

CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

3191 Katella Avenue
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

TRAFFIC COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, January 12, 2022 – 7:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

- Chair Mejia
- Vice Chair Randall Hill
- Commissioner Dean Hill
- Commissioner Murphy
- Commissioner Patz
- Commissioner Salai

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

At this time, any individual in the audience may address the Traffic Commission and speak on any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Please state if you wish to speak on an item on the Agenda. **Remarks are to be limited to not more than three minutes.**

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

6. TRAFFIC COMMISSION REORGANIZATION

A. Annual Traffic Commission Reorganization

This report provides relevant information for the Traffic Commission’s annual reorganization, by the election of the Chair and Vice Chair.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Los Alamitos Traffic Commission nominate and elect:

- 1. Chair
- 2. Vice Chair

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. Request to Designate Disabled Parking on Walnut Street in the Old Town West Neighborhood

This is a request to consider designating a disabled parking space at 10841 and 10845 Walnut Street in the Old Town West neighborhood.

Recommendation:

1. Consider and discuss the request to designate a disabled parking space at 10841 and 10845 Walnut Street; and
2. Make a recommendation to City Staff to designate a disabled parking space at 10841 and 10845 Walnut Street.

B. Traffic Commission Status Log

This is a tracking tool used by the Commission to track assignments and accomplishments.

Recommendation: Receive, file, and revise as necessary.


8. FROM THE DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER

9. TRAFFIC COMMISSION INITIATED BUSINESS

At this time, Commissioners may report on items not included on the agenda, but no such matter may be discussed, nor may any action be taken in which there is interest to the community, except as to provide Staff direction to report back or to place the item on a future agenda.

10. ADJOURNMENT

I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing Agenda was posted at City Hall, 3191 Katella Ave., Los Alamitos, CA 90720 and on the City's website at www.cityoflosalamitos.org not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting. **Dated this 5th day of January, 2022**



Maria Veronica M. Enciso, Department Secretary

City of Los Alamitos

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 12, 2022

ITEM NUMBER: 6A

To: Members of the Traffic Commission

From: Ron Noda, Acting Deputy City Manager

Subject: Annual Traffic Commission Reorganization

SUMMARY

This report provides relevant information for the Traffic Commission's annual reorganization, by the election of the Chair and Vice Chair.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Los Alamitos Traffic Commission nominate and elect:

1. Chair
2. Vice Chair

BACKGROUND

The City's Municipal Code requires that the Traffic Commission select a Chair and a Vice Chair at their regular meeting in January. The City's Municipal Code reads as follows.

"2.48.050 Officers—Election and vacancy.

- A. *The officers of the Traffic Commission shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman and a Secretary. The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be elected annually at the first regular meeting in the month of January, and shall hold office for a term of one year or until a successor is duly elected and qualified. Election shall be by a majority vote cast by those commissioners present and voting at the meeting at which the election is held. Officers shall assume office immediately."*

DISCUSSION

After convening the item, procedure calls for the Chair to temporarily relinquish the Chair to the Secretary in order that election for the Office of Chair may be conducted. The newly-elected Chair would then conduct the election for the Office of Vice Chair. A second is not required for nominations and nominations will be considered in the order received if more than one Commissioner is nominated.

<u>Members</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Exp. Date</u>
Daniel Patz	January 2013	December 2022
Javier Mejia	January 2013	December 2022
Randall Hill	December 2016	December 2022
Bruce Murphy	January 2020	December 2022
Dean Hill	January 2021	December 2023
Cathie Salai	January 2021	December 2023

City of Los Alamitos

TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 12, 2022

ITEM NUMBER: 7A

To: Chair Javier Mejia & Members of the Traffic Commission

Presented By: Ron Noda, Development Services Director

Subject: Request to Designate Disabled Parking on Walnut Street in the Old Town West Neighborhood

SUMMARY

This is a request to consider designating a disabled parking space at 10841 and 10845 Walnut Street in the Old Town West neighborhood.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Consider and discuss the request to designate a disabled parking space at 10841 and 10845 Walnut Street; and
2. Make a recommendation to City Staff to designate a disabled parking space at 10841 and 10845 Walnut Street.

