

**MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK TRAFFIC COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
January 18, 2024**

The Traffic Commission of the City of Monterey Park held a Regular Meeting of the Commission in the Community Room located at 320 W Newmark Avenue, in the City of Monterey Park, on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Daisy Ma called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

Commissioner Grajeda led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Daisy Ma, Paul Perez, Allan Shatkin and Gabriel Grajeda

Commissioners Absent: None

ALSO PRESENT: Engineering Manager Ziad Mazboudi; Civil Engineering Associate Anthony Bendezu & Administrative Secretary Janice Truong

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS – None.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. PRESENTATION – Traffic Safety Accomplishments Update

Engineering Mazboudi provided an overview on various traffic safety and traffic related action/On-Going Issues.

- Hellman Avenue Permit Parking
 - City Council approved the permit parking request for Hellman Avenue between Nicholson and Alhambra on January 17, 2024. Commissioner Shatkin had questions about the parameters, enforcement, and timeframe for the permit parking.
- Permit Parking Ordinance No. 2238
 - On December 26, 2023, the City Council amended the City's Municipal Code to codify the Permit Parking process. Before, this was done by resolution and the new process will streamline the permit parking process eliminating the need for a public hearing.
- Safe Street & Roads Grant -
 - In December, Metro finalized the Agreement funding \$1M to develop a plan that identifies priorities and strategies to help the City achieve its goal of zero traffic fatalities and severe injuries. The City Council has adopted the Vision Zero Action Plan into three elements:
 - Safe Traffic School component – will bring physical, educational, and behavioral safety improvements to neighborhood streets near 12 cities schools.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the City of Monterey Park is to provide excellent services to enhance the quality of life for our entire community

- Active Transportation Component – will provide a set of tools and strategies to make streets safer and comfortable for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Complete Streets Component – will analyze and establish new guidelines and performance measures to identify barriers to equitable accessibility and mobility. These streets are not just for cars, but also for bicyclist and pedestrians. We are looking to incorporate this into our design whenever possible. Engineering Mazboudi also shared that the Metro grant will allow us to work with Edison undergrounding all the light poles on Monterey Pass Road between Garvey Avenue & Vagabond.
- Traffic Improvements – Orange Avenue
 - Improvements such as installation of additional signage and red flashing lights on the stop sign; installation of striping to narrow the streets for drivers to slow down and added raised pavement marker (RPM) for visibility.
- Adaptive Traffic/Traffic Responsive Control Project –
 - Upgrade the traffic signal system and other components at the major north-south and east-west corridors throughout the entire city to include Garvey Avenue, Atlantic Blvd. and Garfield Avenue corridors. We are trying to identify all traffic signal controllers and communications to be upgraded and connected to a central traffic management system for remote command and control.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

2-A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action Taken: The Traffic Commission approved the minutes from the regular meeting of November 16, 2023.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Perez and seconded by Commissioner Shatkin, the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners: Ma, Perez, Shatkin & Grajeda

Noes: Commissioners: None

Absent: Commissioners: None

Abstain: Commissioners: None

3. OLD BUSINESS

3-A. HELLMAN PARKING PERMIT UPDATE –

Engineering Manager Mazboudi provided an update that the City Council approved the permit parking for Hellman Avenue between Nicholson and Alhambra on January 17, 2024. The proposed parking district on E. Hellman Avenue would restrict parking 24 hours a day, seven days a week adjacent to the residential area. The limits of the permit parking will start from N. Alhambra Avenue to N. Nicholson Avenue. In addition, the City has implemented restricted

parking for the street permit parking from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on Hellman Avenue starting from Sierra Vista Street to Elizabeth Avenue.

4. **NEW BUSINESS** – None

5. **COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS** - None

Chairperson Ma shared that she attended the City and partner with Chinatown Service Center dinner & dance event for the victims & families at NBC Restaurant. The event was very well attended and very successful. The Anniversary candlelight vigil event will be held on Sunday, January 21st at 6:00 p.m. in front of City Hall. She also announced that Lunar New Year is on February 10, 2024.

Commissioner Perez spoke about the Palm tree in front of Shakey's Pizza and the Tire Center on Atlantic Blvd., which needs to be trimmed down due to safety and we have informed our Parks Division to take care the issue.

Commissioner Shatkin announced that there will be a Lunar New Year Festival scheduled for January 27 & 28, 2024 to celebrate the Lunar New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Ziad Mazboudi
Engineering Manager
Staff Liaison to the Traffic Commission
City of Monterey Park