



## Traffic Commission

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### CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION December 9, 2015

At the Traffic Commission meeting of University City held in the Heman Park Community Center, on Wednesday, December 9, **2015**, Chairwoman Carol Wofsey called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. In addition to Chairwoman Wofsey, the following members of the commission were present:

- Curtis Tunstall
- Jeff Hales
- Mark Barnes
- Eva Creer

Also in attendance:

- Angelica Gutierrez (non-voting commission member – Public Works Liaison)
- Councilmember Stephen Kraft (non-voting commission member – Council Liaison) (arrived at 6:38pm & departed at 6:52pm)
- Police Department Sergeant Shawn Whitley (non-voting commission member – Police Department Liaison)

Absent:

- Jackie Womack (excused)
- Robert Warbin (excused)

#### 1. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Wofsey asked to amend the agenda to include an update from staff on the status of the proposed parking lot at the Delmar-Harvard playground site as well as two additional issues that had been raised to her by residents. Mr. Tunstall moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Barnes seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

#### 2. Approval of the Minutes

##### A. October 14, 2015 minutes – Amended

Mr. Tunstall moved to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2015 meeting as amended. Mr. Barnes seconded the motion. Ms. Wofsey requested one typographical correction and Ms. Gutierrez requested one formatting correction. The minutes were unanimously approved.

#### 3. Agenda Items

##### A. Stop Sign on Belrue Ave. at Julian Ave.

Ms. Gutierrez reported that a temporary stop sign had been installed on Belrue at Julian in 2014 at the request of residents due to increased traffic on the street related to the Ferguson Ave. bridge construction. It was a temporary measure taken at the direction of the Police Chief and Public Works Director. It was the recommendation of staff that the stop signs remain permanent and made part of the city code.



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Mr. Hales asked if this came before the commission in 2014 and Ms. Gutierrez stated that it had not because it was a temporary measure.

Ms. Wofsey asked if there had been any feedback from residents. Ms. Gutierrez indicated that there was significant feedback from residents in 2014 and that prior to the stop signs, there were yield signs that were being ignored.

Mr. Hales moved to approve the recommendation. Mr. Barnes seconded the motion.

Sgt. Whitley informed the commission that the stop signs had eliminated the issue with traffic failing to yield at the intersection.

The motion was unanimously approved.

#### 4. Council Liason Report

None

#### 5. Miscellaneous Business

##### A. Traffic Commission Annual Report

Ms. Wofsey asked requested three corrections be made to the report.

Mr. Barnes moved to approve the report with the noted corrections and was seconded by Ms. Creer and the motion was unanimously approved.

##### B. Delmar Loop Parking Study Technical Memorandum

Ms. Wofsey stated that this informational item was a precursor to a larger study and report.

Ms. Gutierrez informed the commission that this was smaller a short-term traffic study related to the Loop Trolley project. The study began at the end of 2013 and included surveys with businesses and public meetings. The commission was not asked to take any action on the memorandum. Ms. Gutierrez indicated that she did not know if there would be a more comprehensive study because the initial proposals on a more comprehensive study were very expensive.

Ms. Wofsey asked Mr. Kraft if the council had voted to allocate funds for this study.

Mr. Kraft stated that the purpose of the study was to focus on the loading zones and that the Loop Special Business District and businesses were concerned about the impact of the Trolley on loading zones. He indicated that this study seeks to maximize the space that we have.



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### **C. Additional Miscellaneous Business**

Ms. Wofsey asked whether the parking lot proposal on the Delmar-Harvard site would be coming before the Traffic Commission.

Ms. Gutierrez read an email provided by Andrea Riganti, Director of Community Development. It stated that the city is still in discussion with the University Heights neighborhood and that the matter would be brought to the Traffic Commission at a later date pursuant to the code.

Ms. Wofsey stated that she had received a complaint from a resident about the site lines exiting the Trilogy Apartment complex due to parking on Delmar at Canterbury.

Ms. Gutierrez suggested that the citizen complete a traffic request form to pursue the concern, but noted that she recalled the County's reluctance to change the street parking on Delmar many years ago.

Ms. Wofsey also received a complaint with the ingress and egress related to the Starbucks on North and South Rd. and asked if there have been accidents there.

Sgt. Whitley indicated that there had been accidents at that location, but that the primary issue is the traffic congestion, particularly between 7am and 9am. He believed the neighboring businesses prohibit Starbucks parking on their lots and that there are issues with both ingress and egress from the Starbucks lot.

Mr. Hales mentioned that he noticed a change in the lane striping creating a turn lane in the southbound lanes across from Starbucks and from his observation that had improved the traffic flow. He noted that he continues to observe southbound traffic on North and South turning into the Starbucks lot and blocking the northbound lanes of North and South.

Ms. Gutierrez informed the commission that the Public Works has been working on a solution for quite some time.

Ms. Wofsey stated that she has been told by residents in the nearby condos that "it is an accident waiting to happen".

Mr. Barnes mentioned that the City of Brentwood had a similar problem and placed lane dividing sticks or "delineators" preventing traffic from turning into the Brentwood Starbucks from the southbound lanes of Brentwood.

Mr. Hales stated that it seemed like there had been a lot of discussion on this subject between the city and Starbucks and asked if staff could provide an email with more information to update the commission on the matter.



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Ms. Gutierrez said she would and indicated that the city has told Starbucks that they would like to bring this to the Traffic Commission, but Starbucks wanted to try to remedy the problem first and had hired CBB as a traffic consultant which led to the new lane striping. She also indicated concerns the city has with pedestrian traffic being blocked and indicated that there have been many complaints.

Mr. Hales mentioned that with the recent resurfacing project on Hanley Road, the contractors had stored their equipment on in the left-hand turn lane of westbound Pershing at Hanley and had repainted a left hand arrow in the center lane of Pershing. Since the completion of the project, the left turn lane reopened but the additional turn arrow has not been removed. He has noticed two near accidents related to drivers in the left-hand turn lane not realizing there were two turn lanes.

### **6. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm

Minutes prepared by Jeff Hales, Traffic Commission Secretary

**From:** [Andrea Riganti](#)  
**To:** [Sinan Alpaslan](#)  
**Cc:** [Angelica Gutierrez](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Traffic Commission Meeting - December 9, 2015  
**Date:** Monday, December 07, 2015 11:40:35 AM  
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Sinan,

Please advise the Traffic Commission that the City is in discussion with the neighborhood on this administrative item.

Matters will continue to be referred to Traffic Commission as per 120.050 and 120.420 of the Municipal Code.

Thank you,



**Andrea Riganti, AICP**

*Director of Community Development*

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**From:** Sinan Alpaslan  
**Sent:** Monday, December 07, 2015 8:46 AM  
**To:** Andrea Riganti  
**Cc:** Angelica Gutierrez  
**Subject:** FW: Traffic Commission Meeting - December 9, 2015

Andrea – please see below from Jeff Hales, Traffic Commissioner.

I know you explained the process to me once but if you can send it to me once again about that the