BACKGROUND

In a letter dated October 13, 2021 (attachment 1), a request was submitted by Ms. Kathy Gutierrez requesting painting the curb and installation of a sign to designate Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) parking at 10841 and 10845 Walnut Street in the Old Town West Neighborhood. Ms. Kathy Gutierrez and Ms. Alexandra De La Torre have communicated that they have elderly family members (Angie and Alfred Avalos) that reside at 10841 Walnut Street and it is difficult for them to travel a great distance when they are unable to park right in front of their residence.

The Traffic Commission tabled the item to an upcoming meeting and asked staff for additional information on previous requests and for staff to reach out to the applicant, Angie and Alfred Avalos, to have them present at an upcoming meeting to discuss their request.

DISCUSSION

The City does not have a policy in the Municipal Code on residential disabled parking and therefore is presented before the Traffic Commission to discuss on a case by case basis. Several factors should be considered if a disabled resident of the City is requesting a disabled parking space be designated in front of that person's residence:

- Be a resident of the address in question;
- Be in possession of a Disabled Person Placard ID Card or a Disabled Persons License Plate with adequate ID, as required by the California Vehicle Code;
- Garage Specification, access, and availability;
- Driveway Specification, access, and availability;
- Parking spaces on the property;
- The extent of the applicant's disability.

Exhibit A displays the front of the property with the street parking/curb that is being requested to be designated as disabled parking. Exhibit B is the back of the residence that displays parking that is access by the alley way off of Florista Avenue. The property also has three garages that vehicles may be parked. Exhibit C is an overhead view of the property.

Exhibit A



Exhibit B



Exhibit C



A resident last made a similar request in September 2016. The resident resides at 4112 Green Avenue and suffers from Cerebral Palsy, which limits her mobility and ability to walk. While parking at the back of the building is accessible from the alley, it is too narrow for the resident's van to negotiate the turn. The Traffic Commission discussed the item and recommended approval of the resident's request.

FISCAL IMPACT

If the Commission recommends approval, the fiscal impact will include purchasing of paint and signage designating the disabled parking and labor for City staff for installation.

- Attachments:*
- 1. Letter from Ms. Kathy Gutierrez*
 - 2. Medical note for Angie Avalos*
 - 3. Traffic Commission Staff Report – Item 6B, September 14, 2016*

Kathy Gutierrez

10845 Walnut St

Los Alamitos CA 90720

October 13, 2021

RE: Handicap curb painting & sign installation for 10841 & 10845 Walnut St, Los Alamitos

Dear Maria,

Per your request, I'm writing this letter with hopes to get the curb in front of our property at 10841 & 10845 Walnut St painted for residential handicap parking only.

My parents, Angie and Alfred Avalos are 88 and 95 years old and reside in the front house (10841) and have handicapped placards and my husband, Jesus Gutierrez (10845), is handicapped with a placard as well. While we try to park our cars in the front for the easiest access to our homes, there are times when we must leave, and our parking gets taken by other cars. While it might not sound like a major inconvenience, it really is. My parents can't walk far, and neither can my husband. We are hoping by having the city paint our curb blue and install a "Residential Handicap" parking sign, this will eliminate a lot of disruption and hassle.

My parents have lived on this street for 90 years and my husband and I have lived here our whole lives as well. We're hoping the city can help them, and us, so that we can continue to live comfortably.

Should you have any questions, please let me know.

