

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
CONVENED THIS 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2010 7:00 P.M.
AMEDEE O. "DICK" RICHARDS, JR., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1424 MISSION STREET**

ROLL CALL

The special meeting of the City Council and the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) was convened at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Schneider in order to participate in a web teleconference presentation by Ian Lockwood of Glatting Jackson Kercher Anglin, Inc., on the Fremont Traffic Calming Study. City Councilmembers/CRA Members present: Cacciotti, Putnam, and Sifuentes; Mayor Pro tem/CRA Vice Chair Ten; and Mayor/CRA Chair Schneider. Members absent: None. Other officials present: City Manager/CRA Executive Director Davidson; City Attorney/CRA Counsel Adams; Police Chief Watson; Fire Chief Wallace; Finance Director Thai; Public Works Director Sweeney; Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa; Transportation Manager Woods; and City Clerk Kilby.

**PRESENTATION VIA
WEB-CONFERENCING
BY GLATTING JACKSON
KERCHER ANGLIN, INC.,
ON THE FREMONT
TRAFFIC CALMING
STUDY**

Mayor Schneider made introductory remarks, informing the audience about the teleconference equipment. He provided guidelines to keep ambient noise at a minimum and to be able to hear and be heard. He announced that Councilmembers could ask questions during the presentation and that the public would be able to ask questions after the presentation. He introduced Shin Furukawa, Deputy Public Works Director, who provided background on the traffic-calming study. He said Fremont Avenue is an important element of the Multi-Mode Low Build Alternative to the proposed 710 freeway. He said the presentation is conducted via phone conference for the audio portion. He said that GoToMeeting® through the Internet is being utilized for the graphics presentation, which will be controlled by the presenter, located in Florida.

Ian Lockwood, Principal, Glatting Jackson Kercher Anglin, Inc. (now AECOM), made an hour-long presentation on the Fremont Traffic-Calming Study, which was conducted during a week in May 2009 and presented at a public meeting the same week. His visual presentation consisted of photographs and other graphics to illustrate his points. He reviewed various traffic/pedestrian issues

along the length of Fremont Avenue. He outlined the firm's recommendations, which included reconfiguring lanes along the northern portion of Fremont near Columbia to prevent "overtaking" conflicts; constructing a roundabout at the Grevelia train crossing; creating bulbouts at a number of locations; installing raised intersections at schools, churches, and the Post Office; and reconfiguring a portion of the street at Huntington. He raised the possibility of re-routing the truck route at the southern end. He responded to questions posed by Councilmembers during the presentation. Discussion took place on numerous issues, including trends in the role of streets, the difference between speed and volume, the potential liability for Alhambra of directional street arrows for vehicles traveling north on Fremont, the feasibility of obtaining authorization to install a roundabout at the Gold Line tracks, and the distance it takes vehicles to stop at various speeds.

Mayor Schneider opened the public comment period. He said Mr. Lockwood would answer questions as asked. City Attorney Adams said no decisions would be made tonight. Mayor Schneider invited those with questions to speak first, followed by those with comments.

Odom Stamps, 318 Fairview Avenue, Mayor Schneider, and Councilmember Putnam clarified how a roundabout would work at a train crossing.

Tom Houg, 1640 Spruce Street, asked what the traffic-calming effect on Fremont and Fair Oaks would be if the 110 freeway were an at-grade, tree-lined boulevard that permitted the mending of the street grid. Mr. Lockwood responded that highways have been turned into boulevards in other cities. He commented that this was an ambitious project and made related remarks.

Mary Ferrero, 2030 Fremont Avenue, thanked the Council for hosting this event. She asked who has jurisdiction over truck routes and how trucks can be prevented from traveling on Fremont. Mr. Lockwood responded that cities have control over streets; Councilmember Putnam said that this is a legal question.

Richard McDonald, law offices of Horgan, Rosen, Beckham & Coren, 140 S. Lake Avenue, #265, Pasadena, referred to a letter he had sent the Council

about the Fremont Avenue Traffic-Calming Study and funding. He said the firm has been retained to represent Robert J. Magillian, owner, 309 Oaklawn Avenue, regarding damage to his property related to traffic on Fremont Avenue. He said Mr. Magilligan supports adoption and implementation of the traffic-calming plan as a way to resolve the issues. Mr. McDonald spoke about effective traffic-calming measures on El Molino and Glenarm in Pasadena. He responded to questions from Councilmembers. He urged the Council to focus on eliminating truck traffic on Fremont Avenue.

Daivd DiJulio, DiJulio & King, 330 South Brand Blvd., #702, Glendale, said his firm has been retained to represent Mr. Magilligan as litigation counsel and to review the possibility of an inverse condemnation case against the City relating to trucks and other traffic on Fremont Avenue. He said this presentation represents a good-faith effort to mitigate those damages.

Jan Krajewski, 309 Oaklawn Avenue, who said he is a new resident, said he has visited Mr. Magilligan since 2000 at this address and stated that noise from traffic has increased on Fremont. He expressed concern regarding trucks, speed, and lack of police presence.

Mary Ann Lower, 2012/2014 Fremont Avenue, who said she is also representing her tenant at 2014 Fremont, said she has complained previously about the speed of traffic on Fremont. She supported the proposed plan. She said that Fremont, from Huntington Drive to Alhambra Road, should look like a residential street but doesn't. She said that traffic exists even in the middle of the night, when trucks are speeding.

Mary Ann Parada, 1710 Ramona Avenue, said she appreciates the proposed bulbouts at the High School and Holy Family Church. She opposed the existing "orange cones" on Fremont near Huntington.

Jim Miller, 1103 Hope Street, commented on various proposed traffic-calming strategies. He said the proposed roundabout at Grevelia will interfere with pedestrian traffic. He said the hill southbound on Fremont from Columbia is a speedway. He said that traffic calming on Fremont will cause vehicles to move to other streets.

Councilmember Sifuentes requested that the City investigate the directional arrows on the northbound side of Fremont in Alhambra, as recommended by the consultant. He suggested that he and another Councilmember work with staff and the City of Alhambra on this.

Mayor Schneider requested that the Fremont Traffic-Calming Study be added to a future agenda to discuss the issues, seconded by Councilmember Putnam.

Mayor Schneider opened the public comment period to permit comments from one speaker.

Mary Ferrero, 2030 Fremont Avenue, urged the Council to eliminate trucks from Fremont. The City could avoid any liability if there ever were an accident involving a diesel truck, she said.

Mayor Schneider closed the public comment period.


Councilmember Putnam remarked that the presentation was scheduled because all Councilmembers could not attend previous presentations by Glatting Jackson. One priority is the area of Fremont where schools and churches are located, he said. He asked whether representatives of these institutions were included in previous discussions.


Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa said that all were invited to the previous presentations and to this presentation. He said that the High School principal was involved in the first group.

Consultant Lockwood made final comments about how roundabouts can work with pedestrian traffic. He remarked that the City can institute several of the measures and add more as needed. He thanked all who helped with the project, and Mayor Schneider thanked the consultant for his work on the project.

ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, Council adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.


Sally Kilby
City Clerk
CRA Secretary


Richard D. Schneider, M.D.
Mayor
Chair, CRA