

**MINUTES  
TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION COMMISSION  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019 4:00 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Brandon-Whalen Castellanos  
Susan Gapinski  
Moramay Sanchez  
Amy Koorstad

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Ken Fuller

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mark Miller – Traffic Engineer  
Matt Foulkes – Director of Community and Economic  
Development  
Meg McWade – Director of Public Works  
Jon Radus – Traffic Lieutenant  
Maricela Carrillo – Clerical Assistant III

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Brandon Whalen-Castellanos at 4:01pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jose Trinidad Castaneda shared his concerns regarding Baker Avenue between Euclid Street and Richman Avenue. He explained that residents were worried about the large number of vehicles driving at a high speed down Baker Avenue. He requested that staff investigate this issue and find a remedy to this problem.

Traffic Lieutenant Jon Radus stated that he will have a speed trailer put on this segment of street to remind drivers of the appropriate speed of travel.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

MOTION made by Commissioner Susan Gapinski to approve the Minutes for the October 7, 2019 meeting, SECONDED by Commissioner Moramay Sanchez, CARRIED (5-0).

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

Commissioner Whalen-Castellanos adjourned Transportation and Circulation Commission and reconvened as the Board of Parking Place Commission at 4:05pm.

## **ITEM NO. 1**

### **PARKING DISTRICT NO. 2 – REASSIGNMENT OF PARKING**

Director of Community and Economic Development, Matt Foulkes, introduced the recommendation to remove 1 parking stall within Parking District #2. Director Foulkes explained that the applicant requested to remove the space in order to install an electrical transformer needed to provide sufficient electricity for a renovation for the building along Harbor Boulevard as well as their building along Commonwealth Avenue. In addition, they would like to restripe an area within the same lot to add one new van accessible ADA parking space and one regular parking space.

Director Foulkes invited Jacob Glaze with Kimley-Horn to speak. Mr. Glaze explained the master plan for a development on Harbor Boulevard and Commonwealth Avenue. He reiterated that the development improvements consisted of the removal of one (1) parking stall and the replacement of said stall with one (1) ADA parking space and one (1) regular space elsewhere in the same parking lot.

#### **Public Comment**

Bob Winkelman, owner of 114 N Harbor Boulevard, expressed his concern over the City of Fullerton continuously decreasing the amount of parking spaces available in the downtown area. He explained that many employees of businesses along the strip of Commonwealth being discussed utilize the parking lot for their business, as employee parking and customer parking. He is concerned about the loss of the parking. He said this item is being presented as a gain of parking, when it is a net loss of parking as he believes 8 spots will be lost due to development. He also found the decision of where to position the new transformer to be strange, as it is not near where development will take place. He concluded his response by stating there are already existing handicap parking spaces within the parking lot.

Paul Bixby, Mr. Winkelman's partner, added that the cross-hatched space that is proposed to be restriped is commonly used for delivery trucks and asked where trucks could make their deliveries if that is removed. He also added that if they are going to turn the private parking area into outdoor seating it will be an increased demand for parking, not a decrease, so more parking spaces will be needed.

Commissioner Amy Koorstad stated she thought the commission reviewed plans for this development a year ago and wanted to restructure it, particularly the northeast portion of it. She believes they discussed straightening out the parking stalls in order to add more parking spaces.

City Traffic Engineer Mark Miller informed Commissioner Koorstad that the Transportation and Circulation Commission did review a proposed project for Jones & Mayer, however he did not know the status of those plans. That item concerned the parking stalls adjacent to the Jones & Mayer building on the north end of the parking area, not the area being discussed.

Commissioner Gapinski asked that the position choice for the transformer be explained to the Commission.

Mr. Glaze explained the position was proposed by Southern California Edison, as it will be in their existing electrical feed. He added that he would be happy to reach out to Edison to see if the position can be adjusted to be placed on the south side of the parking lot.

Commissioner Whalen-Castellanos stated that he believes staff should address all the questions made in public comment.

Director Foulkes stated that Mr. Winkelman is correct about this development resulting in a net loss of parking spots. There are approximately ten parking spaces utilized in the privately owned portion of the parking lot that will be removed. He clarified that the discussion for the commissioners is related to the parking district, the public portion of the parking lot, which will have a net gain, but it is accurate to say that the removal of the private portion off parking stalls results in a net loss for the totality of the parking lot. The decision is based on the public parking, not the private parking. The building code does not require private parking for restaurant use, so the private parking spaces that may be used by employees is not required by code.

Commissioner Gapinski asked who the owner of the private lot is. Director Foulkes answered that it is the same owner who is making the proposal tonight, and wants to convert the private parking spaces to outdoor seating.

Commissioner Whalen-Castellanos asked about the existing ADA parking stalls and to elaborate on the lack of ADA parking stalls within Parking District #2.

Director Foulkes explained there are signed and striped spaces along the private parking area that are dedicated to ADA. However, they are not on par with the current code and do not meet the accessible space requirement. The new proposed spot would fulfil the new code requirements.

Commissioner Gapinski MOTIONED to APPROVE and authorize the removal of one parking stall in Parking District #2 as was presented, SECONDED by Commissioner Whalen-Castellanos, CARRIED 4-0-0.

Commissioner Whalen-Castellanos adjourned the Board of Parking Place Commission and reconvened as the Transportation and Circulation Commission at 4:24pm.

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Director Foulkes discussed the role of the Transportation and Circulation Committee and the Active Transportation Committee. City Council decided to change the Bicycle User Subcommittee from a subcommittee to the Transportation and Circulation Committee into its own committee and rename it the Active Transportation Committee. Prior to this change the members were primarily concerned with bicycle and bicycle infrastructure, however due to the broad nature of transportation, the members felt the committee should be a part of a larger discussion regarding transportation. City Council broaden their scope to cover all forms of active, non-motorized, transportation.

Director Foulkes added that though there have not been many meetings since the formation of the Active Transportation Committee, a grant has been granted by Southern California Association of Governments \$200,000 to complete a downtown active transportation plan and obtain a better understanding of how people are moving around the city.

The plan is to improve safety and mobility to encourage individuals to utilize parking structures that are currently seen as too dangerous or inconvenient. Once the money is received, that will be the primary focus of the Active Transportation Committee for the next twelve months.

Commissioner Gapinski asked if traffic calming measures are being taken to look at Baker Avenue between Euclid Street and Richman Avenue. Mr. Miller stated that the street segment has been looked at in the past and presented the idea of speed bumps to residents. The residents were not interested. He added that stop signs are not an option for speed control, but the police department will put out the speed trailer.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Whalen-Castellanos adjourned the Transportation and Circulation Commission at 4:32pm.