



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
Room 280A

In-Person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday, August 3, 2023
9:00 AM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: August 3, 2023 / 9:01 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Geller, Afra-Maghen (arrived at 9:16 AM), Ignarro, Vice Chair Schwartz, Chair Shalowitz

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: Martha Eros, Daren Grilley, Jessie Holzer Carpenter, Ilene Knebel

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Members of the public may address the Commission regarding any items on the Agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. By State law, the Commission may not discuss or vote on items not on the agenda.

Public Comment: Public comment was heard from David Gingold, Steve Mayer and Lynne Brookman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By order of the Chair, the agenda was approved as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes

Consideration of Minutes of the Traffic and Parking Commission regular meeting of June 1, 2023

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Ignarro, SECONDED by Commissioner Geller to approve the consent calendar item as presented (3/0).

AYES: Commissioners Geller, Ignarro, Vice Chair Schwartz

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Chair Shalowitz

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

2. Police Department Report

Sergeant Jay Kim and Officer Michael Garrido were available for Commissioner comments and questions. The Commission thanked Officer Garrido for his help with commercial enforcement and inquired about the increase in collision injuries from May to June 2023.

3. Monthly Educational Speaker Series – Speed Management Strategies in San Francisco

Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer Carpenter introduced Uyen Ngo, SFMTA Vision Zero Program Manager. She gave a presentation on San Francisco's efforts to reduce and eliminate pedestrian traffic accidents, including the various changes to traffic control implemented under the Vision Zero program. The commission thanked her for the presentation and asked about the most effective tools for reducing speed, deciding which intersections should have "no turn on red" signs, and if the higher number of collisions in San Francisco's "Tenderloin" neighborhood was due to the unhoused population.

Public Comment: Public comment was heard from Julie Glucksman.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Coldwater Cañon Drive (aka Coldwater Canyon Drive) Left-Turn Pocket Removal and Crosswalk Analysis

Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer Daren Grilley introduced Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer Carpenter, who gave a presentation on the city's efforts to reduce speeding and passing on Coldwater Cañon. She introduced Sarah Brandenburg, Transportation Consultant from Fehr & Peers, who gave a presentation on the firm's transportation assessment study on Coldwater Cañon. The study recommended keeping the left-turn pockets and installing crosswalks with safety enhancements. There are three locations recommended for further consideration of crosswalk installation.

Public Speakers: Public comment was heard from David Salomon, Ralph Herzig, Steven Hopher, Barry Bernstein, David Fisher, Larry Murphy, Ethan Chase, Julie Glucksman, Christina Noonan, Tim Noonan, Jack Nourafshan, Ellie Yadegar, Melanie Staggs, David Gingold, Abigail Anshell, Sylvia Shapiro and Peter Ostroff.

Public Comment: Public comment was read into the record from Curtis Tamkin, Nadina Szew, Scott Vanzo, Joshua Deutsch, Victoria Natkin Goodman, Fernando Szew, Julie Salomon, John Cohen, Gary Goodman, Dina Morrone, Matthew O'Sullivan, Stephen Rivkin, Kamall Shaikh, Raghav Khanna, Jamshid Mehdizadeh, Paul Markovits, Shiva Rahimizadeh, Anne Ostroff, Franny Rennie, Susan Niman, Casper Daugaard, Kathy Murray, David and Jan Martin, Jackie Diamond, Daniel Fink, Ron Manusand Renee Cunning, David Cohan, David Shapiro, Dorrie Markovits, Roberto Alcantara, Robert and Ella Omid, Rozita Yacobi, Michael Manshel and Tobey Cotsen.

Staff recommended maintaining all left-turn pockets and that more detailed proposals for the three crosswalks be made for further consideration. The commission noted their support for staff's recommendations and asked about any studies done for parking on Coldwater and what the next steps for more detailed designs for proposed crosswalks would involve.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Ignarro, SECONDED by Commissioner Afra-Maghen to present staff's recommendations to City Council (5/0).

AYES: Commissioners Geller, Afra-Maghen, Ignarro, Vice Chair Schwartz, Chair Shalowitz

NOES: None.

CARRIED

*The commission took a break at 11:48 AM.
The commission returned from break at 11:57 AM.*

5. Transportation Demand Management Policy Framework

Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer Carpenter introduced CivicSparks fellow Elizabeth Morris, who gave a presentation on the city's current Transportation Demand Management (TDM) ordinance, which was adopted in 1993. The City's Complete Streets Plan aims to revise the ordinance to better reflect current needs and increase sustainability. The commission asked about the gas tax's funding of the ordinance, how much City Council would support in updating in ordinance, and which ways the ordinance could be updated.

PROJECT UPDATES AND FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

6. Traffic Engineering Quarterly Report

This item was skipped due to time constraints. This item is available online to the public.

7. Project Updates and Follow-Up Items

This item was skipped due to time constraints. This item is available online to the public.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

The commission noted the city's network bicycling score of 37 from the nonprofit organization PeopleForBikes, which is above the national average. The commission thanked staff for their work on traffic signage on Coldwater.

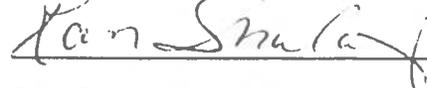
COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: August 3, 2023 / 12:27 PM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 7th DAY of SEPTEMBER, 2023



Ron Shalowitz, Chair