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You're probably surprised to hear directly from me but I have some things you need to know. First, I am aware of a meeting that a friend and former neighbor had with a couple of council members, city staff, and WPD. When I first learned of the meeting I was pretty indignant, I mean, I have been trying to tell anyone who will listen that the PPD program is flawed, but I don't come with just complaints about neighbors from Octavio C. Martinez's district, district 2, who have RESIDENT STICKERS OR PLACARDS who are increasingly parking on the NON PPD 6200 blocks of Comstock and Milton, no. I come with alternatives to the PPD which would include a fee. But I'm not going to just offer my "expert" analysis on what options to explore, I think those issues need to be brought up at a Parking and Transportation Committee meeting? Please correct me if I'm wrong but The Parking and Transportation duties include:

The **Parking and Tral mean it's a nice picture, but it was four years old at the time!nsportation Commission** consists of five members who make recommendations or give advice to the City Council regarding parking and traffic problems, issue parade permits and establish parking restrictions. The Commission also reviews transportation environmental impact reports, future transportation development plans, and school crossing guard locations.

(Whittier Municipal Code Chapter 2.20)

Meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber in City Hall.

Members:

- Arthur Revueltas (Installation Pending)
- Alejandro Mendoza, Commissioner
- Ricardo Izquierdo, Commissioner
- David Gonzalez, Vice Chair
- Laurie Perschbacher, Chair

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I bring this up because on Saturday July 29, 2023 I attended a public safety meeting. The mayor was in attendance and from what I understand there were more people than expected and I was one of them. A majority of the complaints and concerns were over parking. Parking issues from other residents who have a number of cars left parked on the street was the biggest complaint brought up. The officer assigned to this meeting suggested a number of times that WPD cannot CHANGE the law, they can only ENFORCE the laws on the books, AND to take all of these concerns to a board, or commission, or committee meeting. I looked on the calendar and saw that there was a PTC meeting for Thursday, August 3 at 6:30 pm at Whittier City Hall. That important Commission meeting was canceled without notice. Since then, this Commission has been canceled without notice again this month.

If I was this mayor, that would have been the first thing I did when I got home from my run on TWGT and made sure the ENTIRE commission was present and ready to talk to concerned and fed up residents through the red tape and possible remedies to their concerns. But he didn't. And now TWO CRITICAL COMMISSION MEETING HAVE BEEN CANCELED WITHOUT NOTICE. I am not a legal scholar by any stretch of the imagination but I'm pretty sure notice needs to be posted on any commission or board

