
**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA
TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission of the City of Laguna Hills, California, was called to order by Acting Chair Donald Froelich at 7:02 p.m. in the Laguna Hills City Council Chamber, 24035 El Toro Road, Laguna Hills.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Acting Chair Donald Froelich led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Present: Pamela Dow, Commissioner
Rick Frazier, Commissioner
Donald Froelich, Commissioner

Absent: Tim Hillis, Chair
Ed Rowe, Vice Chair

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

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER RICK FRAZIER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PAMELA DOW, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2012, TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

3. PRESENTATIONS

None

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

4.1 STOP SIGN INSTALLATION ANALYSIS AT EL SEGUNDO STREET AND LINDA FLORA STREET

Staff stated that a resident had contacted the City with concerns regarding traffic safety at the intersection of El Segundo Street and Linda Flora Street. The concern was that vehicles travelling along Linda Flora Street fail to yield to vehicles travelling on El Segundo Street. As a result of this concern, staff requested that the City's Consulting Traffic Engineers of Hartzog & Crabill, Inc. perform a multi-way stop sign analysis in accordance with the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Results of the analysis determined that, based on collision history and traffic volumes, the intersection did not meet the requirements for a multi-way stop sign; however, a sight distance review did reveal inadequate stopping sight distance for vehicles travelling northbound along El Segundo Street approaching Linda Flora Street. Staff is recommending the installation of a side-street stop sign along westbound Linda Flora Street at El Segundo Street.

Mr. John Misuraca, a resident of El Segundo Street, thanked the Traffic Commission for the opportunity to discuss his concerns and stated that he has had many "close calls" with vehicles travelling westbound on Linda Flora Street that don't yield to motorists travelling along El Segundo Street. Mr. Misuraca is in favor of a stop sign installation on Linda Flora Street.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER FRAZIER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOW, TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE INSTALLATION OF A ONE-WAY STOP CONTROL ALONG WESTBOUND LINDA FLORA STREET AT EL SEGUNDO STREET.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5.1 RADAR TRAILER SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY

Staff submitted the schedule for the radar trailer and stated that per request of the Traffic Commission the schedule has been modified to include equestrian trail crossing locations.

5.2 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORT

Sergeant Kirsch gave a brief report on a traffic incident that had occurred on Laguna Hills Drive at Indian Hill Lane, all lanes on Laguna Hills Drive had to be shut down for a short period of time due to this incident.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Frazier asked if there had been any additional discussions regarding the Equestrian Trail Crossing Evaluation at the City Council meeting of October 9, 2012. Staff reported that a resident had attended the meeting and that City Council approved staff's recommendation. The Nellie Gail Ranch Owners Association has selected five members to participate in the Ad Hoc Committee and the first meeting will be held November 21, 2012. The committee will meet with staff on a number of occasions to evaluate equestrian trail crossing locations and make recommendations. The committee will also review additional traffic control measures in addition to the existing equestrian sign package. Staff stated that the Traffic Commission will be provided with updates on the status of these recommendations at future meetings.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Traffic Commission at this session, Acting Chair Froelich declared the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m. to the meeting of January 16, 2013.

Prepared by:

Approved by:

Humza Javed, P.E.
Associate Civil Engineer

Donald Froelich
Acting Chair