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LA MESA TRAFFIC COMMISSION

AGENDA

A Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

9:00 a.m.

City Council Chambers

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AGENDA

FEBRUARY 3, 2016

9:00 A.M.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

INVOCATION – COMMISSIONER HOVEY

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

NOTE: In accordance with state law, an item not scheduled on the agenda may be brought forward by the general public for discussion; however, the Traffic Commission will not be able to take any action at this meeting. If appropriate, the item will be referred to Staff or placed on a future agenda.

NEW BUSINESS (ACTION)

- 1. ELECTION FOR CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR POSITIONS**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 4, 2015 TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING (APPROVAL)**
- 3. REQUEST FOR AN ON-STREET DISABLED PERSONS PARKING SPACE AT 9535 WHITE PLACE (APPROVAL)**

COMMISSION INITIATED ITEMS

STAFF COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

LA MESA TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES – November 4, 2015

The La Mesa Traffic Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, in the La Mesa City Council Chambers located at 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California.

The Agenda for this meeting was posted on October 29, 2015.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Traffic Commission members present: Chair Caprio, Commissioners Calandra and Krulikowski.

Absent: Vice Chair Neal, Commissioner Hovey

Staff members present: Director of Public Works/City Engineer Greg Humora, Engineering Project Manager Kathy Feilen, Police Captain Ray Sweeney, Fire Marshal Chris Jensen and Administrative Coordinator Sheryl Sherman.

Commissioner Calandra gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kathy Feilen read an email from Kristen Herman, 4856 Harbinson Avenue, addressed to the Commission. Ms. Herman was unable to attend today's meeting and wished to share her comments regarding traffic calming on Harbinson Avenue. (attached)

NEW BUSINESS (ACTION)

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 7, 2015 TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING (APPROVAL)

ACTION: Chair Caprio moved to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2015 meeting, as submitted. Commissioner Krulikowski seconded the motion, which carried 3-0.

AYES: Chair Caprio, Commissioners Calandra and Krulikowski
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Vice Chair Neal, Commissioner Hovey

2. REQUEST FOR AN ON-STREET DISABLED PERSONS PARKING SPACE AT 5929 AMAYA DRIVE (APPROVAL)

Staff received a request for, and recommends approval of, installation of an on-street disabled persons parking space at 5929 Amaya Drive.

ACTION: Motion made by Commissioner Calandra to approve installation of an on-street disabled persons parking space at 5929 Amaya Drive. Commissioner Krulikowski seconded the motion, which carried 3-0.

AYES: Chair Caprio, Commissioners Calandra and Krulikowski
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Vice Chair Neal, Commissioner Hovey

COMMISSION INITIATED ITEMS

None

STAFF COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sheryl Sherman
Administrative Coordinator

Kathy Feilen

From: Kristen Nelson <kristenm.herman@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 9:47 PM
To: Kathy Feilen
Subject: Harbinson Traffic Calming

Kathy - I am asking that you read my comments at the traffic Commission meeting on 11/4/15

Hello,

I am unable to attend tomorrow's Traffic Commission meeting so I am sending my comments in writing.

- 1) I attended numerous meetings (every meeting that I was aware of, at least). I worked with the city and my neighbors. I was told that traffic calming measures could only be installed after a set percentages of residents voted in favor.
- 2) The original traffic calming measures were not installed because a few individuals blocked the neighborhood-approved plan because they did not want to lose parking in front of their house. Kathy told us unfortunately the city can not force people to have traffic calming measure installed in front of their houses.
- 3) The city installed a modified, scaled-down version of the original plan because they could not force residents to have red curbs installed in front of their houses. The modified plan that was installed was ineffective and dangerous.
- 4) The neighborhood was outraged at the ineffective and dangerous traffic calming measures, which prompted the city to rush to install speed cushions that were not approved by residents. FYI - approved by residents does not mean 5 people came to a city council meeting and said they liked the speed cushions.

The rationale I was given by the city council that "We had to install traffic cushions immediately because there were so many accidents!" is inaccurate. There was no difference between the safety/accidents on Harbinson on Oct 2011 (when you allowed a few residents to block voter-approved traffic calming measures) than October 2015 (after the failed, dangerous traffic circles were removed). The only difference was that the neighborhood was pissed off at the city's failed plan.

I am unhappy about the 50+ hours (attending meetings, making informational fliers, going door to door to speak with neighbors, volunteering to upkeep the circle at our intersection) I have spent working with my community on this issue, only to wake up one morning to find a speed cushion being put in front of my house without any notification.

I am distraught about the significant increase in road noise that is right outside my office window. I am sure you would be unhappy if the amount of noise you hear day in and day out at your house had more than doubled.

Kristen Herman

ITEM 3.**TC 02.3.16****LOCATION:** 9535 White Place**REQUEST:** Request for installation of an on-street disabled persons parking space at 9535 White Place.**INITIATED BY:** Judith Levenson**ISSUES:**

Should an on-street disabled persons parking space be installed at 9535 White Place?

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends installation of an on-street disabled persons parking space at 9535 White Place.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**EXISTING CONDITIONS:** The property at 9535 White Place has a driveway but it cannot be used for pick-up and drop-off purposes. Both residents at 9535 White Place are disabled.**DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Levenson is legally blind. Mrs. Levenson is also disabled and has a disabled persons license plate. There is a condominium complex at the end of White Place and visitors to the complex often park on White Place in front of their home. Both residents use a transportation service that picks-up and drops-off in front of their property and they would like to have a disabled persons parking space designated in front of their residence for this purpose. Mr. and Mrs. Levenson have lived at this residence since 1959.

