

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
Council Chamber, Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 6, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Chair Lehman
Vice Chair Kanzler
Commissioner Le
Commissioner Nguyen
Commissioner Perez
Commissioner Ramirez
Commissioner Soeffner

Absent: Kanzler, Le

Vice Chair Kanzler joined the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Ramirez.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

May 2, 2019 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Soeffner Second: Perez

Ayes: (5) Lehman, Nguyen, Perez, Ramirez, Soeffner

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (2) Kanzler, Le

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: None.

MATTERS FROM STAFF:

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS): As a result of an early Re:Imagine initiative by the community to advocate for student safety, a Safe Routes to School grant was applied for and awarded to the City of Garden Grove under SCAG's Sustainability Program. The Phase I Plan, conducted by KOA Corporation, focused on five (5) elementary schools and one (1) intermediate school selected using 'needs-based criterion'.

Mr. Frank Barrera gave a brief overview of the plan which included:

- A Project Timeline to complete the plan by March 2019
- Project support from City, County, GGUSD, schools, and the Community
- Project Objectives to include improving safety for walking and biking to and from school, improving public health by providing and encouraging active transportation options, and improving sidewalks, crosswalks, streets, and access for all pedestrians
- A Planning Process:
 - Community Engagement - Walk audits, parent surveys, teacher tallies, flyers, and a pop-up event called Cook & Jordan Safer Day Event
 - Planning - Study area analysis, review of relevant plans, collision analysis, project prioritization, report writing
 - Engineering - Field work, engineering assessment, concept design, cost estimates
- Implementable Plans included school crosswalks, red curbs (no parking), restricted parking areas, ADA curb ramps, traffic signs, school signage, school pavement markings, bulb-outs, and curb extensions
- Funding Opportunities:
 - Safety - Highway Safety Improvement Program, State Highway Operation & Protection Program, Office of Traffic Safety Grants, Systemic Safety Analysis Report
 - Health - Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee Funds
 - Planning - Sustainable Planning Grant, Urban Greening Grant, Community-based Transportation Planning Grant, Recreational Trails Program
 - Environment & Infrastructure - Surface Transportation Block Grant Program, Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery

Mr. Barrera added that the City would use the Plan as a guiding document, or tool, to explore potential improvements when additional funding opportunities arose.

DOWNTOWN PARKING MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC PLAN (DPMSPP): As a result of an early Re:Imagine initiative in which the community expressed a desire for downtown/Civic Center parking to accommodate future development and entertainment, City Council requested a Downtown Parking Management Strategic Plan. A contract was awarded to Fehr and Peers, a Transportation Planning and Engineering firm. The City would use the 'point-in-time' Plan as a "tool box" or guiding document in preparation of future build-out and impacts that may arise.

Mr. Spencer Reed gave a brief overview of the Plan:

- Purpose - Identification of parking management strategies that could be implemented as needed for the future success of Downtown Garden Grove
- 2017 Data Collection - Counted parking supply and demand of publicly-owned and privately-owned lots and street parking
- Parking Survey Results - Online Survey Statistics of questions, responses, and comments from City's website shared to City Staff and Advisory Committee

- Parking Demand Model – Existing parking demand and land use data, ULI (Urban Land Institute) parking ratios, monthly factors, and time of day factors, planned and possible projects identified, determine future parking demand
- Disruptive Trends – Changes to transportation such as Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) known as Uber and Lyft, micro-mobility, and autonomous vehicles
- Parking Strategies – Static signage, increased use of shared parking, accommodating TNCs, implementing urban design and traffic calming, and adding off-street parking
- Recommendations – As development occurs and technology changes in Downtown Garden Grove, parking management strategies identified should be reviewed and implemented as needed under the following scenarios:
 - Regular parking demand review
 - New development parking management strategies
 - Requested parking management strategies
 - Parking management strategies for future changes

Lastly, Mr. Reed noted that the Plan was not rigid, that downtown peak parking occurred Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:00 a.m., with the west parking lot behind Main Street full during the Car Show. The peak areas for parking on Tuesdays and Fridays were the Civic Center lot, the Library and Community Center lot, the Police and Fire lots, and the lot behind City Hall. The study boundary area included Grove Avenue and Main Street to the west, Euclid Street and Stanford Avenue to the north, 9th Street to the east, and Garden Grove Boulevard to the south.

Staff then gave a brief description of the agenda item for the June 20th meeting and stated the July 4th meeting would be cancelled due to the Independence Day holiday. Also, Staff mentioned there would be a meeting on July 18th.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:48 p.m. to the next Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission on Thursday, June 20, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove.

Motion: Ramirez Second: Kanzler

Ayes: (6) Kanzler, Lehman, Nguyen, Perez, Ramirez, Soeffner
 Noes: (0) None
 Absent: (1) Le

Judith Moore
 Recording Secretary