

CITY OF POMONA
Community Life Commission
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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Dated:
For the Month of August 22, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Manzanares presiding called meeting to order at 6:16 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Manzanares led Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

Chair Lidia Manzanares, District 1
Vice-Chair Alexandra Oliva, District Commissioner
Commissioner Ava Phillips, District 5
Commissioner Jeanette Ellis-Royston, District 6
Commissioner Donna Houston, Mayor Appointee

ABSENT:

Christina Jimenez, District 3
Vacant Seat, District 4

STAFF PRESENT:

Beverly Johnson, Staff Liaison
Guillermo Rivas, Housing Technician
Sgt. Robert Scheppman, Pomona PD
Isabel Abundis, Housing Grants
Coordinator

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATION(S)

Robert Scheppmann, Sgt. Pomona PD

Fatal Traffic Collisions – Data and Statistics are based on:

Substance abuse information determined by police investigation or by coroner's report 2001-2023

Data of fatal collisions in Pomona compared to other southern California cities of similar geographical size and population

100 fatal traffic collisions

Since 2017 an uptick of hit and run and vehicle vs. vehicle

Bicyclist/pedestrians

Time Categories – 2017-2023

6:00 am – noon

Noon to 6:00 pm

6:00 pm to midnight – spike in traffic collisions

Midnight to 6:00 am

Gender/Race

More men involved on the road and involved in traffic collisions; higher number of male Hispanics

But consistent with demographics

Substance by Type

DUI

Investigation or Coroner's report

Alcohol and drugs consistent through the years; most of the investigations have not been include due to the fact toxicology reports have not been received

Causes of Collision

Turning Movements

DUI

Other failed to Yield

Pedestrian Violations

Speed Violations

Pomona Residents Involved

Numbers a bit skewed due to the number of people involved in traffic collision

38 total people involved in traffic collisions - 17 are residents and 21 live outside of the city

Beat 1 - N of Mission/West of Garey/South of 10Fwy- high vehicle/pedestrian traffic

Beat 2 – N of 10 Fwy/streets near Garey/ Foothill Blvd/ Towne Ave

Beat 3 – East of Garey Ave/North of tracks/South of 10 Fwy

Beat 4 – South of tracks/East of Garey Ave

Series of high fatal traffic collisions on:

Mission: Pedestrian involved fatalities

Reservoir/Towne: Numerous fatal collisions

RELATED CITY PROJECTS PLANNED STARTED COMPLETED

Paving/stripping of roadways to make more visible to see

Installation of raised medians and curb extensions; sidewalk extends out to prevent vehicles from making a turn at the red light

Installation of class 4 bike lanes

Signal Upgrades

All projects considered a road diet

Location Analytics

Occur in areas of:

Main traffic thoroughfares; high volume of vehicles

High population density near the main streets

Higher speed limits with open design

High pedestrian volume

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS

Commissioner Houston

Q: Is there a breakdown between Pedestrian vs. Bicyclists?

A: Bicyclist almost considered as a pedestrian; skateboarders, non-motorized scooters

Q: Correlation higher fatalities near bars while intoxicated

A: not to his knowledge

Q: Is J Walking no longer illegal?

A: J-Walking is no longer a violation; pedestrian responsibility still in the code

Vice-Chair Oliva

Q: Railways being looked at for public safety, any information related to those studies?

A: no direct knowledge

Q: Any data on people running red lights?

A: Slight increase in red light violations on Towne Ave and Benita/Indian Hill – San Bernardino

Q: Data on 2nd/Garey Ave southbound?

A: 30 MPH is the legal speed; vehicles are speeding at 50 MPH and don't have enough time to slow down or stop

Commission Ellis-Royston

Q: Male Female and Other?

A: Any other gender identification that would be in a traffic collision report address non-binary, transgender or any other gender that could be included

Q: Do any of the fatal collisions have to do with street conditions?

A: Sunrise/sunset/moon phases/lighting conditions/ambient lighting caused by business neon signs

Q: Anything being done about the heavily congested area on Holt

A: Email Sgt. with your questions

Q: Will this presentation being given to City Council?

A: It was last year

Chair Manzanares

Q: If we have the data and know where they are happening, how recommendations being passed onto Public Works?

A: Works pretty closely with Public Works (Ron Chan)

Q: How can the CLC be helpful? Who would we contact to see what projects are in the works?

Q: Can a map of fatal traffic collisions be layered over a map of the Public Works projects?

A: PW provide map or list of projects underway or completed

Q: Would you share the best practices?

A: PW completed a few of those projects on Towne and Alvarado

CW Safety Study – Contact Public works to ask for copy

Annual Action Plan Overview

Beverly Johnson, Asst. Director

Community Meetings Postcard

Community Needs Survey

Requested general feedback from CLC to provide input by the 4th of September
Increase the postcard size
A second QR code for public to find out more about federal funds;
Cost??
Outreach Matrix will be distributed next month
PUSD to receive \$10.6 million for Community Schools

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approval of Community Life Commission Regular Meeting Minutes for the Month of August 22, 2023.

Motion by Commissioner Houston and second by Commissioner Ellis-Royston to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for August 22, 2023.

**Motion carried 3-0
*Abstain 1***

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

CHAIR MANZANARES

Requested social media posting for CLC as seen for Parks and Rec

COMMISSIONER OLIVA

Thanked Chair Manzanares for requesting the fatal traffic collision presentation and thanked the Mayor for attending the organic event

COMMISSIONER ELLIS-ROYSTON

NAACP Pomona Valley Branch celebrating their tenth year at the Indian Hill Village at 6:00 pm at the solidarity
Attended the Human Affairs Commission in DC; attorney that did presentation on housing said, "Artificial intelligence is becoming the new civil rights frontier"
Visited the African American Museum and obtained sayings from Martin Luther King

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Concerts in the Park on Fridays at 8:25 pm
Grand Re-opening of Hamilton Park on Aug 31 @5:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Manzanares adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

The City of Pomona Community Life Commission is hereby adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of September 26, 2023 starting at 6:15 p.m. in person in the Council Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Tracy Byl
Commission Secretary

Chair Lidia Manzanares