Best

Kathy Gutierrez





**ANGIE AVALOS
10841 WALNUT ST
LOS ALAMITOS, CA 90720**

**RE: ANGIE K. AVALOS
DOB: 03/14/1933
MRN:10008250, Encounter Date: 10/28/2021 3:06PM**

To Whom it May Concern,

Patient Angie Avalos needs her side walk to be painted blue due to Lower back pain and neuropathy

Completed on behave of Dr. Sanat Patel MD

Signatures

Electronically signed by : Heidy Meza, MA; Oct 28 2021 3:12PM PST (Administrative)

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City of Los Alamitos Traffic Commission

**Agenda Report
Staff Report**

**September 14, 2016
Item No: 6B**

To: Chairman and Members of the Traffic Commission
From: Farhad Iranitalab, Traffic Engineer
Subject: Consideration of a Handicap Parking at 4112 Green Avenue

Summary: A request has been received by the resident to install a handicap parking marking and a sign on Green Avenue to assist the mobility-impaired resident.

Recommendation: Based on the findings of our analysis, the installation of one handicap parking is recommended.

Background

Ms. Lisa Klemin resides on 4112 Green Avenue, Apt. A. She is suffering from Cerebral Palsy, which limits her mobility and ability to walk. There are parking spaces available in back of the building, however, she has lost the ability to walk the distance from parking to her apartment. She has lived at her apartment for the last seventeen years, and the parking at the back of the building is accessible from the alley, however, it is too narrow for the van to negotiate the turn. The parking on Green Avenue is limited because of the number of apartments adjacent to the street. (See Attachment 2 for the location map.)

Recommendation

At the present time, on Green Street, the street parking is very limited because of number of multi-residential buildings along the street. Based on Staff discussion with Ms. Klemin, she is aware of the fact that other residents can and may park in the stall as well. She is also aware that the City does not have funds to install a ramp but she mentioned that her father owns the building and he is willing to pay for the installation of the ramp.

Based on our analysis, Staff recommends the installation of one (1) on street handicap parking stall on Green Avenue in front of 4112 Green Avenue.

Attachments: 1. Location Map

TRAFFIC COMMISSION STATUS LOG

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	DATE INITIATED	REQUESTED BY	COUNCIL OR STAFF	TAKEN TO	REMARKS
ELECTED OFFICIALS INITIATED ITEMS - COMPLETED						
A1	install 4-way stop signs at 4-way stop intersections	Jul-15	J. Wilhelm			Completed
A2	Farquhar/Los Alamitos Alley Study		Emerson/Mejia			Completed
A3	No left turn sign by the post office on Reagan St	Jun-15	D. Patz			Completed
A4	Katella/Cherry crosswalk on eastside of Katella	Jun-15	J. Mejia			Pending - Put on 7-yr CIP
A5	High School Traffic Study		D. Hunt		TC - April 2015	Completed. Submitted request to the district and was denied. No further action at this time.
A7	Repaint arrows at bus pad on Katella @ Walnut	Apr-15	J. Mejia			Completed
A8	3-way stop sign @ Cherry St & Catalina St	Jan-13	J. Wilhelm		TC - May 2015 CC - June 2015	Completed
A9	Consider options for widening Civic Center Dr	Jan-14	J. Mejia			No longer applies
A10	Upgrade forklift crossing on Catalina	Jan-16	J. Mejia	Completed		Completed
A11	remove parking spaces on s/s Catalina opposite - near the Los Alamitos Medical Center	Mar-16	J. Mejia	Possibly Council		Completed
A12	PT/P study to downgrade fully protected operation for Rossmoor Way/Los Alamitos TS and Bradbury/Los Alamitos TS S/B and N/B directions	Jun-16	D. Emerson	Staff		Completed
A13	1. Los Alamitos Blvd @ Farquhar - safety light out 2. Los Alamitos Blvd @ Katella - safety light cycling 3. Los Alamitos Blvd @ Florista, safety light out 4. Los Alamitos Blvd @ Cerritos - Illuminated street name dark 5. Cerritos Ave @ Los Al High, ISNS is out 6. Cerritos Ave @ Humbolt, ISNS is out 7. Cerritos Ave @ Bloomfield, safety light out	Feb-19	J. Mejia	Staff		Completed
A15	Los Alamitos Blvd @ Orangewood Safety Light Out	Mar-08	Hill	Staff		Completed
A16	Safety light out at the intersection of Humbolt Street and Cerritos Ave.	May-17	Chair Patz	Staff		Completed
A17	Bloomfield speed sign is not working	Apr-17		Staff		Completed
A18	Parking Revision 10732 Los Alamitos Boulevard in Front of McNally Back to 24 Min. Zone.	Feb. 7	Commission	Council		Completed
A19	Real Estate Sign limiting visibility at the intersection of Florista and Pine	Apr-17	Commission			Completed
A20	Florista Signal Timing	Jul-17	Commissioner Hill	Staff		completed.
A21	Katella Avenue at Lexington Safety light is dark	Sept. 17	Commission	Staff		Completed
A22	Traffic signal indication at S/W corner missing	Sept. 17	Chair Patz	Staff		Completed

