

**PLACENTIA TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
November 19, 2012**

The Regular meeting of the Placentia Traffic Safety Commission of November 19, 2012 was called to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room, 401 E. Chapman Avenue Placentia by Commissioner Stafford.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Hernandez

ROLL CALL: Present: Chairperson Stafford
Vice Chairperson Brusckke
Commissioner Gorman
Commissioner Hernandez
Commissioner Stafford

Absent: Commissioner Chadha
Commissioner Hutain

STAFF PRESENT: Ruth Smith, Traffic Engineer
Scott Millsap, Traffic Sergeant
Sara Salazar, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of November 21, 2011

The approval of the November 21, 2011 minutes was tabled to the next regular meeting due to lack of quorum.

Minutes of July 16, 2012

MOTION by Commissioner Hernandez to approve the minutes of July 16, 2012 as submitted; **SECOND** by Vice Chairperson Brusckke and **CARRIED** by a **3-0-2-2 VOICE VOTE** (Chadha, Hutain Absent, Gorman, Labreche Abstain).

SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONER:

Ms. Salazar conducted the swearing in of Commissioner Gorman who was re-appointed to serve until July 1, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairperson Stafford invited public comments on items which are not public hearings but none were offered.

REPORTS:

**TRAFFIC CONTROL: TSC NO. 12-03
Resident-Only Permit Parking on Madison Avenue**

Ms. Smith advised the Commission that the item did not meet the guidelines for Permit Parking and therefore she could not make a recommendation to approve the request. She offered to answer any questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Labreche commented that school was not in session when the study was conducted in July and therefore it is not an accurate representation. Ms. Smith responded that she addressed the same concern with the residents, and was assured that the parking problem still existed at the time of the study. Commissioner Labreche reviewed the report and commented that even though school was not in session, nonresident parking appears to be substantial.

Chairperson Stafford asked if there is a solution to preventing cars from parking in front of driveway aprons. Ms. Smith responded that one solution is to paint the apron portion red which is expensive and high maintenance and therefore she does not recommend it, the other solution is enforcement by Police.

Sgt. Millsap commented that parking in front of someone's driveway apron is a marginal yet citable offense, usually done at the officers' discretion.

Commissioner Labreche commented that once homeowners place trash cans out for trash day, there is even less room for parking.

Chairperson Stafford opened the Public Hearing.

Ms. Sarah Guidi, 531 W. Madison Avenue addressed the Commission. She stated that she has lived on Madison Avenue for 16 years. She has not been able to put her trash cans out many nights and the street is unable to be swept because of the parked cars.

Mr. Rick Eekin, 534 W. Madison Avenue stated he has lived on Madison for 22 years and echoes everything Ms. Guidi said. He was of the opinion that since the City installed the signal at Bradford Avenue speeding has increased. He stated that he has a very difficult time backing out of his driveway due to the cars parked on the street blocking his sight.

Ms. Sandra Quintero, 1003 Diane Avenue. She has lived on the corner of Diane Avenue and Madison Avenue for 18 years. Her driveway faces Madison and it is very difficult to back out onto Madison.

Chairperson Stafford closed the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Labreche agreed with the residents about the speeding on Madison Avenue.

Commissioner Hernandez asked what the speed limit on Madison is and when it was established.

Ms. Smith responded that it has been 35 MPH since 2006 however the City will be doing a speed survey next year.

Chairperson Stafford asked Sgt. Millsap if he had any input on the item. Sgt. Millsap initially indicated that he did not. After a brief discussion among the Commission, he added that he

would recommend that either the parking analysis study be re-done or that the Commission approve the request for permits.

Commissioner Brusckhe asked how many homes are included in the request area. Ms. Smith responded that there are 12.

Commissioner Hernandez commented that traffic safety should be a consideration. The Commission agreed.

Vice Chairperson Brusckhe posed the question of whether parking should be allowed at all in the proposed permit area. The Commission agreed that once permits are required, parking should be under control.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LABRECHE TO RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL THAT PERMIT PARKING BE GRANTED; SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BRUSCHKE AND CARRIED BY A 5-0-2-0 (CHADHA, HUTAIN ABSENT).

**TRAFFIC CONTROL: TSC NO. 12-04
Traffic calming measures on Rospaw Way**

Ms. Smith advised the Commission that residents of Rospaw Way are seeking a solution to speeding on their street. They are hoping for changes to be made when scheduled street improvements are performed.

Vice Chairperson Brusckhe asked what options they might consider. Ms. Smith indicated there are striping options, as well as signage options.

Chairperson Stafford opened the Public Hearing.

Mrs. Pam Uribe, 2006 Ipsen Way stated he lives near the turn of Rospaw and Ipsen Way. She said that vehicles take the turn in front of her home extremely fast. She said the vehicles also take the turn from Placentia Avenue to Rospaw very fast. She asked that something be done to slow down traffic.

Commissioner Labreche asked Mrs. Uribe if there have been any accidents on her street. She stated that she could not recall.

