
**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS
TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15, 2017**

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 Len Herman, Commissioner Greg Staar and Commissioner David Wheeler.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Loomis, resident of Southport Street, spoke in favor of restricted parking for non-residents, but did not want residents that live in his neighborhood to have parking restrictions.

Philip Oziotis, resident of Southport Street, spoke in favor of permit parking.

Ramzi Saaty, resident of Woolwich Street, spoke in favor of overnight permit parking.

Dana Swango, resident of Southport Street, spoke in favor of permit parking, and no parking during the days and hours of street sweeping.

Meg Gorham, resident of Linda Flora Street, requested the City survey her neighborhood regarding permit parking. Ms. Gorman spoke in favor of permit parking in her neighborhood. Ms. Gorham requested the City install lane assignment signage for the intersection of Community Center Drive and Alicia Parkway.

Sean Ardestani, resident of York Circle, commented the management of the surrounding apartment complexes should be contacted by the City and be involved in the Traffic Commission meeting.

Greg Zabka, resident of York Circle, spoke in favor of restricted overnight parking.

Shirley Connelly, resident of Southport Street, spoke in favor of permit parking.

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Veronica Salmon, resident of York Circle, commented the additional parked cars in her neighborhood caused sight distance issues, additional trash and noise.

2. MINUTES

**THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2017, REGULAR MEETING, BY M/COMMISSIONER HERMAN, S/COMMISSIONER STAAR.
APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0**

3. PRESENTATIONS

There were no Presentations.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

4.1 REVIEW OF RAISED PAVEMENT MARKERS ON PASEO DE VALENCIA AT CABOT ROAD

Associate Civil Engineer Amber Shah, indicated Staff was requested by Commissioner Wheeler to review the field conditions of the right turn pocket merge lane from easterly bound Paseo de Valencia to southerly bound Cabot Road.

Staff performed a traffic accident analysis and field review of the subject location, to see if any physical conditions of the roadway may be contributing factors to traffic collision history. Commissioner Wheeler specifically asked if the raised pavement markers (rpms), Type A white ceramic markers, used as rumble strips in the right turn pocket merge lane from easterly bound Paseo de Valencia to southerly bound Cabot Road could be contributing to traffic collision history. The rpms for this location have been in place for more than 17 years without any known issues. The combination of rumble strips, pavement markings and signage alert motorists to the impending right turn lane, the curve and speed limit to allow for safe passage and merging from Paseo de Valencia to Cabot Road.

A review of three years of traffic collision history did not identify any physical conditions of the roadway as contributing factors to traffic collisions. A field review of the location found all traffic controls to be appropriately placed.

**THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECEIVED AND FILED THE REPORT, BY M/VICE CHAIR WOODRUFF, S/COMMISSIONER STAAR.
APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0**

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4.2 REVIEW OF TRAFFIC SPEED CONDITIONS AND RADAR TRAILER EFFECTIVENESS ON MUSTANG DRIVE AT APPALOOSA PLACE

Associate Civil Engineer Amber Shah, indicated based upon a request by the Traffic Commission to review the effectiveness of the City's speed radar trailer, Staff pulled the trailer data and compared it to spot radar speed surveys on Mustang Drive, a street that was under Traffic Commission review.

Following a spot radar speed survey and staff report presented at the July 19, 2017, Commission meeting regarding concerns of speeding on Mustang Drive near Appaloosa Place, Staff posted the speed radar trailer on Mustang Drive once each in the months of August, September and October 2017. Staff initiated a second spot radar speed survey of the travel speeds on Mustang Drive following the last posting of the speed radar trailer to determine any changes between the two spot radar speed surveys. Although the 85th percentile speed and 10 mph pace slightly increased between the two spot radar speed surveys, the percentage of vehicles exceeding the 10 mph pace decreased from 19.8% in the June 2017, to 10.3% in the morning and 9.2% in the afternoon during the October 2017, spot radar speed survey. The decrease in the percentage of drivers exceeding the upper limit of the 10 mph pace between the two speed surveys may (or may not) be attributable to the use of the speed radar trailer which increases driver awareness and education as to the appropriate speed, in this case, on Mustang Drive. The 85th percentile speeds on Mustang Drive suggest that speed enforcement should continue.

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4.3 REVIEW OF SPEED SURVEY PROCEDURES

Associate Civil Engineer Amber Shah, indicated based upon a request by the Traffic Commission, Staff performed a review of speed survey practices and procedures currently used in the evaluation of traffic speed conditions. The City's evaluation and data collection efforts were found to be in accordance with the guidelines established in the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) 2014 California Manual for Setting Speed Limits. As the guidelines and traffic engineering best practices reveal, the use of radar to measure traffic speeds must be done during off-peak hours for validity of the data collection to measure speeds of the "reasonable driver" for the road conditions encountered not influenced by traffic conditions and other known factors.

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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

There were no Commissioner Comments.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Traffic Commission at this session, Chair Jones declared the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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Approved By:

Chair Mark Jones