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A23	Move or upgrade mid-block crosswalk on Cherry s/o Florista	Mar-16	J. Mejia & D. Patz	Possibly Council		Completed
A24	five (5) traffic signs on the south side of Katella Avenue, between the 605 freeway and Wallingsford are starting to lean toward the street.	Feb-19	E. Singer	Staff	Public Works	Completed
A25	parkway trees are blocking the effectiveness of the street lights, on the east side of Los Alamitos Bouelvard, between the car wash and Bradbury Road.	Feb-19	E. Singer	Staff	Public Works	Completed
A26	alley, south of Katella from Lexington heading west: overgrown vegetation at the rear of the private properties	Feb-19	E Singer	staff	Code Enforcement	Completed
A27	repair of two speeds bumps in the alley between Lexington Drive and Noel Street, and between Katella Avenue and Green Avenue.	Mar-19	J. Mejia	Staff	Public Works	Completed
A28	request to adjust the new median lights on Los Alamitos Bouelvard, so that the lights are triggered to turn on and off by the sensor and not the timer.	Feb-19	D. Patz	Staff	Public Works	Completed
A29	Scramble Timing at the intersection of Cerritos and Los Alamitos Boulevard	Apr-17	R. Hill	Staff		No further action required at this time. Will be evaluated after School Traffic Study Review
A30	Add red curb for sight distance on Katella for n/bound Bloomfield	Mar-16	D. Emerson	Possibly Council		No further action required at this time
A31	Vehicles in N/bound left turn lanes on Los Alamitos at Katella back up into thru lane	Jan-16	D. Emerson	Council		Reviewing - Would likely require capital improvements
A32	Replace speed bumps in alley - poor condition	Jan-16	J. Mejia	Staff		Completed
A33	Bring the traffic study for Shea Properties Arrowhead to Commission	Mar-16	J. Mejia	Staff		Waiting for study to be submitted
A34	Address sight distance for driveways on S/S Katella - Reagan to Cherry	Mar-16	J. Wilhelm	Possibly Council		Under observation. No further action required at this time
A35	Extend the "merge left" sign on Los Alamitos Boulevard (NB) to be moved closer to Katella Avenue	Apr-19	Singer	Staff	Public Works	Completed
A36	Painted "merging" street marks on Los Alamitos Boulevard north of Katella Avenue, south of Florista Avenue.	Jun-19	Traffic Commissioner Mejia	Staff	Public Works	Completed
A37	"No Parking" sign replacement at the west end of San Joaquin Avenue	Jun-19	Traffic Commissioner Patz	Staff	Public Works	Completed
A38	San Bonito Avenue street sign on Bloomfield Street going north to south is blocked by a block wall	Oct-19	Traffic Commissioner Patz	Staff	Public Works	Completed

