
**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA
TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 20, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission of the City of Laguna Hills, California, was called to order by Chair Mike Caputo at 7:02 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 Caputo.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Present: Chair Mike Caputo, Vice Chair Steven Beeuwsaert, Commissioner Mark Jones, Commissioner Greg Staar, Commissioner Larry Woodruff

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 18, 2015, REGULAR MEETING BY M/CHAIR CAPUTO, S/VICE CHAIR BEEUWSAERT.

Approved by a vote of 5-0

3. PRESENTATIONS

None

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

4.1 OUT OF NEIGHBORHOOD PARKING IN THE SINGLE FAMILY HOMES AREA SOUTH OF LOS ALISOS BOULEVARD

Associate Civil Engineer, Humza Javed, indicated that residents have contacted staff on multiple occasions in the recent past concerning "out of neighborhood" parking in the Christina Court/Creekview Drive single family home neighborhood.

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The residents claim that SOFI apartment residents park in the Christina Court/Creekview Drive neighborhood. Staff previously surveyed Christina Court and provided a report to the Traffic Commission at the January 21, 2015 meeting. No action was warranted at that time. Subsequently, staff has received a number of additional complaints from residents regarding the parking situation during the weekends. Staff has recently performed additional site surveys during various times from Friday through Monday and determined that out of neighborhood parking is occurring. While the out of neighborhood parking may be an annoyance to the residents, the parked vehicles were found to be legally parked and not creating any safety concerns. However, in accordance with the Laguna Hills Municipal Code (LHMC) Chapter 11-24, the residents may request a permit parking zone along their streets. Mr. Javed recommended that the Traffic Commission direct Staff to survey the neighborhood in order to determine their interest in pursuing a permit parking program in the neighborhood.

Brittney Jacobsen, a resident, spoke in favor of permit parking.

Ashely Lewis, the Manager of SOFI Apartments, spoke in favor of parking on Avenida de la Carlota and the south side of Los Alisos.

Frank Madrigal, a resident of Creekview Drive, spoke in favor of permit parking.

Doug Johnson, a resident of Woodcreek Road, spoke in favor of permit parking.

Kathleen Clark, a resident of Christina Court, spoke in favor of permit parking.

Vere Chappell, a resident of Creekview Drive, spoke in favor of permit parking.

Naresh Chadna, a resident of Creekview Drive, spoke in favor of permit parking.

Carol Smoot, a resident of Christina Court, spoke in favor of permit parking.

Patricia Arboleda, a resident of Southhampton Court, spoke in favor of permit parking.

Glenn Pohl, a resident of Creekview Drive, spoke in favor of permit parking.

John Dojere, a resident of Creekview Drive, spoke in favor of permit parking.

Allison Goldstein, a resident of Woodcreek Drive, spoke in favor of permit parking.

Roy Stocking, a resident, spoke in favor of permit parking.

THAT THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION DIRECT STAFF TO SURVEY THE NEIGHBORHOOD FOR THEIR INTEREST IN PERMIT PARKING IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAGUNA HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 11-24, M/CHAIR CAPUTO, S/COMMISSIONER JONES.

Approved by a vote of 5-0

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4.2 NELLIE GAIL RANCH EQUESTRIAN CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS

Associate Civil Engineer, Humza Javed, indicated Staff has been meeting with the Nellie Gail Ranch Equestrian Ad Hoc Committee (Committee) to evaluate and enhance the equestrian crossings in the Nellie Gail Ranch community. The Committee has brought to Staff's attention a number of crossings that can be enhanced to improve motorist's knowledge of existing crossings. Staff has also incorporated comments from the Traffic Commission regarding crossing enhancements and has reviewed the comments with the Committee members. All the crossing locations have been reviewed for consistency with the City's Equestrian Standard Sign Package, and staff has worked with the Committee to propose enhancements that will not overwhelm streets with signs and markings.

Jim Anderson, a member of the Committee, spoke in favor of the proposed changes, and offered to answer any questions the Commission may have.

THAT THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL
SELECT IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS EQUESTRIAN CROSSINGS IN THE
NELLIE GAIL RANCH COMMUNITY, M/CHAIR CAPUTO, S/COMMISSIONER
STAAR

Approved by a vote of 5-0

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5.1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION

Staff not available.

5.2 RADAR SPEED TRAILER

Staff submitted the schedule for the radar trailer.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Woodruff, commented he is proud to be a member of the Commission, and it is going to be an enjoyable period for him working with the other Commissioners.

Chair Caputo, inquired if the past Commissioners receive a plaque or some form of recognition for their service.

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7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Traffic Commission at this session, Chair Caputo declared the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Prepared by:

Humza Javed, P.E.
Associate Engineer

Approved By:

MICHAEL CAPUTO, CHAIR