

ACONA January 23, 2018 Meeting Notes

~ 50 in Attendance

~ **Elliot Gold:** Welcome & Intros

~ **James Yang** P.E. Dept of Public Works, L.A. County
H.Q. in Alhambra, 77 Field Offices, 4K sq miles, 88 cities,
75 miles beaches & 2 islands. Discussed watershed areas.

*Provide sustainable water supplies and healthy watersheds while
reducing flooding. Discussed Pump Stations & Sewers.

*Covered a little re: Waste Management.

*Covered Street Maintenance, tree trimming sidewalk repairs,
illegal dumping.

*Manage traffic control, signs, stop lights, parking restrictions.

*Building and safety, building inspections.

*Code enforcement.

*Emergency response.

*P/P Info of contacts.

* Covered info re: “The Works” cellular app.

Questions:

* Speed reduction requests, be careful it might be raised, take
into consideration the neighborhood, **James explained
standards and the law re safety.**

* Street sweeping without curbs, sidewalks etc, **James stated that
it can be considered.**

* Storm drains concerns. **James stated that they are cleaned out
every 5 years, sewer clean up is prompt.**

* Screens in front of drains, excess trash collected in front.
County has strict criteria.

* **James is willing to take all calls/emails re: situations.**

- * How to contact tree trimmers, over doing it are they county workers or contractors, call 626-337-1277.
- * Traffic questions, problem on Maiden Lane 30 MPH has had folks at 60MPH wants to get handled. Maiden Lane & Mountain Curve 8 stop signs? Claims has wasted 14 years trying to handle.
- * James leaving business cards.

Elaine Kunitake P.E. Dept of public works.

- * “Complete Streets” urban planning streets for use for everyone not just transport vehicles. Covered benefits, safety, economic vitality, environmental health, inclusive mobility
- * Smart Growth America
- * National Association of City
- * Transportation Officials (NACTO)
- * Caltrans
- * Metro
- * Implementing in Altadena, (County Guidelines) “Mobility Element” : Bicycle Master Plan, Community Pedestrian Plans, Model Design Manual for Living Streets.
- * “Vision Zero” timelines to implementing objectives to prevent accidents, injuries etc. (engineering of streets)
- * Discuss to ensue with Town Council
- * (626) 458-3922

Questions:

- * Concerns with speeders on Windsor (JPL employees) and cannot get out of adjoining streets. Yearly studies can be done.
- * Larger Law enforcement to assist in traffic laws does L.A.County co-ordinate with Law enforcement, yes they do.
- * Inconsistency on Altadena Drive with no curbs. Curbs or rocks, eyesores, what can be done. Studies can be done to evaluate.

- * Will residents be contacted when Complete Streets starts implementing their changes. Feels bike lanes are stupid.
- * **County is interested in serving the communities per Elaine.**
- * Traffic calming at top of Lake is working, include equestrians and walkers.

Holly Rundberg, MAP your Neighborhood

- * Developed in Washington State, implemented by Red Cross. Group of 8 training is n/c, meets 6x yr.
- * Want to prepare Altadenans for disasters because first responders more than likely will be elsewhere.
- * Come to homes with materials to assist with training.
- * Facebook Page, & email address: mynrsvp@gmail.com

OPEN Q & A

- * What can the community do to move Complete Streets forward because no funding yet, how do we create a safer community while waiting?
- * **Answer:** Town Council is the voice to Supervisor, long process, contact county if see issues that need to be addressed ASAP, don't wait for the prices to be implemented.
- * Feb Town Council Meeting: County giving presentations re New York Drive.
- * Figueroa Drive & Windsor stop light why sooooo long to get in. How to update crossing folks with lights in the street. Funding is the issue. **Nina to call James ASAP to handle issue.**
- * New York Drive overhaul, add in Complete Streets at that time. Is there a policy when doing this it is a perfect opportunity. **Answer:** Will discuss with project manager, they will be redoing pavement, fix sidewalks deal with flooding issues.

- * Windsor & Figueroa Drive issue, **Nina to interface with James.**
- * Kudos for Holly and her group “MAP” **GO TO THE TRAINING.**
- * Do we know what neighborhoods have been mapped? **Holly to find out.**
- * Who does one need to talk to re speeding? **Answer=CHP, engineer solutions then Dept of Public works. James works best with emails. email address: jamesyang@dpw.lacounty.gov**
- * Concern re: vehicles and bicycle riders being hit, folks’ animals being killed by speeders, **must discuss at Town Council Meetings. (brought up by T.C. member Dorothy Wong)**
- * When will the New York Drive project start, **A=Spring 2019**
- * Street trees being planted and new light fixtures **A= Call County TREES call Public Works.**
- * Walk/Don’t Walk signs, halfway thru and it’s red what can be done, there is a standard, **A=Call County, there is a standard that they are set at, can be changed.**
- * Doesn’t seem standards here re: walk/don’t walk are different than Pasadena what’s up with that? **A=if no pedestrian cars can GO move traffic.** Thanks for taking on Illegal Dumping and handling it.
- * Charge for offenders of illegal dumping, lean, notify landlords or property owners, **A=sometimes it is not even the owner who is dumping hard to prove.**
- * Are mattresses recyclable? Statement for Elaine, “Complete Streets” a kernel for great solution to express views re projects.

MEETING Adjourned 8:30PM