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A39	Katella Deli removal of damaged wall	Feb-19	Traffic Commissioner Mejia	Staff	Code Enforcement	Completed
A40	Overgrown tree on private property covering a signal at the intersection of Bradbury Road and Los Alamitos Boulevard	Jun-19	Traffic Commissioner Rodman	Staff	Code Enforcement	Completed
A41	Street name signs at Los Alamitos Bl/Florista-paint/vinyl peeling off	Jan-16	J. Seaman	Staff		Completed
<u>COMMUNITY INITIATED ITEMS - COMPLETED</u>						
B1	Extend signal time for cars crossing Katella @ Walnut/Wallingsford	Apr-June-15	Lindsey			Completed
B2	Conduct Four-Way Stop Study at the intersection of Walnut and Catalina	Apr-17		Staff		Completed
B3	Traffic Signal @ Wallingsford and Katella	May-17	Resident	Staff		Completed
B4	requesting the installation of a u-turn sign and/or paint a red curb in the Woodcrest neighborhood - school traffic imposes safety concerns (Los Alamitos High School)	Oct-17	Residents: Carol Wall & Betty Binder	public		completed.
B5	installation of a right-turn only sign at the exit driveway off Farquhar, on the east side of Jack in the Box leaving Bank of America parking lot going onto Farquhar.	Nov-17	Resident: Art DeBolt	public		completed and removed.
B6	Traffic signal at Katella and Los Alamitos	Jul-17	P. Dykhouse	Staff		Completed: Traffic signal is operating as was intended
B7	Red curb request on north side of Sausalito Street east of the driveway into Sausalito Walk	Sep-18	Resident: Richard Murp	Staff	Public Works	Completed
B8	Installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of Green Avenue and Bloomfield Avenue	Jan-19	Resident:	Staff	Public Works	Completed
B9	Dedicated right turn lane on Cerritos Avenue in front of Los Alamitos High School	Oct-19	Traffic Commissioner Hill	Staff	Public Works	Completed
B10	Permit parking sign removal in New Dutch Haven neighborhood - as part of the permit parking review	Oct-19	Residents	Staff	Public Works	Completed
B11	Permit parking sign removal in Carrier Row neighborhood - as part of the permit parking review	Oct-19	Residents	Staff	Public Works	Completed
B12	Red curb request on south of Sausalito Street west of Los Alamitos Boulevard (next to Shenandoah's)	Sep-18	Resident: Richard Murphy	Staff		Completed

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B13	Request for the installation of equipment for the visually impaired on Florista Street and Los Alamitos Boulevard	Fall 2018	Resident	Staff	City Council	Completed
B14	Installation of speed humps at Old Town West (Project updated to Traffic Calming)	Sep-19	Resident	Staff	City Council	Completed
RECOMMENDATION APPROVED & PENDING IMPLEMENTATION						
C1	Analysis of other intersections near all schools within City limits which might warrant the installation of a crosswalk	Jan-19	Traffic Commission	Staff		Approved - pending implementation
C2	Street sweeping signage around the LAMC (initiated by excess trash and debris on the street)	Jan-19	Resident	Staff		Approved - pending implementation
RECOMMENDATION DENIED						
D1	installation of northbound speed limit sign on Bloomfield	Nov-19	Resident: Art DeBolt	public		denied
D2	change the alley (between Farquhar Ave & Howard Ave) to be one-way only	Nov-19	Resident: Art DeBolt	public		denied
D3	Remove "Keep Clear" on Farquhar at Cherry	Mar-16	D. Emerson	Staff	CC - March 2017	Denied
D4	Remove school signs for Laurel HS, which is closed	Nov-15	D. Patz	Staff		Denied per schools request
D5	Modify pedestrian signal/sign for NB right turns - East leg Bloomfield & Katella	Jan-14	J. Wilhelm	Staff		Denied
D6	Request to add permit parking on Maple Street in the Apartment Row neighborhood	Jan-20	Resident: Mark Giruad	Staff	Staff	Denied
D7	15 minute parking sign at 4012 Katella Ave, Suite 101	Mar-20	Business Owner: Hai Nguyen	Staff		Denied - Staff spoke to Business owner
ITEMS PENDING - TRAFFIC COMMISSION						
E1	Red Curb Request on 4021 Howard Avenue	May-17	Matthew Dastis	Staff		Item pending written request from Mr. Dastis. No written request yet.
ITEMS PENDING CONSIDERATION - CITY COUNCIL						