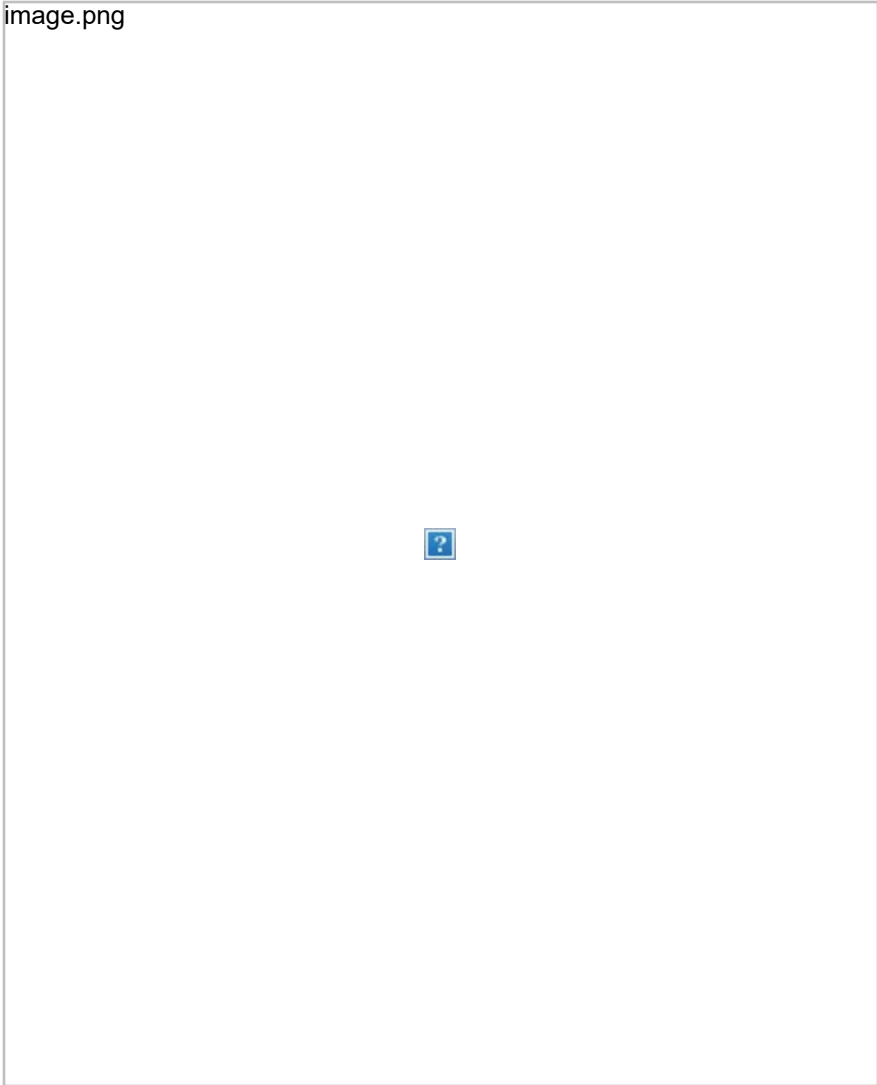
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meetings that have been cancelled.

I mention all that to say that I am aware of the letter that was written to the council and staff regarding a meeting that was held for a request to explore speeding issues in a neighborhood in Octavio Martinez's neighborhood. That was a meeting that Kimberly Dandini attended a couple weeks ago with a couple of council members, the city manager, and WPD. I knew that this was an attempt to brush her off, I knew that because The Brown Act PROHIBITS discussion regarding issues that belong on a calendar for CONSENT is frowned upon. I couldn't say anything about the meeting that she held at her residence because that is her place to do so. Everything she said about Octavio Martinez's demeanor has been experienced by myself. Ms. Dandini expressed continued disdain and annoyance from that meeting, not only was her safety issue totally disregarded, but she felt offended by Octavio Martinez's continued sexist remarks regarding her appearance at that meeting. To this I can concur as to my own experience with Octavio Martinez when I volunteered for his campaign. Octavio asked for a picture of me to use on a local or neighborhood campaign flyer. At that time we were Facebook friends and either he or someone who had access to his account chose a very nice picture of myself for the flyer. The only thing is, the picture that was chosen was taken February 26, **2018!**

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I think I looked pretty good during his campaign in April of 2022, but that's just me. I started growing my "highlights" out. Although it's no one's business, I am now 98.7% dye free and I have a beautiful silvery crown in the front and I forgot how dark my hair still is in the back, I love it.

I know why you (OCM) ignored me at a council meeting last year and you apologized to Magdalena "Maggie" Moe for not replying to one of her emails, you walked around the back of the chamber and right by me and over to some older lady who was sitting in the front. I went that night to see if an agenda item was going to go forward, it was something about the language of the ordinance in regards to a single family home that wanted 25 foot ceilings and the wording in the ordinance included language like, "direct and imminent threat to public health, safety, and welfare. The ordinance did not have an address for the residence either. When I called and spoke to Ben, or was it Luis? (I can't find the ordinance that I printed out and made notes on) and questioned the language, I was told it would be reviewed. That agenda item was removed from the consent calendar.

I made a comment on one of your posts and you CALLED ME to basically call me out on that comment which was questioning the enforcement of the posted NO PARKING/TOW AWAY ZONE at Greenleaf and Philadelphia during Covid. And the response you gave as to why the delivery trucks and vans were parked in a posted NO PARKING/TOW AWAY ZONE was because "there is no parking". Well, duh!!!! So give delivery vehicles a pass but if someone else tries that...hmmmm!

