

**MINUTES
PARKING & MAIN STREET COMMISSION
May 8, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Parking and Main Street Commission of the City of Garden Grove scheduled to be held in the Council Chamber at 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, on May 8, 2008. The meeting commenced at 7:30 a.m. by the Secretary.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Chairperson, Curt Radi
Commissioner Gary Brown
Commissioner Audrey Pecor
Vice Chair, J. J. Jauregui
Commissioner Hooshang Farahmond
Commissioner Rebecca Weimer

ALSO PRESENT: Ron Meislahn, Facilities Manager
Carolyn Melanson, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Commissioner, David Zlaket

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Radi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 13, 2008

Commissioner Pecor motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. All commissioners voted aye to approve the minutes.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

ITEM NO. 1 - Revenue and Expenditure Statements for January and February 2008

Commissioner Brown clarified that Fund 531 was maintenance funds for parking lots. Fund 532 was an acquisition fund for the purchase of more land. Fund 533 covered maintenance for the front of Main Street. Other expenditure items noted were as follows:

- It was requested that the streetlights be cleaned. There are 41 streetlights on Main Street.
- If there were no increase in Fund 531, the City would maintain Main Street.
- The normal tree-trimming schedule was every four years.
- Administrative Support covered the cost for City Staff.
- The Engineering Report is \$3,500.00.

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Commissioner Weimer made a motion to approve the January, February 2008 expenditure statements. Commissioner Pecor seconded the motion and all voted aye for approval.

ITEM NO. 2 – Entertainment District

Audience member, Peter Katz, of 12877 Main Street, Garden Grove, CA, submitted a draft of a resolution #1-2008 that was presented to the Commission. The resolution called for "special regulations and conditions be enacted for the protection, enhancement, perpetuation and use of this area", (i.e. Main Street). The resolution called for a request of City staff to prepare a staff report exploring various ideas for an "entertainment zone" for Main Street.

Commissioner Juaregui agreed with the resolution, but noted the need for security.

Commissioner Farahmond would like to see more restaurants on Main Street.

Commissioner Brown asked if the future of Main Street was mentioned in the General Plan. Ron Meislahn indicated he was not aware of the City's vision for the street.

Commissioner Brown motioned to accept Peter Katz' resolution. Commissioner Juaregui seconded the motion and all voted aye for approval.

ITEM NO. 3 – GO LOCAL

Audience member, ***Scott Weimer, 12866 Main Street***, stated he wanted to alert the Commission that it was the preference of City Council to terminate the GO LOCAL Corridor just short of the downtown area at Trask Avenue and Newhope Street. At this time there was no further information available. **It was requested that this item be brought back at the next meeting.**

ITEM NO. 4 – Proposed Closure of Southbound Euclid to Main Street Entrance

Dai Vu of the City Engineering staff introduced staffs report regarding the proposed closure of the southbound Euclid Street entrance to southbound Main Street to the Commission. Staff indicated that Grove Condo residents at 12635 Main Street requested this study, due to the speeding and sight distance concerns in front of their property. It was proposed that this closure be temporarily applied for a trial period with an after-study of the results.

Audience member, ***David Redding, 12635 Main Street, #109, President of the Grove Condo Association***, invited Commissioners to try to exit the Grove Condo facility in order to have an understanding of the concerns regarding incoming traffic.

Mr. Redding noted that twenty-five percent of the condos are rentals; there are 77 two-bedroom units with only street parking and an upper driveway.

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Audience member, **Mike Silva, 11311 Lampson Avenue**, noted that Euclid was posted at 35 mph. If the closure happens, there would be no traffic from Euclid. Mr. Silva suggested an alternative solution of flashing lights, speed bumps, and motorcycle police.

Audience member, **Russ McDonald, 10072 Bonser Avenue**, stated he was against the closure. He suggested using a stop sign. He believed that the crosswalk mentioned was not just for schools and that over half of the traffic to Main Street was from Euclid and would affect the customer base.

Audience member, **Scott Weimer, 12866 Main Street**, concurred with other audience members that spoke. He does not believe the "link" to Main Street should be closed; another alternative should be tried.

Audience member, **David Vill, 2242 Della Lane**, shared that it was important to have more open arteries, not closed arteries. He believed it would affect the bus routes and would cause more traffic congestion.

