

**CITY OF REDLANDS
TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE & CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Traffic and Parking Commission was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Eric Shamp.

Roll Call:

Present

Commissioners:

Eric Shamp
Cassie MacDuff
Kevin Morningstar
Bill Waddell
Andrew Hoder
Johnathan Ghazal

Staff:

Jeremy Floyd, PD
John Harris, MUED
Goutam Dobey, MUED
Veronica Medina, MUED
Brian Desatnik, DSD
Cruz Esparza, DSD
Donald Craw, FSC
David Rabindranath, FCS

Presenter:

Steffen Turoff, Walker Consultants

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner MacDuff and Chairman Shamp made corrections to the minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morningstar and seconded by Commissioner Ghazal to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 23, 2023, with the corrections. The motion carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No non-agenda related public comments were made. Comments related to specific agenda items are incorporated into the item discussion.

4. PRESENTATION

4A. *Downtown Parking Study (Presented by Walter Consultants)*

Director Desatnik clarified the purpose and approval process of the Downtown Parking Study and introduced Steffen Turoff from Walker Consultations. Mr. Turoff

presented an overview of the study's purpose, existing parking conditions, a summary of key findings from community outreach, and parking strategy recommendations.

Rich Smith, resident, raised concerns about the Study's findings and claimed that the City's parking concerns have historically been an issue.

Evan Sanford, Executive Director of the Redlands Chamber of Commerce, raised several concerns about the content within the Study.

Chairman Shamp asked if the Chamber's list of concerns could be made available to the commission. Mr. Turoff addressed the concerns of the commission and residents. Discussion ensued regarding enforcement, safety, accessibility, and the methodology used for the study. Mr. Turoff stated that the study is based on typical traffic patterns and not peak times. Mr. Turoff explained that optimizing the availability of street parking and prime off-street parking spaces can be achieved by increasing parking enforcement and implementing a paid parking pilot.

A general consensus was reached to bring the item back in future meetings to allow public comments and to discuss implementation recommendations by the commission.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5A. *Status of Traffic and Parking Commission budget*

Mr. Dobey presented a slide with an overview of expenditures relating to the Traffic and Parking Commission budget.

5B. *Status of work orders on items previously recommended by the Commission and work orders on items approved by staff that fall within the existing Municipal Code not requiring Commission recommendation or City Council approval*

Mr. Dobey presented a slide and provided a brief overview of the status of work orders that were previously recommended by the Commission and approved by City Council, and the status of work orders which do not require Commission recommendation and have been approved and completed by city staff in accordance with the Redlands Municipal Code.

5C. *Update on the Citywide Left-Turn Pocket Study*

Mr. Dobey presented an overview of the purpose and scope of the Citywide Left-Turn Pocket Study. Staff welcomed the commission's input and comments on the Study. Commissioner MacDuff suggested additional improvements at the intersection of California Street and Redlands Boulevard and a protected left-turn on westbound Lugonia Avenue to University Street. Commissioner Morningstar suggested that the

Study evaluate permissive left turns, signal synchronization, and timing adjustments for peak and off-peak hours. The item will be brought back to the next commission meeting to allow additional time for the commission to review the report.

5D. *Update on the no overnight parking zone on Industry Park Avenue between Nevada Street and Alabama Street*

Mr. Dobe presented a map showing the proposed signage for the no overnight parking zone on Industry Park Avenue between Nevada Street and Alabama Street. Commissioner MacDuff commented that crime reports were not represented and asked if the Old Spaghetti Factory Restaurant was aware of the no-parking zone after 10 PM. She also questioned where homeless individuals would go. David Rabindranath, Homeless Solutions Coordinator, clarified that the businesses reported incidents of crime and recommended the implementation of the no-overnight parking zone. Mr. Rabindranath stated that the City would continue to offer services to homeless individuals.

5E. *Update on the HSIP Cycle 9 Orange Blossom Trail Phase 3 Crossings*

Ms. Medina presented an overview of the HSIP Cycle 9 project, including the budget and scope of work. She stated that safety enhancements would be added to the Orange Blossom Trail uncontrolled crossings on Alabama Street and Tennessee Street. Ms. Medina clarified that the pushbuttons on the flashing beacon and in-roadway lights are completely independent and not tied to the nearby traffic signals.

5F. *Continued discussion of the duties and responsibilities under the TPC's purview*

Commissioner MacDuff suggested that the education component remain on the commission's purview and asked Staff to recommend better ways to communicate with the public.

The item was tabled to the next commission meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6A. *Request to establish a no-parking zone between 10 PM to 6 AM on streets adjacent to Sylvan Park*

Donald Crow presented FCS's recommendation to establish a no-parking zone between 10 PM and 6 AM on streets adjacent to Sylvan Park. Sgt. Floyd gave an overview of the types of crimes in the area and expressed support for the recommendation.

A motion was made by Commissioner MacDuff to establish a no-parking zone between 10 PM to 6 AM on streets adjacent to Sylvan Park. The motion was withdrawn.

Homeowners adjacent to Sylvan Park expressed their disapproval of the recommendation and claimed that the nefarious activities in the area are not caused by people experiencing homelessness.

Discussion ensued regarding the acceptability of the no-parking zone as a solution to the homelessness issue and the enforcement measures that can be implemented within the proposed zone.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morningstar and seconded by Commissioner Waddell to establish a no-parking zone between 10 PM to 6 AM on streets adjacent to Sylvan Park. By roll call vote of 3-3, the motion failed.

6B. *Discussion and possible election of the Traffic and Parking Commission Vice Chair for the 2023 Calendar Year*

The item was tabled to the next commission meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Shamp at 9:10 pm.