



# MINUTES

## Regular Meeting of the Student and Neighborhood Relations Commission

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2016

City Council Chambers

1 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Paris called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chair Paris led the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT:	BROWN, CAVANAUGH, CLARK, HARMON <small>ARRIVED 6:45PM</small> , MAINES, MORALES, PARIS
ABSENT:	RUMER, MEUM

**ALSO PRESENT:** Housing & Neighborhood Services Director Karl Schwarm, Sheriff Deputy Isaac White, and Recording Secretary Sandra Gallegos

**1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOVED BY BROWN, SECONDED BY CLARK, TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF 9/12/2016 AS PRESENTED.**

AYES:	BROWN, CAVANAUGH, CLARK, MORALES
NOES:	NONE
ABSENT:	RUMER, MEUM
ABSTENTION:	HARMON, MAINES, PARIS

**2) ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** – There were no speakers.

**3) OLD BUSINESS**

**A) Strategic Parking Plan Update:**

DIRECTOR SCHWARM reviewed the no parking on street sweeping day program for the Santa Fe Hills area and the Barham Industrial area. Parking remains an issue in those areas as well as the Rosemont neighborhood, El Tigre Court (off of Smilax



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Road), and Ginger Glen (next to Discovery Elementary). He talked about a permit parking district program which would be another tool to combat the ever increasing parking problems. The program must be requested by residents to address undesirable parking impacts. A permit parking program is allowed under the California Vehicle Code and must be approved by ordinance or resolution of the City Council. The ordinance provisions are general in nature and establish the process and basic requirements for formation. Specific neighborhood issues would be addressed through the application process. The permit parking ordinance does not guarantee a parking space on the street and does not mandate a resident purchase a permit. He went over the proposed visitor "day" permit, the quantity and types of permits, administration & enforcement, and cost recovery.

JACK GORZEMAN of the Rosemont neighborhood went over a few changes he would like made to the proposed ordinance:

- Page 3, Section 12.50.040 subsection A, change the percentage of amount of residents of the dwelling units or businesses in the area that must sign the petition from 60 percent to 50 percent. He stated that filing a petition is only the first step in a long process of establishing a parking district. Filing a petition is no guarantee that it will be approved.
- Page 3 Section 12.50.040 subsection B, the ordinance requires that city staff complete the eligibility analysis of a petition within 90 days from receipt of the petition. And, if a parking issue is related to seasonal conditions such as school schedules, the draft ordinance allows unlimited time for staff to complete the eligibility analysis. He finds this unacceptable as action on a petition could be delayed for years. He recommends an additional 30 days to complete such survey or study if the parking issue is related to seasonal conditions. This change would cover any potential constraints with school schedules and give city staff up to 120 days to complete the eligibility analysis.

He stated that the visitor day parking permit is the first he is hearing about tonight and he is in favor of it and would like it included in the ordinance. Regarding the maximum number of permits allowed he is glad to see that the draft ordinance gives the City Council discretion to change the maximum number of permits issued per dwelling unit to soothe the particular needs of a parking district. This flexibility is needed when developing an effective and mutually acceptable parking district.

DIRECTOR SCHWARM stated that the information from the City of Laguna Beach indicated some of their studies where a year long. For San Marcos, staff would be looking at it from a 90 day period when the problem is occurring. He is in favor of



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adding an additional 60 days or 90 days to complete the study if the parking issue is related to seasonal conditions.

COMMISSIONER BROWN asked what constitute a neighborhood and what constitutes 50%. The staff report mentioned that in one city there are 71 different parking permitted areas and that doesn't mean that they are all the same. She asked if there is any way they can possibly pre ordain some of those neighborhoods knowing that they are going to get this creep that is going to happen when you install a permit in three blocks and then it goes to ten blocks in the same neighborhood.

DIRECTOR SCHWARM stated that in Pasadena the entire city is a permitted area and it may get to that point in San Marcos as we increase our density around the University. There may be a need for more and more of these districts. The first step is that residents have to petition the city. The petition will say the recommended boundaries of those areas, the restrictions they would like and what they think the cause of the problem is. The City would then conduct a study including an in depth analysis of what the spillover effect would be in the surrounding neighborhoods. If there is a spillover than the district would have to be expanded to allow for that spillover.