The following conditions exist at this location that meet the requirements of the "Guidelines for Designation of Disabled Persons Parking Spaces Within the Public Right-of-Way for Residential Uses":

1. The applicant has a valid "disabled persons" license plate issued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles.
2. The proposed disabled persons parking space is located in front of the disabled persons place of residence.
3. The residence has useable off-street parking available but it is steep and cannot be used by the transportation service. The driveway opening cannot be used because it is sometimes blocked by parked vehicles.
4. The resident submitted an application to the City Engineer including verification of the need.

Staff recommends approval of the installation of an on-street disabled persons parking space at 9535 White Place.

Attachments: A. Application
B. Guidelines for designation of disabled persons parking spaces within the public right of way for residential uses
C. Photo

**CITY OF LA MESA
APPLICATION
DISABLED PERSONS ON-STREET PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Applicant's Name Judith L. Levenson
 Address 9535 White Place
 City La Mesa Zip Code 91942
 Telephone No. (619) 4641008

1. Is the above address the proposed location for the disabled persons parking space?

Yes No

If not, please indicate the appropriate address below:

Address _____
 City _____ Zip Code _____

2. Do you own the property at this address or are you renting it?

I own the property I am renting it How long at this address? 1959

If other, explain _____

3. Is the applicant the disabled person?

Yes No

If not, what is the relationship to the disabled person?

Spouse _____ Parent _____ Guardian _____ Relative _____ Other _____

Name of disabled person: _____

4. Do you have a valid "disabled persons" license plate (DP or VT plates) issued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles on your vehicle?

Yes No

Please indicate vehicle license number 8246DDP License Plate + Disabled placard 049912F

5. Is there a driveway or other off-street space available at this address that may be used for off-street parking?

Yes No

However, we need pickup at curb by ADA, as husband is legally blind + I am disabled with my right foot + leg -

6. Is there sufficient space in front of this address to accommodate an on-street parking space?

Yes No

I have read and understand the preceding instructions and have answered the above questions truthfully and to the best of my ability. I understand that the City will contact the person as noted in this application each year to verify the continued need for an on-street disabled parking space, and that failure to contact the City in a timely fashion could result in removal of the space. I also understand that the disabled parking space is not exempt from street sweeping parking restrictions or other applicable part-time prohibitions at this location.

Applicant's Signature Judith L. Levenson Date Jan. 4, 2016

CITY OF LA MESA
Department of Public Works
Office of the Director of Public Works/City Engineer

**GUIDELINES FOR DESIGNATION OF DISABLED PERSONS PARKING SPACES
WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR RESIDENTIAL USES**
April 8, 2003

The purpose of a disabled persons parking zone is to provide designated parking spaces in residential areas for the exclusive use of physically disabled persons whose vehicle displays a distinguishing license plate or placard, as authorized by the California Department of Motor Vehicles. **All on-street parking is considered public parking and it is not the intention of the City to provide personal reserved parking on the public right-of-way.**

The City Council may, upon recommendation of the City Traffic Committee, provide an on-street parking space(s) for disabled persons on residential streets if adequate off-street parking is not available and cannot be made available. This should in no way preclude any new or redeveloping facilities from meeting requirements to provide disabled persons parking.

General Requirements

Each disabled persons parking space shall be indicated by blue paint and a sign (white on blue) showing the international symbol of accessibility (a profile view of a wheelchair with occupant).

Where installed under the above criteria the total number of disabled persons curb parking spaces will be limited to 3% of the total number of on-street parking spaces available in the area and shall be distributed uniformly within the area.

Disabled persons parking will not be installed at locations with a full-time parking prohibition.

When a disabled persons parking space is installed where a part-time parking prohibition is in effect, the disabled persons parking space will be exempt from the time restriction per Section 22511.5.(a)(1)(B) of the California Vehicle Code.

The cost of installing disabled persons parking will be assumed by the City on public streets and public off-street parking facilities.

In establishing on-street parking facilities for the disabled there shall be a reasonable determination made that the need is of an on-going nature. The intent is to prevent the proliferation of special parking stalls that may be installed for a short-term purpose but later are seldom used. Unjustified installation of such parking stalls unnecessarily increases the City's maintenance and operations costs, reduces available on-street parking for the general public, and detracts from the overall effectiveness of the disabled person parking program.

Special Hardship Cases

All on-street parking is considered public parking. It is not the intention of the city to provide personal reserved parking on the public right-of-way, especially in residential areas. However, exceptions may be made, in special hardship cases, provided all of the following conditions exist:

- (1) Applicant (or guardian) must be in possession of a valid license plate or placard for disabled persons or disabled veterans issued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles;
- (2) The proposed disabled parking space must be in front of the disabled person's place of residence;
- (3) The subject residence must not have useable off-street parking available or off-street space available that could be converted to meet the property's disabled parking requirements; and
- (4) Applicant (or guardian) must submit an application to the City Engineer including verification of the need. In addition, the applicant must furnish annually, a signed affidavit requesting continued use of, and verifying the need for the disabled parking space. If the affidavit is not received within 30 days of the anniversary date, the space may be removed. The City Engineer is authorized to remove these signs and curb markings when they are no longer valid to the General Requirements or Special Hardship Cases section of the Disabled Persons Parking Policy.

