



MINUTES

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION OCTOBER 16, 2013

**Call to Order/
Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Commissioner Cook, who led Commissioners and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Commissioners Absent: Thomas

Commissioners Present: Commissioners McGovern, Hart, Brenden, Berge, Carr, and Cook were in attendance.

Others Present: Travis Hopkins, Director of Public Works
Tom Herbel, City Engineer
Bob Stachelski, Transportation Manager
Ken Dills, Project Manager
Jim Wagner, Senior Civil Engineer
Joe Fuentes, Civil Engineering Assistant
Kirsty Wapner, Administrative Assistant
Tom Peckham, Member of the Public
Walter White, Member of the Public

B. PRESENTATIONS-COMMENDATIONS

None.

C. MINUTES

C-1. Motion by Commissioner Brenden, seconded by Commissioner Carr to approve the minutes of September 18, 2013 as presented.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Thomas)
ABSTENTIONS: 1 (Cook)

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Motion by Commissioner Carr, seconded by Commissioner Hart to move Administrative Item G-4- Crosswalk Removal at Oakridge and Indianapolis, up on the Agenda to now, in order to hear the public comments related to this item.

Walt White, resident of Huntington Landmark Senior Adult Community and Chair of Maintenance Committee at Landmark, spoke in support of the crosswalk removal. He stated the City evaluated the intersection at the Board of Directors request and the crosswalk has since been removed. Flashing beacons have since been installed at the stop line. Mr. White provided a sheet of relevant information pertaining to the removal of this crosswalk, which is attached to these minutes.

Tom Peckham also supports this recommendation.

Bob Stachelski provided the staff report on the removal of the crosswalk at Oakridge and Indianapolis. The crosswalk has already been removed and it is being recommended to leave this as is, as opposed to reinstalling the crosswalk. There is better visibility for traffic without the crosswalk and with the flashing beacons at the stop line. Staff did receive one call regarding this project, but the caller had some confusion with the details, which were then clarified. Commissioner Hart asked why a crosswalk was there in the first place. Stachelski stated he didn't know and doesn't know if the City installed it or if the Board of Directors had it installed. There is lack of any documentation on the subject.

Motion by Commissioner Berge, seconded by Commissioner Brenden, to direct staff to take the necessary steps to permanently remove the crosswalk across the south leg of the intersection of Indianapolis Avenue and Oakridge Lane.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Thomas)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

E. DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

None.

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

F-1. Upcoming City Council Study Sessions – Travis Hopkins noted the LeBard School presentation went to Study Session on 10/7. The General Plan Amendment Committee will be discussed at the 10/21 Study Session. AES will be discussed at

the 10/21 Study Session and some items may relate to Public Works regarding the AQMD funds. AES is upgrading their site. The first lot of money could be received in about one year. Funds may also be available to different agencies as well. There are plenty of opportunities for the spending of these funds.

- F-2. Active Capital Project Report – Tom Herbel provided updates on the capital project report. He noted the new fiscal year 2013-14 CIP schedule has been loaded. Goldenwest Garfield project- Garfield is nearly complete and work on Goldenwest just began. Edinger Parkway Path- 10 foot wide bike/ped path is done. Landscaping is left to complete. Hanover Lane, Keelson Lane, Lakeview Drive, Residential Pavement Rehab Zone 7- all are done except for Lakeview Drive Sidewalk. Slater Channel Improvements is under construction. South Beach Parking Lot will be presented tonight to the Commission. Warner Ave Gravity Sewer Main and Lift Station- contractor will be out there in 3 weeks and there will be major traffic impacts on PCH and down to one lane during the daytime. Algonquin/ Boardwalk Lift Station is almost complete and should be operational within a month. Corrosion protection on Springdale is complete. Commissioner Hart gave a compliment for the work done in Zone 7. Commissioner Berge asked why the curbs were painted red on Springdale by the church. Mr. Stachelski responded that the contractor made a mistake, this was caught immediately and they are in the process of fixing it.

G. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- G-1. Beach Parking Lot Rehabilitation – Jim Wagner presented the pavement rehabilitation of the beach parking lot from Beach Blvd to the Hyatt pedestrian bridge, which will begin in February 2014 and last approximately 20 working days. The bridge will remain open. The last slurry seal was done in 2001. They will be using fiber reinforced asphalt concrete, which is the first time this material will be used in the City. The Community Services Department will decide if the other gates will be open for the parking lots during construction. Mr. Stachelski stated the number of parking spots will remain the same; there will be very few minor changes during the striping. Mr. Wagner added that the cities of Laguna Niguel and Costa Mesa are using this same material. Commissioner Berge mentioned the use of “glassphalt.”

Motion by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Hart, to approve that the City Beach Parking Lot Pavement Rehabilitation is in general conformance with the recently approved CIP.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Thomas)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

G-2. Beach Blvd. Sewer Improvement Project- Joe Fuentes reported there is a greater need for increased sewer capacity due to the new developments along Beach Blvd. New PVC pipe will be installed from Slater to Ellis. The work will begin in Jan/Feb 2014 with work being done at night. Hours have not been finalized yet. This will create temporary lane closures and two lanes will be open at all times.

Motion by Commissioner Berge, seconded by Commissioner Hart to approve that the Beach Boulevard Sewer Improvement Project is in general conformance with the previously approved CIP.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Thomas)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

G-3. Meredith Pump Station Expansion- Joe Fuentes reported there are three existing storm water engines at the Meredith Pump Station, which have become obsolete with no support for the replacement parts. Utilities staff will replace these engines, but the building wall will need to be moved out three feet. This project should begin in early winter 2013.

Motion by Commissioner Hart, seconded by Commissioner McGovern to approve that the Meredith Pump Station Expansion Project is in general conformance with the previously approved CIP.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Thomas)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

H. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

I. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS

None.

J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM to November 20, 2013 at 5:00 PM at the Utilities Yard.

Jennifer Thomas
Chairperson

Kirsty Wapner
Administrative Assistant

OAKRIDGE CROSSWALK

16-Oct-2013

Introduction

- Walt White – a resident of Huntington Landmark Senior Adult Community
 - Certified AARP Driver Safety Instructor
 - Chair of Maintenance Committee at Landmark
- Here on behalf of Landmark's Board of Directors to support the permanent removal of the Oakridge crosswalk at Indianapolis

Background

- 3 crashes involving vehicles exiting Landmark at Oakridge onto Indianapolis
- All vehicles were turning left onto westbound Indianapolis
- Unfortunately, one of those crashes resulted in a fatality
- It is difficult to see eastbound traffic approaching from the left on Indianapolis

Changes

- At our Board's request City evaluated intersection
- City found that stop lights or stop signs were not warranted on Indianapolis
- City installed cross-street signs with flashing beacons and reduced speed limits on Indianapolis, both eastbound and westbound
- City moved sidewalk ramps at Oakridge closer to Indianapolis to improve the visibility of vehicles exiting Landmark
- Our Board of Directors appreciates the support of the Public Works Dept and the changes already made improve safety at our exit gate
- Our Association temporarily replaced the Oakridge crosswalk with a limit line to evaluate the effectiveness of the change
- Landmark residents found the change allowed them to better see eastbound traffic on Indianapolis and supported making the change permanent

Proposal

- Item G-4 on your agenda proposes permanently removing the crosswalk
- This would allow exiting vehicles to stop closer to Indianapolis and to more easily see eastbound traffic coming from the left

Similar Intersections

- There are 12 non-signalized intersections on Indianapolis between Beach and Brookhurst that do not have crosswalks
- Oakridge is the only non-signalized intersection on Indianapolis that has a crosswalk
- If approved, the Oakridge intersection would "mirror" the Ives intersection on the other side of Indianapolis

Recommendation

- Landmark's Board of Directors recommends permanently replacing the crosswalk at Oakridge with a limit line to improve the safety of vehicles exiting our Indianapolis gate