Audience member, **Doug Coleman, 12772 Woodland Lane**, believed it would be extreme to close the street and that other ideas needed to be explored.

At this time, a letter from Commissioner David Zlaket was introduced on his behalf in his absence. (Copy of letter follows.)

Scott Weimer asked how many accidents had happened at that location. Staff indicated it was unknown.

Commissioner Brown asked if this item had gone to the Traffic Commission. Staff noted that the request was received, and discussed with the Police Department who indicated it was a difficult area to patrol.

Commissioner Farahmond noted that speed bumps would be cheaper. Staff confirmed that there was no policy approved by City Council regarding yellow school crosswalks.

Audience member, **Edith Brenner, 10461 Davis Avenue**, believed that a street study would be a good idea. She believed that the area around Main Street and Stanford needed some traffic control. She also indicated that the existing crosswalk was white and not yellow.

The Commission agreed that other alternatives needed to be explored. Commissioner Brown motioned to deny the street closure. Commissioner Farahmond seconded the motion and all voted aye. Staff noted that the item would go to the next Traffic Commission meeting.

ITEM NO-5. Charging for Use of Parking Lot for Strawberry Festival

Audience member, **Scott Weimer, 12866 Main Street**, submitted a letter to the Commission from the Garden Grove Downtown Business Association, requesting the right to charge for parking in Lot #1 for the Strawberry Festival held on May 23rd, 24th

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& 25th. (Copy following). Fees would be \$5.00 and would raise funds for Main Street. The following items were brought up in regard to the proposal:

- Security and manning of the entrances
- Classes for employees manning the entrances
- Receipts from Main Street to use as validation
- Patron parking
- Insurance
- City-owned?
- \$5.00 fee too high
- Could take donations
- Value coupons for businesses

Commissioner Juaregui motioned to approve the parking fee. Commissioner Pecor seconded the motion and all voted aye.

ITEM NO. 6- Upgrades to Main Street

It was noted that in regard to the upgrades to Main Street, a manager's memo was given to City Council on May 27th regarding the various issues.

Ron noted that Public Works found 8 additional bollards and has replaced two of the broken bollards on Main Street.

Commissioner Brown suggested that Main Street should be included in the City General Plan. Ron noted that a General Plan Public Meeting would be coming up soon.

Audience member, **Scott Weimer, 12866 Main Street**, noted that City Council Member Bruce Broadwater requested staff to determine who was responsible for the upkeep of Main Street. He indicated there should be an audit and approval of the street by City Council. Mr. Weimer recommended that the Commission attend the next City Council meeting in regard to the Arches on Main Street.

Audience member, **Peter Katz, 12877 Main Street**, requested that staff be required to share the staff report of the analysis of the Main Street study.

Commissioner Brown brought up the following points:

- Upkeep and maintenance on Main Street
- Set up of a district to maintain the street
- No stipulation in the assessment was made to replace or upgrade
- City should be doing upgrades and replacements
- Need clarification on assessment

Ron Meislahn noted that the assessment was developed for the Maintenance and upgrades needed on Main Street. Funds to make improvements were used to keep maintenance issues addressed.

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Commissioner Pecor noted that a large portion of the monies have been used for the rising prices of trash collection. She also noted that some improvements could be made with monies currently leftover.

Mr. Meislahn confirmed that maintenance and replacement was the responsibility of the assessment.

Commissioner Brown noted that he does not feel City Council cares about Main Street.

Audience member, **Scott Weimer, 12866 Main Street**, stated that if the street were shut down, the arches would need to change location.

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Meislahn indicated that the City has received landscaping bids. Two bids are lower than the current landscaper, however, calculation errors were made. Final numbers should be received this afternoon.

Commissioner Brown asked how often the service is used. It was confirmed that Yamamoto has been the landscape maintenance contractor since 1974. Landscaping is done three times a week and Commissioner Brown feels that the level of service is down. With the maintenance increase of 41%, Commissioner Brown asked if City Park crews could do the maintenance. Due to lack of manpower and funds, Mr. Meislahn indicated that was not possible.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Juaregui and carried by unanimous vote of those present to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Melanson

Carolyn Melanson, Recording Secretary