Mr. Jerry Jorgensen, 434 Rospaw Way lives on the corner. He echoed what Mrs.Uribe said about traffic coming too fast from Placentia Avenue onto Rospaw Way. He requested an island be installed or speed humps or the large raised dots.

Mr. Vuryl Klassen, 400 Rospaw Way has lived in Placentia 42 years. He expressed concern about the drainage on Rospaw Way and stated that when it rains, the water level sometimes comes up to his front door. He does not want the City to install a traffic device that will affect the drainage on Rospaw or Ipsen Way.

Mr. Tom Uribe, 2006 Ipsen Way addressed the Commission. He stated that the neighborhood just hopes the City can find a solution that makes everyone happy.

Chairperson Stafford closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Hernandez asked what will be involved with the street rehabilitation work. Ms. Smith responded that the work on each street is different depending on the condition of the pavement.

Ms. Smith stated that the City's deadline for the Street Rehabilitation Project will not allow for the procedures required for improvements to the street design at this time.

Mr. Klassen offered a comment which the Commission allowed. His suggestion is paint turning arrows on Placentia Avenue between Mystic and Rospaw. Ms. Smith agreed and stated the City would have to work with the City of Fullerton for cooperation.

Vice Chair Brusckke asked if an island could be painted on the street. Ms. Smith responded that it could, however usually vehicles ignore them.

Ms. Smith suggested a lane line at the stop sign could be helpful for vehicles turning onto Rospaw from Placentia.

Vice Chair Brusckke asked if the street is long enough for speed humps. Ms. Smith responded that the City is currently not installing speed humps.

The Commission briefly discussed striping and the timeline with the street construction. Ms. Smith informed the Commission that normally striping plans would not be taken to the Commission for approval. The Commission acknowledged this. Ms. Smith advised the Commission that she would provide an update on this item at a future meeting and the Commission was not required to make a motion.

No motion was taken.

**TRAFFIC CONTROL: TSC NO. 12-05
School Bus Loading Zone on La Jolla Street at Valadez Middle School Academy**

Ms. Smith gave the staff report.

After a brief discussion the Commission took action.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION;
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LABRECHE AND CARRIED BY A 5-0-2-0 (CHADHA,
HUTAIN ABSENT).**

INFORMATION/COMMUNICATIONS:

Police Department Traffic Summary –

Sergeant Millsap notified the Commission that the OTS Grant application was denied. However, after Lt. Pascarella requested the State reconsider, they re-allocated \$62,000 to

Placentia. This will allow the City to hold one checkpoint per month thru October 2013. Additional checkpoints will be held during the upcoming holidays. He advised about a pedestrian fatality that occurred on September 29, in front of Emerald Isle on Rose Drive.

Commissioner Labreche asked if a decrease in traffic was seen when the OCTA Grade Separation construction began. Sgt. Millsap responded, no. The construction date for Rose Drive has been pushed to end of 2013 due to current traffic conditions.

Sergeant Millsap notified the Commission of the recent passing of a Placentia Police Officer, Phil Bush. He had been with the City since 1997.

Chairperson Stafford asked about the increase in D.U.I. arrests. Sgt. Millsap advised that the officer who used to work Commercial Enforcement now works traffic week nights and averages one (1) D.U.I. arrest per night.

Discussion items by Traffic Engineer

Ms. Smith reported that the City has entered a contract for traffic signal maintenance with a new company by the name of Siemens. She also reported traffic signal coordination is ongoing on Yorba Linda Boulevard, Bastanchury Road and Rose Drive is currently being designed. The traffic management equipment is being updated by Albert Grover & Associates with software by Econolite.

Response to prior meeting items

Bus loading signage approved at a previous meeting will not be installed at Valencia High School after all as it was determined that the buses were a sight distance problem for the driveways. City Council approved the recommended signal installation at Richfield Road and Orchard Drive. The City is seeking funding from OCTA as part of the detour for the OC Bridges project.

NON AGENDA ITEMS:

Chairperson Stafford asked about the Street Rehab Project signage that was posted and then removed on her street. Ms. Smith indicated that she was not involved in the project. Mrs. Salazar offered that the contractor had removed previously posted construction notifications in anticipation of rain.

Commissioner Stafford asked for an update on the unqualified signage in front of Valencia High School. Ms. Smith indicated that all school signage will be reviewed as part of the Safe Routes to School project.

Commissioner Labreche asked when the next meeting will be held since the January 2013 meeting falls on a holiday closure. Ms. Smith advised that staff will advise the Commission after meeting room availability is determined.

Vice Chairperson Brusckke announced that she will be moving out of the City and therefore need to resign from the Traffic Safety Commission.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, **MOTION** by Commissioner Labreche to adjourn to Monday, January 21, 2013 regular meeting; **SECOND** by Commissioner Gorman and **CARRIED** by a **5-0-2-0 VOICE VOTE** (Chadha, Hutain absent). Meeting adjourned on November 19, 2012 at 8:40 p.m.

RUTH SMITH, P.E., Traffic Engineer
Secretary to the Traffic Safety Commission