COMMISSIONER BROWN stated that in the Laguna Beach report it says that one of the key problems with the preferential parking permit program is that they do not address the root of the problem which is the lack of available parking and that is something that this commission can't take care of. But it is definitely something she feels that they need to recommend to the powers that be that parking is becoming a huge issue for the quality of life in San Marcos. They can put a lot of bandaids on it but it's going to be bigger than all of us pretty soon. And so they need to look at the root problem as opposed to being reactive. They can support all the ordinances that staff presents and the neighborhoods can respond in kind but then it just makes more work for staff but is that the job they've been hired to do. The projects that are being built should be required to build big parking lots.

COMMISSIONER CLARK stated that it is sort of implied in the limited number of permits available to any resident that if they have more cars than that they are going to have to figure out how to make use of the space they have in their garage and driveways. The speaker, Mr. Gorzeman, requested a reduction in the percent of dwelling units or businesses in the area that have to sign the petition from 60% to 50%. She wondered if it would not be better to go to 51% just in the odd case that there is an even number of businesses or homes.



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DIRECTOR SCHWARM said, yes if the commission would recommend the 51%. But if you take into account the spillover effect if you only have 51% of the residents in a 300 unit complex there's a good chunk of them that may be opposed to it, it may be a very difficult thing to improve. For example in the Rosemont neighborhood there are portions of that neighborhood closer to Twin Oaks Valley Road that are heavily impacted and those that live on the far end are not.

### **COMMISSIONER CLARK MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE ORDINANCE TO THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION WITH THE FOLLOWING:**

- **Section 12.50.040 A:** The petition must be signed by residents of 60% of dwelling units or businesses in the area as indicated in the ordinance. If the Traffic Commission wants to reduce the percentage then they can do that at their review.
- **Section 12.50.040 B:** The last sentence be changed to say up to 90 days to complete the survey or study if the parking issue is related to seasonal conditions.
- Develop language for the Day Use Permit concept as staff described in the presentation and have that be part of the ordinance when it goes to the Traffic Commission.

**COMMISSIONER MORALES SECONDED. MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

### **4) REPORTS:**

#### **A) Sheriff's Department Report**

DEPUTY WHITE provided the report and reviewed the calls for service report for the months of August through November 2016. There were 31 party/noise calls within a mile of Cal State San Marcos and 52 similar calls within a mile of Palomar College. He spoke about a party with over 200 attendees that took place on October 14 at a home near Borden & Twin Oaks Valley Road. Police and fire responded and 2 individuals were taken to the hospital. Four of the residents were cited for violation of the social host ordinance. Prior to Halloween there was also a large party at a home in Coronado Hills and 25 units and Sheriff's helicopter responded. Commissioner Clark asked if this was a student party. Deputy White said it was a family party however guests invited others and there ended up being about 100 people. A fight broke out when emergency personnel arrived and arrests were made.

#### **B) CODE COMPLIANCE REPORT – None**



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**STAFF COMMENTS:**

The next commission meeting is Monday, February 13, 2017.

**COMMISSION COMMENTARY**

The two new commissioners from Palomar College introduced themselves.

COMMISSIONER HARMON serves on the Associated Student Government. COMMISSIONER MAINES is a police sergeant with campus police.

COMMISSIONER CLARK stated that men's basketball will have their first game on campus tomorrow night in the new Sports Center at Cal State San Marcos. The school is getting ready to roll out their smoke and tobacco free campus initiative for full implementation by fall of 2017; right now they are in the educational phase. The Tuesday after Thanksgiving is National Day of Giving and the campus will be hosting their version of that. One of the programs that the Associated Students are spearheading is the establishment of a food pantry on campus to address the food insecurity of students. They have a grant available for matching funds raised between Day of Giving and December 31<sup>st</sup> for up to \$25,000 from the Staples Foundation.

CHAIR PARIS talked about the Festival of Trees, a fundraiser benefiting the Foundation for Senior Well Being. The event is being held the weekend after Thanksgiving. Decorated trees will be on display and available for purchase. On Friday there is VIP dinner and on Saturday a holiday brunch.

**ADJOURNMENT**

COMMISSIONER BROWN MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:38 PM, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CLARK. MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

*Catherine Paris, Chair*  
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STUDENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD RELATIONS COMMISSION  
CITY OF SAN MARCOS

ATTEST:

*Sandra Gallegos*  
SANDRA GALLEGOS, RECORDING SECRETARY  
CITY OF SAN MARCOS