
**CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA
TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 16, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Rick Frazier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Present: Rick Frazier, Chair
Tim Hillis, Vice Chair
Pamela Dow, Commissioner
Donald Froelich, Commissioner
Ed Rowe, Commissioner

Absent:

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

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Motion was made by Chair Rick Frazier to open nominations to elect a new Chair. Chair Rick Frazier nominated Vice Chair Tim Hillis. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Pamela Dow. Nominations were closed. Vote was unanimous.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Motion was made by Chair Tim Hillis to open nominations to elect a new Vice Chair. Commissioner Donald Froelich nominated Commissioner Ed Rowe. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Rick Frazier. Nominations were closed. Vote was unanimous.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. MINUTES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair Rowe inquired as to what action City Council had taken in regards to Item 4.2 PARKING CONTROL SURVEY ANALYSIS IN THE MANDEVILLE DRIVE AREA NEIGHBORHOOD. Staff stated that City Council took no action on this matter.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER PAMELA DOW, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DONALD FROELICH, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 18, 2012, TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Dow, Frazier, Froelich, Vice Chair Rowe,
and Chair Hillis

NOES:
ABSENT:

5. PRESENTATIONS

None

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

6.1 LA PAZ ROAD PARKING REQUEST

Staff stated that La Paz Road is a four-lane arterial highway running east/west in the central part of the City, and reported that in 2009 the City Council passed a Resolution to eliminate all parking on arterial highways with specified exceptions. The Resolution was adopted in an effort to establish consistent parking regulations on all arterial highways within the City, to enhance traffic flow, to eliminate the potential of truck parking, and to allow bike lanes to remain open. Staff reported that at the City Council meeting of March 27, 2012, Mr. Clarence Hauschild, a resident of 25385 Gallup Circle, requested City Council consider allowing parking along La Paz Road so that people could have access to his barn, which is located at the rear of his residence, during "Open House" events. The City Council referred the matter to the Traffic Commission.

Staff stated that after reviewing Mr. Hauschild's request it was determined that in order to be consistent with the Resolution, the best solution would

be the implementation of a temporary permit parking program along the south side of La Paz Road between Monte Vista and Aliso Hills Drive.

Mr. Clarence Hauschild, a resident of 25385 Gallup Circle, presented a short video to the Traffic Commission along with a letter addressed to the Traffic Commission that included a copy of Resolution No. 2009-10-13-2, photos of the "historical" barn, and photos of on-street parking that occurs along La Paz Road during Valencia Elementary School events. Mr. Hauschild requested that the Traffic Commission consider extending the allowed parking along La Paz Road by approximately 1,000 feet, adjacent to the "historical" barn structure located at the rear of his residence, to allow access to his "historical" barn for personal use, public viewing, and charitable events. He also stated that the only access to the barn from his residence is by foot along a very steep slope and reported that parking had been allowed along La Paz Road until the City created a "No Parking Anytime Zone" in October 2009. Mr. Hauschild suggested making a change to the Resolution to read "except on the south side from 260' west to approximately 1,600' west of Paseo de Valencia."

The Commission engaged in a discussion with Mr. Hauschild and staff regarding the various issues and options available to address the parking situation.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CHAIR HILLIS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FRAZIER, TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING ON-STREET PARKING ON LA PAZ ROAD TO THE PROLONGATION OF THE CITY LANDSCAPE EASEMENT LINE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF LA PAZ ROAD WESTERLY OF THE PROPERTY LINE OF 25385 GALLUP CIRCLE, AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH LA PAZ ROAD, WITH CONSIDERATION FOR SIGHT DISTANCE CONSTRAINTS FOR VEHICLES TRAVELING EAST ON LA PAZ ROAD FROM THE ALISO HILLS DRIVE INTERSECTION, THE SCE DRIVEWAY, AND THE MONTE VISTA ROADWAY AND HAVE STAFF REVIEW WITH TRAFFIC COMMISSION IN SIX MONTHS.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Dow, Frazier, Froelich, Vice Chair Rowe, and Chair Hillis

NOES:

ABSENT:

6.2 SIGHT DISTANCE ANALYSIS AT APPIAN AND BRIDLEWOOD DRIVE

Staff stated that a resident of the Bella Vista Community Association had expressed concerns about sight distance constraints at Appian and Bridlewood Drive specifically for vehicles traveling northbound on Bridlewood Drive. As a result of this concern, staff performed a field review and determined that vehicles parked on the east side of Bridlewood Drive between Appian and Laurel Crest Drive were causing a sight distance constraint for vehicles exiting Appian. Staff is recommending the creation of a No Parking Anytime zone along the east side of Bridlewood Drive from Appian to Laurel Crest Drive.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER FROELICH, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOW, TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NO PARKING ANYTIME ZONE ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF BRIDLEWOOD DRIVE FROM APPIAN TO LAUREL CREST DRIVE.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Dow, Frazier, Froelich, Vice Chair Rowe, and Chair Hillis

NOES:

ABSENT:

6.3 SANTA VITTORIA DRIVE MEDIAN MODIFICATION ANALYSIS AT CAMINITO VINO/CAMINITO PIEDRA

Staff stated that a request had been received from a resident of the Laguna Village Association to consider opening the center median at the drive approach located at Caminito Piedra and Santa Vittoria. As a result of this request, staff requested that the City's Consulting Traffic Engineers of Hartzog & Crabill, Inc., perform an analysis of the sight distance constraints at the driveway of Caminito Piedra and Caminito Vino and a traffic operational analysis due to the proximity of the median opening to the intersection of Ridge Route Drive and Santa Vittoria Drive. Results determined that sight distance is adequate with the exception of Caminito Vino looking south at approaching northbound traffic on Santa Vittoria Drive and operational analysis was acceptable showing that the median modification is feasible; however, it is anticipated that once the median is opened vehicles exiting Laguna Village Association from Caminito Vino will not abide by the traffic control and will drive through into Caminito Piedra and onto Santa Vittoria which may cause a new problem for public

safety. Staff is recommending that the Traffic Commission receive and file this report.

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

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Dow, Frazier, Froelich, Vice Chair Rowe, and Chair Hillis

NOES:

ABSENT:

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7.1 RADAR TRAILER SCHEDULE FOR JUNE/JULY

Staff reported that starting next period the radar trailer will be scheduled for deployment on a bi-weekly schedule due to the reduced amount of requests that the City has been receiving. The radar trailer will continue to be available on an as-needed basis beyond the bi-weekly schedule.

7.2 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORT

No report.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

No Commissioner comments.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Traffic Commission at this session, Chair Hillis declared the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m. to the meeting of July 18, 2012.

Prepared by:

Approved by:

Humza Javed, P.E.
Associate Civil Engineer

Tim Hillis
Chair