CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA
TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 16, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair Rick Frazier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Present: Rick Frazier, Chair
Tim Hillis, Vice Chair
Pamela Dow, Commissioner
Donald Froelich, Commissioner
Ed Rowe, Commissioner

Absent:

Staff Present: Humza Javed, Associate Civil Engineer; Cindy Sands, Administrative Assistant

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER DONALD FROELICH, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PAMELA DOW, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2011, TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Dow, Froelich, Rowe, Vice Chair Hillis, and Chair Frazier
NOES:
ABSTAIN:

3. PRESENTATIONS

None

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

4.1 ANALYSIS OF LEFT TURN DEMAND AND PEDESTRIAN CONFLICT AT THE INTERSECTION OF PASEO DE VALENCIA AT CALLE DE LA PLATA

Staff stated that this item was continued from the three previous Traffic Commission meetings and briefly reviewed the background information and history of the City's actions. Staff also reported that per request of the Traffic Commission at the meeting of September 21, 2011, staff has reviewed alternative traffic control measures, including in-roadway pavement warning lights and it was determined that this intersection does not meet the standard per the California MUTCD as this type of device is not allowed in crosswalks at signalized intersections. Staff is recommending that the Traffic Commission receive and file this report.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHAIR FRAZIER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOW, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THIS REPORT.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Dow, Froelich, and Rowe, Vice Chair Hills, and Chair Frazier
NOES:
ABSENT:

4.2 PROPOSED NO PARKING ANYTIME ZONES ON PLAZA POINTE DRIVE

Staff stated that a business member of the community had expressed safety concerns regarding big rig truck parking along Plaza Pointe Drive. As a result of this concern, staff performed field evaluations along Plaza Pointe Drive and determined that over-sized vehicles utilizing curbside parking may create sight distance constraints at certain locations. Staff requested the Traffic Commission continue this item to the meeting of January 19, 2012, in order to give staff additional time to review this report with another business member in the area that was concerned about the potential loss of on-street parking.

Dr. Alex Naghibi, a member of the business community, stated that he is in support of establishing No Parking Anytime Zones on Plaza Pointe Drive and also presented a letter to the Traffic Commission from Mr. Kevin Olson stating his support for No Parking Anytime Zones on Plaza Pointe Drive.

Mr. Kevin Akash, a member of the business community, stated that he is in opposition to the establishment of No Parking Anytime Zones on Plaza Pointe Drive and engaged in a brief discussion with staff and the Commission regarding the benefits of this additional parking to his business and to the City.

The Commission engaged in a discussion with staff and the community members regarding the various issues.

MOTION WAS MADE BY VICE CHAIR HILLIS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOW, TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM TO THE MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2012.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Dow, Froelich, Rowe, Vice Chair Hillis, Chair Frazier
NOES:
ABSENT:

4.3 PARKING CONTROLS SURVEY IN THE MANDEVILLE DRIVE AREA NEIGHBORHOOD

Staff stated that this was a continued item from the Traffic Commission meeting of September 21, 2011, to allow staff the time to perform a “final” survey of all residents in the Mandeville Drive and La Cienega Drive neighborhoods. Staff reviewed the results of the survey mailed on October 12, 2011, and reported that the low response rate of 55.7% indicates that the majority of residents are not interested in implementing parking controls. Staff also reviewed the results of another site inspection conducted of the Mandeville Drive and La Cienega Drive neighborhoods on the night of November 7, 2011, and reported that no significant parking issues were found along Mandeville Drive, Santa Rosa Avenue, Sierra Bonita Drive, La Cienega Street, or Los Cerros Street, and only six

vehicles were parked along Gordon Road. Staff recommends that the Traffic Commission receive and file this report.

Mr. Robert Guglielmo, a resident of Mandeville Drive, stated that in his opinion the site inspection conducted of the neighborhood on Monday, November 7, 2011, did not reveal the full story of the parking situation and stated that the parking issues occur mainly on the weekends and are a result of the Crestline HOA parking regulations. Mr. Guglielmo is in favor of parking controls in the neighborhood and suggested leaving this item "open" at this time.

Ms. Cynthia Orel, a resident of Mandeville Drive, stated that she is located near the corner and is impacted by the parking situation and reported that she has had to pick up trash, encountered rowdy behavior, and has called the police regarding cars parked for an extended amount of time. Ms. Orel is in favor of establishing parking controls.

The Commission engaged in a discussion with staff and Ms. Orel regarding the various issues and options available to address the parking situation.

Mr. Wade Taylor, a resident of Mandeville Drive, stated that he is opposed to parking controls in the neighborhood.

Mr. Rick Ciaccio, a resident of Mandeville Drive, stated that he is opposed to parking controls in the neighborhood.

Mr. Joel Vest, a resident of Mandeville Drive, stated that he is in favor of a permit parking program and stated that it is his opinion that the parking problem occurs on the weekends.

Mr. Gary Cervenka, a resident of Alta Loma Court, stated that he is in opposition of any parking controls.

The Commission engaged in discussions with staff and residents regarding the various issues and options available to address the situation.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DOW, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR HILLIS, TO (1) REVIEW THE DATA FROM THE PERMIT PARKING CONTROLS SURVEY UP THROUGH THE SEVENTH HOUSE ON MANDEVILLE DRIVE TO VERIFY

MINIMUM SUPPORT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PERMIT PARKING RESTRICTION ALONG THE LOWER PORTION OF MANDEVILLE DRIVE; (2) VERIFY SUPPORT OF PERMIT PARKING RESTRICTIONS ALONG SANTA ROSA AVENUE; (3) REVISIT THE CRESTLINE DEVELOPMENT TO NOTIFY RESIDENTS OF THE PERMIT PARKING OPTION AVAILABLE ON GORDON ROAD AND VERIFY ACTIVE PERMITS.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Dow, Froelich, Rowe, Vice Chair Hillis, Chair Frazier
NOES:
ABSENT:

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHAIR FRAZIER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOW; TO SCHEDULE EMERGENCY MEETING IN DECEMBER IF NECESSARY TO ADDRESS THIS ITEM.

AYES: Commissioners Dow, Froelich, Rowe, Vice Chair Hillis, Chair Frazier
NOES:
ABSENT:

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5.1 RADAR TRAILER SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY

Staff submitted the planned schedule for deployment of the radar trailer and stated the Commission is welcome to make suggestions for other locations.

5.2 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORT

Staff not available.

5.3 TRAFFIC CONTROLS

Commissioner Froelich requested deferment of this item to the meeting of January 18, 2012.

5.4 DOUBLE-YELLOW STRIPING ON WESTBOUND OSO PARKWAY EAST OF CABOT ROAD

Staff stated that Caltrans was notified of the multiple complaints received regarding the double-yellow striping on westbound Oso Parkway east of Cabot Road and reported that Caltrans has determined that the striping and signage at this location is appropriate and will remain as is. Caltrans will continue to monitor this location. The Commission engaged in a discussion with staff regarding this item.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

The Commission engaged in a discussion regarding the double-yellow striping on westbound Oso Parkway east of Cabot Road.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Traffic Commission at this session, Chair Frazier declared the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m. to the meeting of January 18, 2012.

Prepared by:

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Approved by:

Rick Frazier
Chair