

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE MONTCLAIR
CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019, AT
5:46 P.M. IN THE SOUTH CONFERENCE/THEATER ROOM, 9955
FREMONT AVENUE, MONTCLAIR, CALIFORNIA

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dutrey called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dutrey, Mayor Pro Tem Raft; Council Members Ruh and Johnson; City Manager Starr; Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo; Administrative Analyst Colunga; City Attorney Robbins; City Clerk Phillips

Absent: Council Member Martinez (excused)

III. PUBLIC COMMENT — None

IV. COUNCIL WORKSHOP

A. Active Transportation and Safe Routes to School Plans

Mr. Roger Pelayo, Associate Planner, **KOA Corporation**, led a PowerPoint-guided presentation discussing the current progress on developing the City's Active Transportation Plan (ATP), which includes the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Plan.

Mr. Pelayo noted **KOA** began work on these projects earlier this year, in partnership with the City, residents, neighborhood organizations, local schools, and other community stakeholders. So far completed aspects of the project include data collection for the ATP and walking safety assessment analysis for SRTS. Community outreach and engagement efforts have already begun for both the ATP and SRTS and recommendations are currently being developed. He advised draft plans will be presented in Spring of 2020 and completion is expected by July 2020.

Council Member Ruh expressed his concern that parents throughout this community cannot attend these community engagement meetings that occur in the mornings and afternoons.

Mayor Dutrey asked how the walking safety assessments are performed at school sites.

Mr. Pelayo advised data is collected regarding signage, traffic conditions, and feedback from crossing guards, parents, and teachers.

Mayor Dutrey invited audience members to provide feedback or ask questions at this time.

Audience members made the following comments:

- Parents of students attending **Montclair High School** should be involved in this process—not just the students themselves.
- More crossing guards are needed at all school sites.
- While the City had added several bicycle lanes on east-west thoroughfares, the ATP should incorporate north-south bicycle lanes on Monte Vista and Central Avenues to improve Transcenter access for cyclists.

Mayor Pro Tem Raft asked if flashing crosswalk signs could be added around school, noting she has seen the same in Claremont.

Ms. Leslie Scott, Community Outreach Lead, **Leslie Scott Consulting**, noted the ATP functions as a General Plan whereas SRTS is more of a

specific plan just for school areas. She advised that through this process, additional safety measures can be evaluated and the findings in the final ATP and SRTS plans can then be used by the City to pursue grant funding to implement those measures.

Council Member Ruh noted bicycle lanes tend to reduce the area for street parking and recommended bicycle lanes be moved inward to provide room for street parking.

Council Member Johnson stated she is excited about this project and looks forward to the completion of the study.

Council Member Ruh stated he was involved with the legislation that allocated funding for local governments throughout the state to implement the Safe Routes to School plans. He noted when the legislation was approved, there were concerns related to areas that lack sidewalks. He asked whether adding sidewalks to areas of the community near schools would be a part of this project.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo advised the main obstacle to adding sidewalks is gaining buy-in from residents and property owners in order to obtain right-of-way for the City to add sidewalks in front of those homes. He advised the City intermittently reaches out to those residents and property owners but has not had much success gaining cooperation.

Mayor Dutrey stated his main concern, as well as that of most residents he's spoken with, is related to safety around schools. He indicated his support for this project, adding it is a good exercise to fully understand and investigate the issues; however, money to implement solutions will be the issue once the plan is complete. He maintained that safety must remain the highest priority.

Before adjourning, Mayor Dutrey provided a final opportunity for audience members to speak.

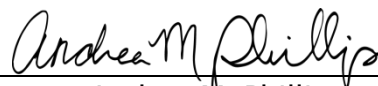
- One audience member indicated that on National Walk to School Day, recognized annually on the first Wednesday in October, rather than hold a walking event last year, a school in Ontario held an educational fair for students, which was very successful and provided much-needed learning opportunities for students.

Mayor Dutrey thanked audience members for their attendance and participation in the workshop.

V. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:23 p.m., Mayor Dutrey adjourned the City Council.

Submitted for City Council approval,



Andrea M. Phillips
City Clerk