

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SOUTH GATE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019**

INTRODUCTORY PROCEDURES

Chairperson Jose Delgado called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Jenny Perez.

ROLL CALL: By Erika Soriano, Recording Secretary.

Present: Chairperson Jose Delgado, Vice-Chairperson Gil Hurtado, and Commissioners Sylvia Masushige, Jenny Perez, and Carlos Velasquez.

Absent/Excused:

Staff: Community Development Director Joe Perez and Recording Secretary Erika Soriano.

REPORT ON POSTING: By Erika Soriano, Recording Secretary.

1. MINUTES

The Planning Commission considered approving the minutes for the regular Planning Commission meeting of January 15, 2019. Commissioner Velasquez moved and Vice Chairperson Hurtado seconded the motion to approve the Planning Commission minutes of January 15, 2019. The motion carried (5-0) with all Commissioners in favor.

2. PRESENTATION ON THE CITYWIDE PARKING STUDY

Community Development Director Perez introduced Art Cervantes, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works, who gave a presentation regarding the Citywide Parking Study. Mr. Cervantes said the study was conducted to evaluate the parking issues being experienced on most residential neighborhood streets and commercial corridors, citywide. The study evaluated parking issues such as the current roadway parking conditions, local and regional transportation facilities, land use policies, enforcement, population and housing density, converted garages, household members per property, illegal businesses operating in residential neighborhoods, etc. The study also looked at how the current roadway design and transportation system is impacting parking. The presentation demonstrated all the data collected and identified the hot spots where parking continues to be a major issue. A list of practical short-, mid- and long-term solutions were presented as possible solutions.

Chairperson Delgado opened the item to the public.

Chairperson Delgado asked for an explanation of the overall purpose of the parking study. Mr. Perez and Mr. Cervantes informed the Commission that the City is looking to provide better quality of life for its residents by considering way to improve parking conditions. Possible ways to achieve this is to increase the capacity of parking and addressing certain behavior that creates parking challenges.

Commissioner Masushige asked if the Tweedy Mile merchants will be charged for parking. Mr. Cervantes informed the Commission that the Study will identify all the issues and consider solutions to improve parking.

Vice Chairperson Hurtado shared the following parking concerns he would like the City's consultants to address in the study: commercial vehicles parking on the residential streets; no parking on lawns; and widening driveways.

Commissioner Velasquez asked how the parking study data was collected. Parking Study Consultant informed the Commission that they surveyed the City streets on weekdays during the morning, day and night. The survey was completed in a year to capture all the streets in the City.

Commissioner Velasquez asked how the supply for parking was determined. Parking Study Consultant informed the Commission about the process. A field surveyor drives the streets with an equipped dash camera capturing the parking signs, street size and other factors. Once the data is collected, the information is entered into the data base where an estimated number available parking spaces is provided.

Vice Chairperson Hurtado asked how the parking solutions will be implemented. Mr. Cervantes informed the Commission that the study will provide potential parking solutions per zone depending on the needs of the area.

Vice Chairperson Hurtado moved and Commissioner Masushige seconded to receive and file the presentation on the Citywide Parking Study. The motion carried (5-0) with all Commissioners in favor.

General Business

Bash Chaudhry, Freddy's Market, 3433 Tweedy Blvd., South Gate, addressed his concerns that the Parking Study is addressing residential and not commercial areas. Mr. Cervantes informed the Commission that the study is a citywide study includes commercial areas.

City Staff Comments

None

Planning Commission Comments

Commissioner Masushige asked for the update on the street closure on Hildreth Ave. Mr. Cervantes informed the Commission that a permanent closure barricade will be placed within the next few months.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Planning Commission, Chairperson Delgado moved and Commissioner Velasquez seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried (5-0) with all Commissioners in favor, to adjourn the meeting to February 19, 2019. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 P.M.

Respectfully,

Joe Perez, Secretary

APPROVED:

Jose Delgado, Chairperson