

**MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MAY 20, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Steven Greene.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
Luis Marquez 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:

Misti Cooper, William Doebler, Amy Walia-Fazio, Steven Greene,
David Warren

Commissioners absent:

Steve Wayland

Staff present:

Bianca Siegl, Long Range and Mobility Planning Manager

Jackie Rocco, Parking Operations Manager

Rod Marquez, Parking Operations Supervisor

Walter Davis, Neighborhood Traffic Management Program
Specialist

Perri Sloane Goodman, Transportation Program Administrator

Danny Casillas, Administrative Specialist III

- D. Approval of the Agenda of May 20, 2015, Transportation Commission meeting.

Motion: Warren Second: Walia-Fazio
All ayes.

Motion passed.

E. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approve minutes, Commission meeting of April 15, 2015
With the following change:|
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Moved: Warren Second: Doeblner
Aye: All

Motion passed.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

No items.

3. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

Luis Marquez, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about Parking enforcement.
Michael Woojtkielewicz, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about Sierra
Bonita/SMB

Jesse Slansky, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about WHCHC Open House
on June 16

4. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Norwich Drive Petition For a Street Closure

Staff report by Walter Davis.

Commissioner Walia-Fazio asked when the Almont/Melrose cul-de-sac
and the Hammond bollards went up.

Walter Davis said they went up circa 1992.

Commissioner Warren asked if there were enough signatures from
both streets for the petition to move forward.

Walter Davis said that Norwich met the required fifty-one percent and
although, Huntley didn't reach the threshold, staff thought that it was
close enough to move it forward.

Commissioner Doebler asked about the status of the proposed development.

Bianca Siegl replied that the current application has been delayed.

John Vergara, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke AGAINST Staff report recommendations.

Brad Keistler, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke AGAINST Staff report recommendations.

Melanie Leviet, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke AGAINST Staff report recommendations.

Michael Hayden, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke AGAINST Staff report recommendations.

Leslie Karliss, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke AGAINST Staff report recommendations.

Kimberly Winick, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke IN FAVOR of Staff report recommendations.

Lawrence Shelby, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke IN FAVOR of Staff report recommendations.

Clive Wilkinson, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke IN FAVOR of Staff report recommendations.

Terry Leftgoff, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke IN FAVOR of Staff report recommendations.

Richard Giesbrit, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke AGAINST Staff report recommendations.

Luis Marquez, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke AGAINST Staff report recommendations.

Cheryl Scott, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke IN FAVOR of Staff report recommendations.

Commissioner Walia-Fazio asked if there was enough room for a cul-de-sac, i.e., enough space for emergency vehicles.

Walter Davis said that the Fire Department would consult on the design and determine whether it is feasible.

Commissioner Walia-Fazio commented that there's a lack of signage for the one-way passage.

Walter Davis said that there had been sufficient signage and he would look into improvements.

Commissioner Walia-Fazio asked what are the residential parking restrictions for the area.

Rod Marquez explained.

Commissioner Doebler asked how long Norwich has been one-way.

Walter Davis said it has been one-way since the 80's.

Commissioner Doebler asked if there are any other residential streets in West Hollywood that are one-way.

Walter Davis replied that Phyllis Avenue is one-way.

Commissioner Cooper expressed that she felt conflicted since the proposed development has been denied, but still feels residents should be protected. She said overall, the big picture shows that there needs to be more give and take on both sides.

Commissioner Warren stated that he walked the neighborhood and that the traffic issues he witnessed didn't seem any worse, or not as bad as what he's seen on other streets. He didn't feel it warranted closing off the street. He did agree that there is a lack of signage for the one-way/two-way portions of the street and added that parking enforcement concerning loading/unloading seems to be an issue as well.

Commissioner Doebler agreed with Commissioner Warren and feels that decisions should be based on actual data and not what may be in the future. He added that there could be some improvements made on the current traffic calming measures.

Commissioner Walia-Fazio thanked Norwich residents for the walk-through and agreed that decisions should be based on current data. She agreed that improvements are needed in signage and lighting. She expressed that she felt the issue requires a neighborhood plan and not a street by street patchwork. She added that the City should look at major corridors and Rosewood.

Commissioner Greene agreed with his fellow commissioners. He agreed that illegally parked delivery trucks should be enforced by the Sheriffs as well as Parking Enforcement. He expressed hope that the Melrose rehab will help the situation. He suggested that Staff talk to the City of Los Angeles about signal timing at Beverly/La Cienega.

Motion: Deny Norwich Drive road closure

Moved: Warren Second: Doebler
Ayes: All
Motion passed.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Status Report On Transit Service Contracts

Staff report from Perri Sloane Goodman

Commissioner Warren asked for an explanation of how the Hollywood run would go.

Perri Sloane Goodman explained.

Commissioner Warren asked how much the pilot would cost.

Perri Sloane Goodman said it would be \$90,000 for nine months.

Commissioner Warren asked if the route would duplicate the old Dash route.

Perri Sloane Goodman said it would not.

Commissioner Warren asked about the contract with the Chamber of Commerce.

Perri Sloane Goodman explained the details.

Commissioner Doebler asked if there has been any feedback from tap card users.

Perri Sloane Goodman said that there has not been any, which also means there have been no complaints.

Commissioner Greene thanked Perri for her work and asked how Metro feels about the route.

Perri Sloane Goodman said that Metro had approved the route earlier, but there are a few jurisdictional issues to be addressed.

Commissioner Walia Fazio asked if anyone could ride, regardless of residence.

Perri Sloane Goodman said it is open to the public.

Commissioner Warren said that he likes the pilot and asked if there was anything else coming up.

Perri Sloane Goodman gave a brief overview of upcoming changes in services.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

7. OLD BUSINESS

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

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

A. Manager's Report

- 3 APA Awards
- West Hollywood West Parking Study
- Metro site development
- Parking Policy, Westside crosswalks and Bike/Pedestrian Plan at City Council
- Mobility Brochure

B. Jackie Rocco

- Parking Permit Neighborhood

10. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

Cooper

- 72 Hour parking Limit

Commissioner Cooper asked if the regulation could be changed.

Jackie Rocco gave a brief background

Rod Marquez explained that it is a state law.

Walia Fazio

- Would have appreciated parking reform item came the Commission before going to City Council

Warren

- Traffic relief update
- Pedestrians crossing mid-block as related to crosswalk consolidation
- Rosewood solutions for traffic short cutting

Greene

- Metro site development
- Away for June 1 City Council meeting
- Possible farewell

11. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

No items

12. ADJOURNMENT

Action: The Transportation Commission adjourned at 9:19 p.m. until the next meeting on June 17, 2015, 7:00 p.m., Plummer Park Community Center, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, Rooms 5 and 6, West Hollywood, California 90069

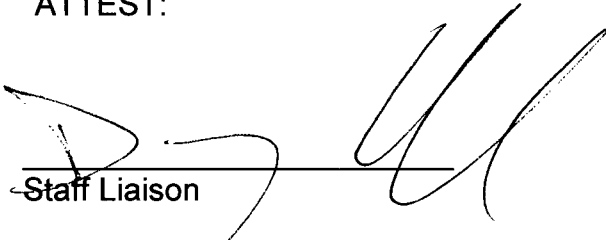
Moved: Doebler Second: Warren
All ayes.
Motion passed.

APPROVED BY MOTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION THIS
17TH DAY OF JUNE 2015.



Chair

ATTEST:



Staff Liaison

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