

**MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2011**

**WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL,
8300 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Eichman.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
Commissioner 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, Kathryn Page, Brian Pendleton,
Scott Schmidt, Steve Wayland

Commissioners absent:
Luis Marquez

Staff present:
Anne McIntosh, Director of Community Development Department
Francisco Contreras, Acting Transportation & Transit Manager
Bob Cheung, Senior Transportation Planner
Jackie Rocco, Parking Operations Manager
Rod Marquez, Jr., Parking Operations Officer
Eric Ruiz, Project Manager
Walter Davis, Neighborhood Traffic Management Program
Specialist
Danny Casillas, Administrative Specialist III

- D. Approval of the Agenda
Motion: Approve the Agenda of January 19, 2011, Transportation Commission meeting and adjourn in memory of Christina-Taylor Green.
Moved: Eichman Second: Wayland
All ayes.

Motion passed.

- E. Approval of Minutes
Motion: Approve minutes, Commission meeting of December 15, 2010.
Moved: Wayland Second: Page
All Ayes:

Motion passed.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

No items.

III. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

Irv Bonias, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about cars exiting the Kings Road parking structure.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Installation of Permanent Medians along the 1210 and 1221 Kings Road Frontage.

Staff report from Walter Davis

Commissioner Schmidt asked about the medians in relation to the driveways.

Walter Davis explained that none of the driveways are impeded by the medians.

Commissioner Greene commented that there seems to be difficulty in determining the issues.

Walter Davis explained the issues.

Commissioner Schmidt asked for the dimensions of the medians.

Walter Davis detailed the dimensions.

Irv Bonias, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke IN FAVOR of Staff report recommendations.

Andrea Henselmann, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke IN FAVOR of Staff report recommendations.

P. Bouchara, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke IN FAVOR of Staff report recommendations.

Jim Westby, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke IN FAVOR of Staff report recommendations.

Commissioner Wayland asked what the legal speed limit on the street is.

Walter Davis said that it is 25 miles per hour.

Commissioner Eichman asked how the test medians differ from permanent medians.

Walter Davis replied that the permanent medians are a little more forgiving due to more room and rolled curbs.

Commissioner Schmidt asked what the fiscal impact would be.

Walter Davis reported that the cost would be \$15,000.

Commissioner Schmidt suggested installing only the south median.

Commissioner Greene disagreed with Commissioner Schmidt, as cars would speed immediately after passing one median to "make up for loss time".

Commissioner Eichman asked if staff thought two medians were needed.

Walter Davis stated that two are needed to calm traffic most effectively.

Motion: Recommend to City Council to approve the installation of permanent medians at 1210 and 1221 Kings Road.

Moved: Wayland Second: Page
All ayes.

Motion passed.

V. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

A. BIKESTATION Presentation

Staff report from Andrea White-Kjoss from Bikestation

Commissioner Wayland asked if 30 bikes really fit in the space of one car and if the station would be self-served.

Andrea White-Kjoss confirmed the information.

Commissioner Eichman asked if access would be gained by key or card.

Andrea White-Kjoss replied it would be a key.

Commissioner Eichman asked if the spaces are leased and how long the lease is.

Andrea White-Kjoss stated that daily, weekly, monthly or yearly plans are available.

Anne McIntosh commented that this information fits in well with the timing of the General Plan.

Commissioner Wayland pointed out that a few members of the Bicycle Task Force were present.

Commissioner Eichman suggested that the Bicycle Task Force see this presentation as well.

XI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Anne McIntosh allowed Jackie Rocco to present her report out of order.

A. Parking Update

Jackie Rocco explained the current state of parking in the city with an emphasis on “smart” parking meters.

Commissioner Eichman asked if the monthly cost was the same for all meters.

Jackie Rocco responded that it was about ten dollars per meter, per month.

Commissioner Pendleton stated that he loves the meters and asked if there is a bulk rate on them.

Jackie Rocco replied that there is, but they are still costly.

Commissioner Greene stated that cost should be made up based on the communication between the meters and Parking Enforcement.

Commissioner Marquez asked about ground sensors and commented that the meters are easier to read.

Jackie Rocco replied that real-time occupancy sensors are an additional cost.

