CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS
TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 16, 2018

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.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Motion was made by Chair Jones to open nominations to elect a new Chair. Chair Jones nominated Vice Chair Woodruff. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Herman. There were no further nominations.
APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Motion was made by Chair Jones to open nominations to elect a new Vice Chair. Chair Jones nominated Commissioner Staar. The nomination was seconded by Vice Chair Woodruff. There were no further nominations.
APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

2. MINUTES

THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 17, 2018, REGULAR MEETING, BY M/VICE CHAIR WOODRUFF, S/CHAIR JONES. APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 4-0, (COMMISSIONER HERMAN ABSTAINED).

3. PRESENTATIONS

There were no Presentations.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

4.1 REVIEW OF TRAFFIC CONDITIONS ON LOST COLT DRIVE BETWEEN NELLIE GAIL ROAD AND STAGELINE DRIVE

Associate Civil Engineer Amber Shah, indicated Staff was contacted by a resident regarding concerns of vehicular speeding on Lost Colt Drive. In accordance with the Residential Streets Management Policy, Staff initiated a review of the travel speeds and traffic collision history on Lost Colt Drive between Nellie Gail Road and Stageline Drive.

The speed surveys performed determined the 85th percentile speed on Lost Colt Drive as 29 mph south of Nellie Gail Road and 35 mph north of Stageline Drive. The 85th percentile speed was slightly higher, 35 mph versus the typical prevailing speed of 32-34 mph. The traffic count data determined the volume of traffic to be low to average for a typical residential street of this type. The five-year traffic collision history listed only one traffic collision, which was identified as not speed related.

Ms. Shah indicated given the results of the speed surveys and data review, Staff recommended additional police enforcement and use of the radar speed trailer at this location.

Mr. Calvin Burt, resident of Lost Colt Drive, spoke of his concern regarding speed on Lost Colt Drive, and thanked Ms. Shah for reviewing this issue.

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

4.2 REVIEW OF TRAFFIC CONDITIONS ON NELLIE GAIL ROAD BETWEEN OSO PARKWAY AND MOULTON PARKWAY

Associate Civil Engineer Amber Shah, indicated Staff was contacted regarding concerns of vehicular speeding and cut-through traffic on Nellie Gail Road between Oso Parkway and Moulton Parkway. Staff initiated a review of travel speeds, traffic collision history and an origin and destination study on Nellie Gail Road between Oso Parkway and Moulton Parkway.

Hartzog and Crabill, Inc., performed the traffic studies. The 85th percentile speeds on Nellie Gail were 39 mph south of Oso Parkway and 36 mph east of Moulton Parkway. Related to portions of Nellie Gail Road that are posted 25 mph, from Moulton Parkway to Lost Colt Drive, Ms. Shah indicated Staff's experience has found the typical prevailing speed range for such streets to be between 32 and 34 mph, without adverse traffic collision history. The study also determined 36% of vehicles on Nellie

Gail Road south of Oso Parkway were exceeding 35 mph, which was higher than the expected 15%. A portion of Nellie Gail Road from Lost Colt Drive to Oso Parkway is posted at 30 mph and it was expected the 85th percentile speed range would be in the 34 to 37 mph range, as was identified in this study.

The 85th percentile speed of Nellie Gail Road south of Oso Parkway (generally between Oso Parkway and Hidden Trail Road) was higher than expected and considered to be unacceptable for a residential character street.

Traffic count data revealed the 24-hr volumes to be low to average. The origin and destination study revealed the peak hourly percentages to be low, in the 0-5% range, for what may be considered 'cut through' traffic. The traffic volumes and cut through traffic are not significant and no action was recommended in response to the data.

The five-year collision history review included five traffic collisions had been reported during this time, although the traffic collisions were not identified as speed-related.

Ms. Shah indicated concentrated police enforcement of driver behavior, use of the radar trailer and increased driver education was the best remedy for this location. Ms. Shah indicated she would provide Nellie Gail Ranch Homeowners Association with educational materials to include in their community newsletter. In addition, Ms. Shah indicated a follow-up speed survey would be performed in six months. Should the speeding issues remain, the next incremental action would be evaluated.

THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECEIVED AND FILED THE REPORT, BY M/COMMISIONER HERMAN, S/COMMISSIONER WHEELER.
APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

4.3 CONFIRMATION OF NO PARKING ZONES ON LA CADENA DRIVE BETWEEN VERDUGO DRIVE AND PERALTA DRIVE

Associate Civil Engineer Amber Shah, indicated a field review of parking control signage for a no parking zone westerly of Del Lago Drive was unclear. A review of the governing documents for the No Parking Zones on La Cadena Drive between Verdugo Drive and Peralta Drive revealed that they pre-date the City's annexation of this area, with the exception of one 75-foot section, and it was appropriate to confirm all of the parking controls along this street segment.

THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECOMMENDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE CONFIRMATION OF EXISTING NO PARKING ZONES TO ADDRESS SITE DISTANCE VISIBILITY RESTRICTIONS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS ON LA CADENA DRIVE BETWEEN VERDUGO DRIVE AND PERALTA DRIVE, BY M/CHAIR JONES, S/VICE CHAIR WOODRUFF.
APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5.1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORT

Lieutenant Stiverson concurred with Staff's assessment and recommendations and indicated the Sheriff's Department would work with Staff to monitor and increase enforcement activities in the areas outlined.

5.2 RADAR SPEED TRAILER

Staff submitted the schedule for the radar trailer.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Herman commented the majority of the radar speed trailer placements seemed to be located in the Nellie Gail neighborhood, and asked for clarification on determining the placement of the radar speed trailer.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Traffic Commission at this session, Chair Jones declared the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Prepared By:

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Amber Shah, P.E.
Associate Civil Engineer

Approved By:

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Chair Larry Woodruff