST HOLLYWOOD, introduced himself as Councilmember Meister's Interim Deputy.

Michael Wojtkielewicz, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about parking at Sierra Bonita/Santa Monica Boulevard.

Anny Semonco, WEST HOLLYWOOD, introduced herself as a Disabilities Advisory Board Liaison.

#### 4. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Submission of Grant Applications to Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Agency (LA Metro) for FTA Section 5310 funds.

Staff report by Perri Slone Goodman

1. Motion: Conclude that there are no community based agencies interested in providing this service proposed by the City.

Moved: Wayland Second: Greene

All Ayes.

Motion passed.

#### 5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Prohibition Of Third Party Sale, Lease Or Reservation Of Public **Parking** 

Staff report by Don Norte

Commissioner Eichman asked if the City has encountered the business in practice.

Don Norte said that they have not, yet.

Commissioner Greene supported the ordinance and clarified that the ordinance does not affect app based valet services.

Don Norte said it would not.

Motion: support and advise the City Council to introduce for first reading, Ordinance No. 15-"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADDING SECTION 9.04.330 TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION OF THE SALE, LEASE, RESERVATION OR FACILITATING FOR A FEE THE SALE, LEASE OR RESERVATION OF ANY PUBLIC PARKING SPACE WITHOUT EXPRESS AUTHORIZATION FROM THE CITY".

Moved: Wayland

Second: Greene

All Ayes.

Motion passed.

#### 6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Warren gave a summary of the March 9, 2015 Parking Subcommittee meeting.

#### 7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

# A. West Hollywood West Traffic Calming Update

Staff report by Walter Davis.

Commissioner Eichman asked how shortcutting traffic was identified.

Walter Davis explained.

Commissioner Greene suggested defining the area that is noticed.

Commissioner Warren stated that he is not comfortable with item #5 because it seems to impact the residents more than the shortcutting.

Commissioner Wayland remarked that the prohibition would be a matter of consensus and suggested getting consensus from the neighborhood on the entire area, rather than by sections.

Walter Davis stated that the consensus gathering is not complete.

Kevin Burton, WEST HOLLYWOOD, supported the traffic calming and commented that bicycles should be allowed to pass through cul-desacs and street closures.

Commissioner Warren asked if there would be turn restrictions during morning peak hours preventing traffic from turning onto Rosewood from La Cienega.

Bianca Siegl replied that it may be coordinated with Los Angeles if funding comes through and a traffic control signal is installed there.

Commissioner Warren remarked that his experience at neighborhood meetings is that residents in the affected area desire being an island which makes them resistant to traffic calming instead of absolute stoppage. He also stated that he had the feeling that the residents did not enjoy the process, and he speculated that it may have been too technical. He suggested that the approach for the upcoming TriWest meeting be a little less technical and more a collection of information from residents with analysis from experts to follow. He also expressed concern that residents may be being misled about what affect the Melrose Streetscape plan may have.

Commissioner Greene asked about remedies that may be implemented quickly without the petition process.

Bianca Siegl replied that those items brought up are not being put off, but planned through existing efforts.

Commissioner Greene spoke specifically about traffic signal improvement on La Cienega, which he feels could provide immediate relief. He spoke in terms of a big picture and, even though he is not keen on restricting access to public streets, he is open to more aggressive treatment on Rosewood, since it is the major source of shortcutting. He stated that he disagreed with Commissioner Warren and feels that the Melrose Streetscape plan will reduce shortcutting.

Walter Davis stated that staff is improving at managing the expectations of residents for the meetings.

Commissioner Eichman thanked Commissioner Warren for attending all three neighborhood meetings.

8. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: Items removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion are considered at this time.

# 9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

#### Siegl

- Manager update
  - o Response to Items from Commission
- Fairfax Bike Lines
- Multi-Modal Brochure
- Employee Bike Share launch
- West Side Crosswalk Safety

# 10. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

#### Wayland

Request for extended meter hour update

#### Warren

Petition process for Norwich

# Greene

Crosswalk feasibility east of Palm questioned

## **Eichman**

- Analysis of possible need for fencing along medians
- Beverly Hills slowly moving toward bike lanes.

# 11. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

No items

# 12. ADJOURNMENT

Action: The Transportation Commission adjourned at 8:38 p.m. until the next meeting on April 15, 2015, 7:00 p.m., Plummer Park Community Center, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, Rooms 5 and 6, West Hollywood, California 90069

Moved: Warren

Second: Wayland

All ayes.

Motion passed.

APPROVED BY MOTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION THIS 15TH DAY OF APRIL 2015.

Chair

ATTEST:

Staff Liaison