Commissioner Greene commented that he felt it was a fairer system, letting people know what is going on. He added that, now, there is an application for finding open parking spaces.

Commissioner Wayland asked for confirmation of what the City's policy is on broken parking meters.

Jackie Rocco replied that parking is allowed at a broken meter for the posted time of the meter.

Commissioner Wayland asked what the difference was between the old meter and the “smart” meter.

Jackie Rocco said that “smart” meters are more reliable and give alerts and reports on disabled meters.

Commissioner Wayland asked if expired meter violations have gone down with the “smart” meters.

Jackie Rocco replied that they have not significantly gone down.

Commissioner Schmidt asked where the unused meters are in the city.

Rod Marquez replied that he couldn't give exact locations, but there are some.

Commissioner Schmidt asked about a standardization of meter rates and hours with surrounding cities.

Jackie Rocco replied that staff is looking into it.

Commissioner Eichman asked if it is evident that meters are intentionally broken.

Rod Marquez said that there are problem areas, and parking enforcement notes when there are suspicious circumstances, but the problem has slowed with the "smart" meters.

Jackie Rocco added that sometimes there are obvious clues, like paper clips or foil stuffed into the coin slot.

Commissioner Eichman asked if the Cash Key Program is still in operation.

Rod Marquez said that it is and it is still popular.

Commissioner Pendleton asked if there are pre-paid cards available.

Rod Marquez replied that there are debit cards available.

Jackie Rocco introduced Eric Ruiz, for a summary of towing in regard to temporary no-parking signs in the city.

Eric Ruiz explained the process.

Rod Marquez added that temporary sign violations are enforced on a call basis.

Commissioner Pendleton reported an odd incident at Pavilions during an event.

Eric Ruiz responded that red bags are placed on meters in problem areas and that notices are given ahead of special events or long

term disuse. He added that license plates are run to see if the driver is reachable prior to towing.

Commissioner Page asked about abandoned cars.

Eric Ruiz replied that cars are towed seventy-two hours after they are identified.

Commissioner Eichman asked if all cars are cited before being towed.

Jackie Rocco replied that cars can be towed immediately in areas where peak hour towing restrictions are posted.

Rod Marquez added that otherwise, cars are typically towed thirty minutes after the ticket is issued.

Commissioner Schmidt reported parking permit signs missing in the Havenhurst/Fountain area.

V. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

B. Transportation Commission Staffing And Procedures

Anne McIntosh gave a brief overview.

Commissioner Eichman asked if there was a timeline for hiring the new Long Range and Mobility Planning Manager.

Anne McIntosh reported that the hire should occur in April.

Commissioner Eichman asked if the Commission would have some involvement.

Anne McIntosh said they would.

Commissioner Wayland said he would prefer that items from Commission be placed on agenda through Commission consent.

Anne McIntosh explained the role of the Chairperson.

Commissioner Page asked if the Commission could be more informed.

Anne McIntosh replied that there would be more communication and added that the commission will be seeing more elements of the Planning Department involved with the Transportation Commission.

VI. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

No report.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

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

IX. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT

No Report

X. LIAISON REPORT

No report.

XI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Bob Cheung gave an update on the Speed Sign RFP.

Commissioner Eichman commented that there are speed signs that collect data.

Commissioner Schmidt asked if staff would be exploring the feasibility of a crosswalk on San Vicente.

Bob Cheung replied that staff has and that the data gathered did not meet policy standards nor warrants.

XII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

Pendleton

- Chevy Volt

Schmidt

- Parking on Fountain Avenue

Greene

- Sunnyvale Opinion on CEQA
- Permanent yard sale on Crescent Heights

Wayland

- BTF Update
- Meeting with Perri Sloane Goodman

Eichman

- Pedestrian Safety Workshop

XIII. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

No items.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Action: The Transportation Commission adjourned in memory of Christina-Taylor Green at 9:00 p.m. until the next meeting on February 16, 2011, 7:00 p.m., at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA. 90069

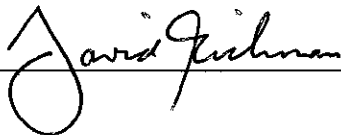
Moved: Schmidt Second: Page

All ayes.

Motion passed.

APPROVED BY MOTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION THIS
16TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2011.

Chair



ATTEST:

Staff Liaison