
**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA
TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 18, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair Ed Rowe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Present: Ed Rowe, Chair
Donald Froelich, Vice Chair
Steven Beeuwsaert, Commissioner
Rick Frazier, Commissioner

Absent: Michael Caputo, Commissioner

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

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

2. MINUTES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER DONALD FROELICH, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STEVEN BEEUWSAERT, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 17, 2013, TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Beeuwsaert and Frazier, Vice Chair Froelich, and Chair Rowe

NOES:

ABSENT: Commissioner Caputo

3. PRESENTATIONS

None

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

4.1 STOP SIGN INSTALLATION ANALYSIS AT BUCKSKIN DRIVE AND BROKEN BIT LANE

Staff stated that a resident had contacted the City with concerns regarding traffic safety at the intersection of Buckskin Drive and Broken Bit Lane. The resident reported that her son was involved in a collision at the intersection and she expressed her concerns regarding speeding vehicles and visibility constraints on Buckskin Drive and Broken Bit Lane. 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 this intersection does not meet the State standards for a multi-way stop sign control based on traffic speed and volume, accident history, and sight distance constraints. Staff noted that a review of the accident history from the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS) from March 2007 through March 2012 did not reveal any traffic collisions. Staff informed the resident to contact the Sheriff's Department directly to request traffic control when she feels there is speeding occurring. Staff's recommendation is to receive and file this report.

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

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Beeuwsaert and Frazier, Vice Chair
Froelich, and Chair Rowe
NOES:
ABSENT: Commissioner Caputo

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5.1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION

Sergeant Luke South gave a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed some of the major highlights of the 2012 Police Services Annual Report. He reported on the operating budget, personnel, crime statistics, response times, deputy statistics, traffic citations, traffic safety, community support activities, and crime prevention.

The Commission engaged in a short discussion with Sergeant South regarding the various items discussed.

5.2 EQUESTRIAN CROSSING TRAFFIC CONTROL UPDATE

Staff briefly reviewed the background information and history of the City's actions including the formation of the staff directed Nellie Gail Ranch Equestrian Crossing Ad Hoc Committee and discussed recent upgrades to the equestrian trail crossings including the installation of signage, yield lines, striping, and the installation of a multi-way stop sign at Gallup Circle and Nellie Gail Road (which was installed September 17, 2013). Staff reported that the flashing LED signage has just been received and will be installed at two of the equestrian trail crossings locations (Nellie Gail Road at Lost Colt Drive and Nellie Gail Road just south of Oso Parkway) within the next few weeks.

5.3 RADAR SPEED TRAILER

Staff submitted the schedule for the radar trailer and asked the Traffic Commission if they have any locations they would like to recommend to the list. Commissioner Beeuwsaert inquired about the use of trailer. Staff explained that the Traffic Commission had previously authorized the bi-weekly placement of the radar trailer, and that additional placement is determined based on needs and requests.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

No Commissioner comments.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Traffic Commission at this session, Chair Rowe declared the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m. to the meeting of November 20, 2013.

Prepared by:

Approved by:

Humza Javed, P.E.
Associate Civil Engineer

Ed Rowe
Chair