
**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS
TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission of the City of Laguna Hills, California, was called to order by Chair Jones at 7:00 PM in the Laguna Hills City Council Chamber, 24035 El Toro Road, Laguna Hills, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Jones.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

Present: Chair Mark Jones, Vice Chair Larry Woodruff, Commissioner Greg Staar and Commissioner David Wheeler.

Absent: Commissioner Len Herman

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

2. MINUTES

THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 15, 2017, REGULAR MEETING, BY M/COMMISSIONER WHEELER, S/COMMISSIONER STAAR. APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 4-0, (COMMISSIONER HERMAN ABSENT).

3. PRESENTATIONS

There were no Presentations.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

4.1 PARKING CONTROL SURVEY (PERMIT PARKING) IN THE STOCKPORT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD

Associate Civil Engineer Amber Shah, indicated Staff was contacted by a resident who requested implementation of parking controls in the "Stockport Park Neighborhood," including the streets of Derby Circle, York Circle, Woolwich Street, Southport Street and Salford Street. The resident was concerned with overflow parking from other neighborhoods affecting the parking supply in their neighborhood.

Staff sent a parking control survey to the neighborhood on September 11, 2017. The survey resulted in a 65% response rate, but no clear consensus on the desired parking control. A second survey was mailed on November 27, 2017, in an effort to gain neighborhood consensus. The response rate to the second survey was 61%,

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however, a 2/3rds majority did not support parking controls in the neighborhood, which is a requirement of the Municipal Code.

Ms. Shah also indicated public comments were received at the previous Traffic Commission meeting regarding sight distance issues at the intersection of York Circle and Wilkes Place, and vehicular speeds on Alicia Parkway. Staff reviewed the current site conditions and recommended restricting vehicle parking from 140 feet south of Derby Circle to York Circle by the installation of a “No Stopping Anytime” zone to address the site distance issue. Ms. Shah stated a review of the vehicular speeds on Alicia Parkway revealed higher speeds than desirable, and indicated additional traffic enforcement would be implemented, as resources permit.

Barbara Swango, a resident on Southport Street, spoke in favor of permit parking, and requested no parking during street sweeping hours.

Lynne Liette, a resident of Southport Street, spoke in favor of permit parking, and requested the City allow overnight parking at the Community Center and high school to alleviate overflow parking in her neighborhood.

Terri Jensen, a resident of York Circle, spoke in favor of permit parking, and requested the City allow overnight parking on Paseo de Valencia for overflow parking.

Ramzi Saaty, a resident of Woolwich Street, spoke in favor of permit parking, and requested the City limit the parking control survey to the streets directly affected, and not include the streets not directly impacted.

George Lostracco, a resident of Derby Circle, spoke in favor of permit parking, and stated the overflow parking frequently disrupts his trash service.

Jeff Watt, a resident of Southport Street, spoke in favor of permit parking, and requested the City lower the 2/3rds survey approval threshold.

**THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECOMMENDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL
IMPLEMENTATION OF A “NO STOPPING ANYTIME” ZONE ON WILKES PLACE
FROM 140 FEET SOUTH OF DERBY CIRCLE TO YORK CIRCLE FOR THE
ENHANCEMENT OF VEHICULAR SITE DISTANCE, BY M/VICE CHAIR
WOODRUFF, S/COMMISSIONER STAAR.
APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 4-0, (COMMISSIONER HERMAN ABSENT).**

4.2 PARKING CONTROL SURVEY (PERMIT PARKING) IN THE LINDA FLORA NEIGHBORHOOD

Associate Civil Engineer Amber Shah, indicated a resident requested implementation of parking controls in the “Linda Flora Neighborhood” along the streets of Linda Flora

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Street, Toluca Court, Ernestine Court and El Segundo Street. The resident was concerned with overflow parking from other areas of the community. Staff sent a parking control survey to the residents on November 28, 2017. There was a 65% response rate, however, the 2/3rds majority approval threshold required by the Municipal Code to implement parking controls was not met.

Farzin Abedzadeh, a resident of Ernestine Court, spoke against permit parking, and thought the 67% approval threshold was a wise policy and protected the residents from undue burdens.

Javid Jalali, a resident of Ernestine Court, spoke against permit parking, and was in favor of the 67% approval threshold to order to implement permit parking.

Mr. Aslan, a resident of Linda Flora, spoke against permit parking.

Alex Davis, a resident of Linda Flora, spoke in favor of permit parking, and stated overflow parking is a huge problem on the first block of Linda Flora.

THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECEIVED AND FILED THE REPORT, AND DIRECTED STAFF TO WORK WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO ESTABLISH A PERMIT PARKING PETITION, BY M/COMMISSIONER WHEELER, S/COMMISSIONER STAAR. APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 3-1, VICE CHAIR WOODRUFF VOTED NO, (COMMISSIONER HERMAN ABSENT).

4.3 MULTI-WAY STOP SIGN EVALUATION – DE SALLE STREET AT GRISSOM ROAD

Associate Civil Engineer Amber Shah, indicated Staff was contacted by a resident regarding concerns associated with the T-intersection at Grissom Road and vehicular speeding in general. Staff initiated a multi-way stop sign evaluation of the intersection of De Salle Street at Grissom Road. The analysis of this intersection did not identify conditions that would support the need for a multi-way stop sign. However, a side street stop sign on De Salle Street was recommended to affirmatively assign the right of way at the intersection. Vehicular speeds were found to be consistent with typical speeds found on residential streets and occasional traffic speed enforcement was recommended, as resources permit.

THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECOMMENDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE INSTALLATION OF A ONE-WAY STOP SIGN ON DE SALLE STREET AT GRISSOM ROAD, BY M/COMMISSIONER WHEELER, S/VICE CHAIR WOODRUFF. APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 4-0, (COMMISSIONER HERMAN ABSENT).

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5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5.1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORT

Sergeant Prince had a prior commitment and was unable to attend the meeting.

5.2 RADAR SPEED TRAILER

Staff submitted the schedule for the radar trailer.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Woodruff requested to incorporate Grissom Road at De Salle Street into the radar trailer calendar, per Agenda Item 4.3. In addition, Vice Chair Woodruff stated his support for the Municipal Code requirement threshold of 67% approval for implementing neighborhood parking controls.

Commissioner Wheeler commented the homeowners that have overflow parking issues should request to have their streets addressed on a street by street basis, and not get lost in the overall neighborhood survey of multiple streets.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Traffic Commission at this session, Chair Jones declared the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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Approved By:

Chair Mark Jones