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**CITY OF PASADENA  
NORTHWEST COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, April 13, 2021  
6:30 P.M.**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Pat Amsbry, Ryan Bell, Alfred Carr, Michael Anthony Cullins, Kimberly Douglas, Monique Preyer, Cindy Schnuelle, Allen Shay, Beverly Sims (joined at 6:40pm)

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Lola Osborne, Tamer Sabha

**1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL**

Chair Carr called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. Staff (Sabha) called the roll and a quorum was established for the Commission.

**2. WELCOME**

- WELCOME TO NEW COMMISSIONERS MONIQUE PREYER (DISTRICT 2) AND PAT AMSBRY (DISTRICT 5)  
The Commission welcomed Monique Preyer (District 2) and Pat Amsbry (District 5), who shared their background and experience.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA (PLEASE FOLLOW PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS)**

None

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

After review, it was moved (Schnuelle) and seconded (Douglas) to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2021 meeting. (Motion carried) (Abstain: Amsbry, Preyer)

<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	<b>IN FAVOR</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Carr	X	
Shay	X	
Preyer		X
Cullins	X	
Amsbry		X
Schnuelle	X	
Bell	X	
Douglas	X	

## **5. UPDATE FROM LT. MARCIA TAGLIORETTI (PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT)**

Lt. Taglioretti presented the Statistical Report on incidents and traffic collision information for March 2021. Questions from the Commission followed.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

- **PRESENTATION ON THE NORTH LAKE AVENUE SPECIFIC PLAN – (STAFF, ANITA CERNA, SENIOR PLANNER)**

The Commission received a presentation from the Planning and Community Development Department about the North Lake Avenue Specific Plan. Questions from the Commission followed.

### Presenters:

Anita Cerna – Planning and Community Development Department  
Martin Potter – Planning and Community Development Department  
Steven Counts – Planning and Community Development Department  
Susan Ambrosini – AECOM  
Rachel Lindt – AECOM  
Mike Peterson – AECOM

### Public Comments:

Liberty McCoy, a Pasadena resident, submitted a public comment in support of building protected bike lanes in the North Lake area.

Jonah Kanner, a Pasadena resident, submitted a public comment in support of building protected bike/mobility lanes on North Lake Avenue (Mountain St to Maple)

Cary Belling, a Pasadena resident, submitted a public comment in support of building protected bike lanes with landscaped barriers on the North Lake Avenue corridor.

Dan Huynh, a Pasadena resident, submitted a public comment in support of adding protected bike lanes as landscaped buffers on North Lake Avenue.

- **PRESENTATION ON THE FAIR OAKS/ORANGE GROVE SPECIFIC PLAN – (STAFF, ANITA CERNA, SENIOR PLANNER)**

The Commission received a presentation from the Planning and Community Development Department about the Fair Oaks/Orange Grove Specific Plan. Questions from the Commission followed.

### Presenters:

Anita Cerna – Planning and Community Development Department  
Martin Potter – Planning and Community Development Department  
Steven Counts – Planning and Community Development Department  
Susan Ambrosini – AECOM  
Rachel Lindt – AECOM  
Mike Peterson – AECOM

- UPDATE ON THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR THE HOUSING ELEMENT – (STAFF, DAVID SANCHEZ, ZONING ADMINISTRATOR) AND (STAFF, ARLENE GRANADOSIN-JONES, PLANNER)

The Commission received an update on the public participation process for the Housing Element from the Planning and Community Development Department. Questions from the Commission followed.

Presenters:

Arlene Granadosin-Jones – Planning and Community Development Department  
David Sanchez – Planning and Community Development Department

- PROPOSED CHANGE FOR THE NORTHWEST COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING START TIME – CHAIR CARR  
After discussion, it was moved (Amsbry) and seconded (Schnuelle) to move the Northwest Commission meeting start time to begin at 6:00pm.  
(Motion failed) (Opposed: Bell, Douglas, Schnuelle) (Abstain: Shay, Sims)

COMMISSIONER	IN FAVOR	OPPOSED	ABSTAIN
Carr	X		
Shay			X
Sims			X
Preyer	X		
Cullins	X		
Amsbry	X		
Schnuelle		X	
Bell		X	
Douglas		X	

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

- UPDATE OF STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FY 2020-2021  
After discussion, it was moved (Douglas) and seconded (Schnuelle) to accept the work plan updates as discussed. (Motion unanimously carried)

COMMISSIONER	IN FAVOR
Carr	X
Shay	X
Sims	X
Preyer	X
Cullins	X
Amsbry	X
Schnuelle	X
Bell	X
Douglas	X

## 8. COMMENTS AND UPDATES

### ▪ STAFF COMMENTS

Staff (Osborne) provided the following comments:

- The Robinson Park Outdoor Basketball Courts Renovation and Lighting Improvement project was completed in March 2021, with a small reopening event on Friday, April 9, attended by Councilmember Kennedy;
- In response to Commissioner Bell's request at the April meeting, Staff (Osborne) spoke to Pasadena Water and Power staff and shared:
  - o Pasadena Water and Power does not have a balance forgiveness program due to COVID-19, but the City is applying any deposits that a customer may have been assessed as a credit back to their account if it was paid prior to February 2020.
  - o There is an item going to the City Council that if approved, would increase some of the Public Benefit Charge (PBC) funds through Pasadena Water and Power.
  - o If a customer is delinquent, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) program can help tenants with their past due utility bills.
  - o Tenants and landlords can apply for rent and utility bill payment relief through the California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency.
- Asked Commissioners to complete and submit their 700 Form. The deadline was extended to Friday, April 16;
- Due to limited staff resources, please send questions and concerns directly to Staff (Osborne); and
- Shared information about the virtual Art Night on Friday, April 16.

### ▪ COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Vice-Chair Shay commented that the McClain family has retained Benjamin Crump as their new attorney and he has reached out to the community and asked that the Northwest Commission support the McClain family.

## 9. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION MEETING

- Presentations from the Department of Transportation and Public Works Department on their role with the North Lake Avenue Specific Plan and Fair Oaks/Orange Grove Specific Plan
- Presentation from the Pasadena Complete Streets Coalition about their proposal for the North Lake Avenue Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Enhancement Plan

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved (Amsbry) and seconded (Bell) to adjourn the regular meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 PM.

/s/ Alfred L. Carr

Alfred L. Carr, Chair  
Northwest Commission

/s/ Tamer Sabha

Tamer Sabha, Recording Secretary  
Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department