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**Minutes of July 28, 2020 Regular Meeting**

***TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION***

**DATE & TIME:** July 28, 2020: 4:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:**

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**MEETING AGENDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

**Co-Chairman Nodzinski called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m due to chairman Kubica unable to log in with audio. Roll call was conducted with the new commissioner Matthew McCluney being introduced and present for his first meeting. The following Commissioners present via Zoom Meeting: Chairman Kubica (inaudible), Council member Amelio, Commissioner's , Prock, Terry, Nodzinski, McCluney, Kim & Viray.**

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Prock made a motion to approve and seconded by Kim.  
Motion carried 6-0 Kubica inaudible

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### A. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

Minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission Meeting of June 23, 2020.

**Minutes were prepared by: Roxane Viray, the Traffic Safety Commission Secretary.**

**Recommended Action: Approve Minutes**

**Commissioner Prock made a motion to approve and seconded by Kim.**

**Roll call Motion 5-0. Kubica inaudible, McCluney abstained**

## 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Written Communications: Email from Council member Tomlinson regarding lack of visibility at the corner of Lighthouse and Fountain due to the new parklet. Chief Madalone commented that the business was given options to correct and they adhered to them.

B. Commissioner Terry commented that the visibility was improved due to boards being removed.

K. Locke objected to the agenda item of one way on Oceanview. Agenda was approved.

L. Ciani requested status on bike stencils on rec trail. Dan Gho advised the bike stencil will be added within the next couple of weeks.

Anonymous subject requesting No Parking midnight to 0500 hrs from Dewey Avenue to Forest Ave. This would need a change to the ordinance and the California Coastal Commission as well.

C. Oral Communications (*Comments must deal with matters subject to the jurisdiction of the Traffic Commission and will be limited to three minutes. Comments from the audience will not receive Traffic Safety Commission action at this meeting. Whenever possible, letters should be submitted to the Commission in advance of the meeting.*)

L. Ciani commented on bike stencils and sent an email as to where she would like the city to place them to include main entrances and walk way steps from Oceanview.

Inaudible caller called in to advise she was unable to enter the meeting as the ID # changed.

## 5. COMMISSIONER AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS (City Related Items Only)

### A. Announcements

1. None

**B. Staff and Commissioner's meeting attendance of interest to this Commission**

1. Comments from City Council Liaison: Mr. Amelio advised of a consent item regarding the annex of 801 Sunset the old Mission Linen which will be continued. On August 19<sup>th</sup> council meeting Mr. Amelio and Council Member Mc Adams will present a report on the Police Departments town hall meeting.

**6. REGULAR AGENDA:**

**A. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

1. None.

**B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Jocelyn Francis advised that the item regarding parking brought by Steve Lilley will be continued to the August meeting for proper survey.

Public Comment:

Comment received by I. Daumer regarding the fact that an accurate survey can't be done due to the Aquarium being closed.

Mr. Lilley called in to defer to the August meeting as planned.

**C. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Speeding/ Traffic Calming on Oceanview

Dan Gho recommended traffic counters to further evaluate if in fact speed has increased. Motion was made by Kim and seconded by Nodzinski to have Public Works install traffic counters on Oceanview within the next two weeks. This will only have vehicle speeds. Motion approved 7-0.

Public Comment:

A. Tyler reported on speeding and loud cars on weekends and holidays. Suggestions were to lower speed limit to 15 mph, have more police presence, signs stating quiet zone and No Parking on resident side.

Council member Garfield commented that due to COVID and influx of more cars but specifically more types of vehicles, e-bikes, sea cars and speeds.

L. Ciani advised traffic calming is needed immediately. Sent an email as well for commission to read, for reduction of speed and 3 way stops where approved.

I. Daumer advised this is exasperated by COVID and would like to have City Manager use his emergency powers.

Commissioner Comments:

Kim clarifying and questioning feasibility and cost effectiveness of closing. Also what other options are beneficial to the city. In favor of closing and calming.

Terry not in favor of closing.

Nodzinski stated it's a difficult problem to solve due to more visitors. Asked if some cars on the road are legal due to the variety being observed. Chief Madalone advised they are.

Prock suggested possible speed bumps or strips.

Viray not in favor of closing or one way. Agreed with the ideas of signage, Quiet Zone and Share the Road.

McCluney advised a need for separation-different speeds on roadway. Work needed from staff to address.

- i. Chairman Kubica received several emails against one way on Oceanview. Emails sent to staff to read ahead of the meeting.

Public Comment:

J. Haines requested item be sent back to City Council as it indicated originally there would not be a fiscal impact. Requested they reconsider in light of cost and what amount of money are they allocating. Feels erroneous information was given.

Council member Garfield agrees that it may be too expensive but at least wants the commission to take a look on how Oceanview can be one way and safer for the public.

- l. Daumer feels its opening a can of worms. Wrong time, wrong place.

S. Lilley suggested a sub-committee to take a look into issues working with Public Works, Police Dept and traffic engineer K. Buck sent email in for review.

L. Ciani stated this is a long term issue, environmental and coastal. Expense and one way use should be expanded on.

Commissioner Comments:

Chairman Kubica suggested sub-committee as well and that they could come back to traffic and then bring to city council. This should include various versions to include parking, pedestrians, bicycles and sections of the route.

Kim would like it to be cost effective. Traffic re-routed without impeding. Questioned if it was considered to closing Oceanview one day.

McCluney –sub committee good idea. Complicated issue.

Needs ways to test ideas.

Nodzenski agrees with sub-committee.

Terry did a Google search to determine how many homes impacted. Not sure where to start.

Prock- ideas to re-route traffic through town. How would you bring traffic back if one way?

Viray in favor of sub-committee-not in favor of one way. Other neighborhoods would be impacted and not fiscally sound

Motion made by Kim to create sub-committee on one way related issue. Seconded by Terry.

Motion Approved 7-0

Status will be given at August meeting. Members to include Kim, Kubica, McCluney Gho and a member of the police department. Meeting will be held during normal working business hours and will be set up by public works and police department.

Gho gave an update on the Pine and Eardley intersection. Improvements were previously approved and additional work will be done in next three weeks or so.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Comments:

McCluney asked as to why there was not a crosswalk on the Spencer Street side. Gho said he would take a look and evaluate.

Chairman Kubica suggested that decomposed granite or river rock be used in island bed to lower cost and look more appealing as flowers and plants need more upkeep.

#### REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES:

Monthly status reports (as available) None

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 5:37 p.m

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Respectfully Submitted: Commissioner Roxane Viray



Andrew Kubica - Chairman

Approved by Commission



City Staff

Date: 10.28.2020