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That was all I needed to hear about that so I pivoted to the Comstock and asked about the parking. I will admit, on that I was a little sarcastic with you when I suggested that the residents and their guests and their additional vehicles can conveniently park at that parking structure on Comstock. And then you flatly replied with, "Veronica, they're going to have parking for residents and guests'. Like, Veronica, you dumb a##, you don't know anything. And now the city is being sued on "The Comstock" because of PARKING!

You called me "friend" but I should have trusted my first impression of you, I didn't and couldn't go across the street and tell you that the trash cans stay in the alley on this street because you seemed like an ####hole so I sent my poor husband over to tell you because there was something off putting about you. Now this same ####hole is saying at the October 11, 2022 city council meeting regarding PPD's that IF there was a cost to be charged for the permits that people should be aware of the situation and that would be "the cost of living in this area".

This coming from a guy who didn't know where to put his trash cans out. Whatever.

We have an increasing number of residents in District 2, the district Octavio C. Martinez was elected to represent, who are parking their vehicles with both Resident stickers and Guest placards parking on NON-PPD streets that include the 6200 blocks of Comstock Ave and Milton Ave. The southside of Broadway from that weird park thing next to the city yard at Broadway Park all the way to Newlin. These areas are NOT part of the district Octavio Martinez was elected to represent. Oh no. These are parts of District 1 and most of these people moving into this PPD boundary area are not aware of the high demand to hike Hellman and Turnbull. There is a resident who lives across the street from Octavio Martinez and he has an extra vehicle. It's a blg, blue van. When he moved in I was the manager of the apartments across the street from Octavio's residence. I told him he has one spot but he could try to be a "good neighbor" and move the extra, big, blue van on the street so it doesn't stay parked in one spot for too long. For the most part I believe my former tenant is trying to be a "good neighbor". He had no idea when he moved into the area of the demand for parking to hike this very popular trail. I mention that because almost a year ago, Octavio Martinez suggested at a city council meeting that people move into this area should be aware of the parking situation and if they have extra vehicles to "be adults and get rid of extra vehicles" and that maybe paying for permits "will be the cost of living in this area." (In regards to identifying options for the PPD, does the city start charging for permits?) It sounds like a good opportunity for Octavio Martinez to go across the street and have a chat with his neighbor and constituents about the benefits to the neighborhood when one does "the adult thing" and gets rid of an extra vehicle. But that's just me.

If/when I go out and start taking pics of vehicles I'm under the risk of having the owner of the vehicle ask me what I'm doing and that could become a volatile situation avoidable if the PPD ordinance had penalties for vehicles with stickers or placards to be able to get a citation if parked on a NON-PPD street. The penalties for parking in a PPD neighborhood affects the neighbors who live just outside of a PPD and park without realizing they are on a PPD street. And yet, the residents along the north side of Broadway Ave from Milton to Pickering park their vehicles along the south side of Broadway in front of the park and school, WITHOUT PENALTY AND TAKING PARKING AWAY FROM THE RESIDENTS WHO DON'T HAVE PERMITS TO BE ABLE TO PARK WITHOUT GETTING A CITATION IF THEY CAN ONLY FIND PARKING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF BROADWAY.

Not just that, but last year there was a 182 page Walker Consultant report packed full of data and information. Not one question about the data or analysis was asked. For instance, on page 47, there is at the top of the page a Table 2: Sample Driveway Availability chart, I would like for someone to explain it to me. There was discussion during the October 11, 2022 city council meeting about using some of the maps as a tool in the future for parking. Ultimately, as far as I can tell, the 6300 block of Bright and Midvale got PPD's. And that's it. Until the next block of residents start complaining about people parking in their neighborhoods at night and taking WPD away from potentially dangerous calls to give a ticket to someone parked in front of their house at 11 pm because they don't have a permit!

