

**MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2011**

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Eichman.

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:
David Eichman, Steven Greene, Lindsey Horvath, Scott Schmidt,
Leon Shparaga, David Warren, Steve Wayland

Commissioners absent:
None

Staff present:
Melissa Antol, Long Range and Mobility Planning Manager
Bob Cheung, Senior Transportation Planner
Danny Casillas, Administrative Specialist III

D. Approval of the Agenda
Motion: Approve the Agenda of August 17, 2011, Transportation Commission meeting adjourning in memory of Aria Baez Marquez.
Moved: Greene Second: Schmidt
All ayes.

Motion passed.

- E. Approval of Minutes
Motion: Approve minutes, Commission meeting of May 18, 2011
With change;
Page 4: Add Commissioner Warren's comment on left turns.
Moved: Schmidt Second: Greene
Aye: Eichman, Greene, Schmidt, Wayland, Warren
Abstain: Shparaga

Motion passed.

Motion: Approve minutes, Commission meeting of July 20, 2011
with changes;
Page 6; change Wayland to Warren
*Page 7; correct "greenhouse", clarify Commissioner Warren's
statement to identify financial comparison.*
*Page 8; add "of" to Goodman's statement, change "Leon" to
"Shparaga".*
Aye: Eichman, Shparaga, Warren, Wayland
Abstain: Greene, Schmidt

Motion passed.

- F. Oath of Office
Lindsey Horvath sworn in by Melissa Antol
- G. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
Elected Chair: Steve Wayland
Elected Vice-Chair: David Warren

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

No items.

III. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

Luis Marquez, WEST HOLLYWOOD, bid his farewell to the Commission.

Thomas Kies, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about having ethanol at West Hollywood gas stations.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

No item.

V. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

A. Presentation from City Clerk's Office

Staff report from Corey Schaffer

Commissioner Eichman asked if speakers are required to fill out all information on the speaker slip.

Corey Schaffer said that they are not required to fill out any of it, if they choose not to.

Commissioner Schmidt asked if discussion of agenda items would be an infraction under the Brown Act.

Corey Schaffer said that it is best discuss items with staff and leave it at Staff's discretion as to informing other commissioners, if not discussing at a public meeting.

Commissioner Warren asked about sharing information, such as a published article not related to Transportation.

Corey Schaffer cautioned against creating the appearance of a serial meeting. It would be best to give the information to the staff liaison to distribute.

VI. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

No items.

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

IX. LIAISON REPORT

No report.

X. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Cheung

- Pedestrian Accident Report

Commissioner Warren asked if staff is following and investigating trends.

Bob Cheung said that he must defer to Public Safety staff and the Public Safety Commission. He added that if the Commission wishes to identify a specific area to be investigated, he would pass it on to Public Safety staff.

Commissioner Warren suggested asking the Sheriff's or Fire Department for details of the accidents.

Bob Cheung said he could request that of Public Safety Staff.

Commissioner Eichman asked how numerous false alarms and non-calls are tracked.

Bob Cheung explained the origin of the report and expressed that he didn't wish to misspeak, so he would have to ask Public Safety about it.

Commissioner Greene said that the report doesn't mention the number of pedestrians in relation to the number of accidents.

Commissioner Schmidt added that vehicle/vehicle accidents are also not represented, so this report is not useful in determining whether or not warrants are met.

Melissa Antol reminded the Commission that the information is retrievable.

Commissioner Wayland stated that a pedestrian activated crosswalk was installed at Lexington and La Brea in response to these reports, so it is evident that the information is being tracked. He added that it

would be helpful to know whether bicyclists or pedestrians were involved in the accidents reported.

Commissioner Eichman added that it would be helpful to know if the accident occurred in a signalized crosswalk, unsignalized crosswalk or mid-block.

Commissioner Horvath asked how bicycle/pedestrian collisions on sidewalks are monitored.

Bob Cheung said that staff assumes that most of those collisions go unreported, but if they are reported, they appear on the General Report.

Commissioner Horvath stated that she is trying to determine the scope of Public Safety versus Transportation.

Bob Cheung pointed out that the Sheriff's and Fire Departments report to Public Safety.

Commissioner Greene reminded the Commission that the report is generated by the Public Safety Division.

Commissioner Wayland replied that if it is information that has already been gathered, he sees no harm in asking for it. He added that there may be a need to encourage people to report bicycle/pedestrian collisions.

Commissioner Horvath said that they do get reported.

Commissioner Wayland stated that all he is asking is the Transportation Commission to be included in the information.

Commissioner Schmidt suggested that the Commission could identify problematic areas with the current data and request staff to investigate.

Commissioner Warren suggested having the Sheriff's Department or Fire Department come and explain the reports to the Commission.

Commissioner Wayland obtained a consensus to have a presentation.

- Parking Subcommittee meeting August 22, 2011.
- Zip Car Program

Antol

- Long Range and Mobility Planning Division update

XI. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

Horvath

- Greetings to Commission, Staff and public

Schmidt

- Red Light Photo Enforcement Program

Greene

- No red curb at No Parking Zone on Sweetzer south of Santa Monica Boulevard
- West Hollywood Park Masterplan

Eichman

- Memorial for Kathy Page
- Parking Rate increase at Hollywood Highland

Warren

- Status of Signal Synch report

Wayland

- BTF update

XII. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

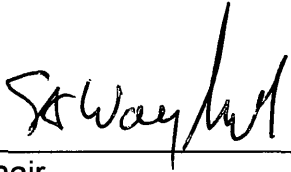
Kevin Burton spoke about a bicycle/pedestrian collision at Santa Monica Boulevard and Orange Grove. He also spoke about the Metro Liaison.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Action: The Transportation Commission adjourned in Memory of Aria Baez Marquez at 8:22 p.m. until the next meeting on September 21, 2011, 7:00 p.m., at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA. 90069

Moved: Schmidt Second: Horvath
All ayes.
Motion passed.

APPROVED BY MOTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION THIS
21ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2011.



Chair

ATTEST:

Staff Liaison