Currently there is a white Nissan Altima, LP 7GKH361 permit no 579. I have previously requested that

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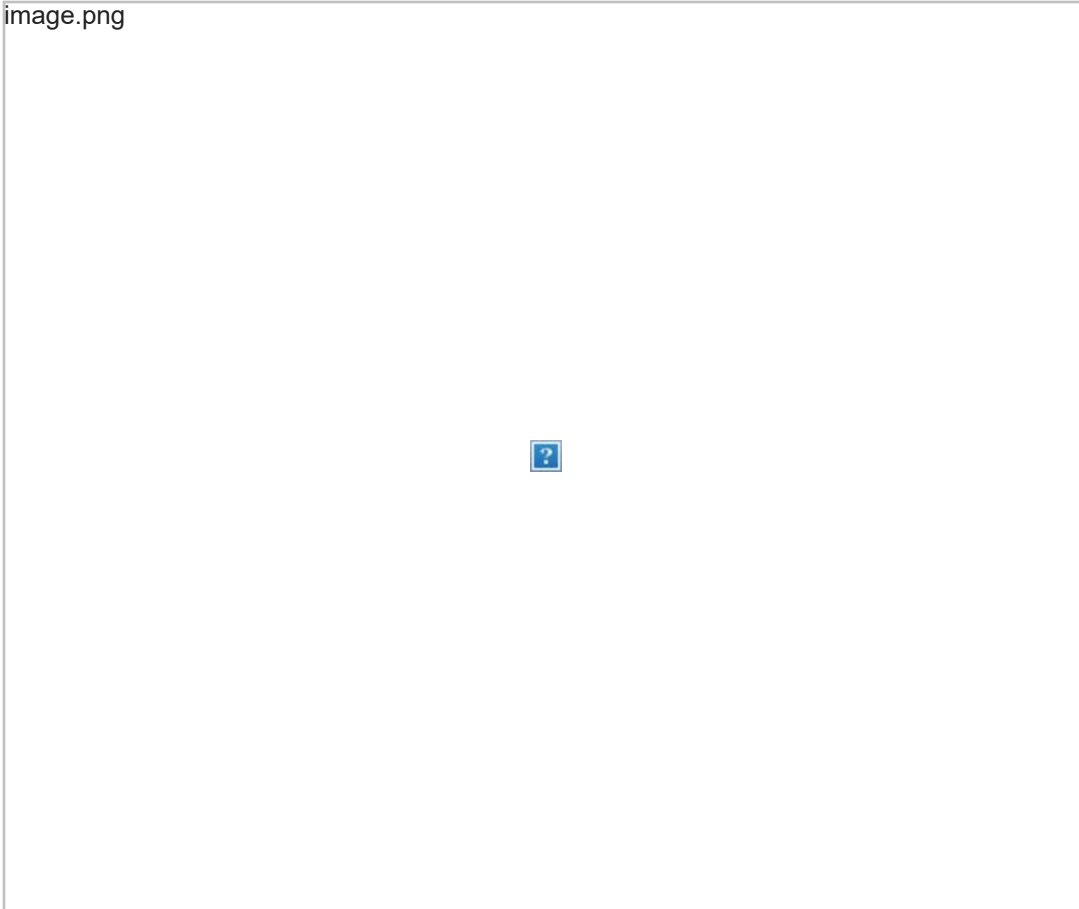
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this permit issued is not invalid. This vehicle started parking on this end of the block last year when the permits were a bright pink. I was totally surprised to see this vehicle with a current dark blue resident sticker and is still parking down on the NON-PPD end of Comstock and goes in and out of The Olympian Apartments. Was there another household that requested permits for the same address?

This last piece is of a "correspondence" that was left on my vehicle where I parked on 6203 Comstock Ave, Broadway side. That side is a PPD. People do pay attention, just because I am not a homeowner does not make my issues with the PPD less valid.

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Veronica Wilkerson

On the other side of 6200 block of Comstock