

**PLACENTIA TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
March 19, 2012**

The Regular meeting of the Placentia Traffic Safety Commission of March 19, 2012 was called to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room, 401 E. Chapman Avenue Placentia by Commissioner Hernandez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Labreche

ROLL CALL: Present: Commissioner Brusckhe
Commissioner Hernandez
Commissioner Hutain
Commissioner Labreche
Commissioner Stafford

Absent: Vice Chair Chadha
Commissioner Gorman

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The approval of the May 16, 2011 minutes was tabled to the next regular meeting.
The approval of the November 21, 2011 minutes was tabled to the next regular meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Commissioner Labreche nominated Commissioner Stafford for Chairperson. Commissioner Brusckhe seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-2-1 (Chadha and Gorman absent, Stafford abstain)

Commissioner Labreche nominated Commissioner Brusckhe for Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Hernandez seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-2-1. (Chadha and Gorman absent, Brusckhe abstain)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

REPORTS:

- I. **TRAFFIC CONTROL: TSC NO. 12-01
Resident-Only Permit Parking on Moonbeam Street and Primrose Avenue**

Ms. Smith presented her report and offered the recommendation that a resident-only permit parking zone be established, to include both Harmony Lane and Moonbeam Drive for 24 hours, seven (7) days a week.

Commissioner Hutain asked if any other streets are likely to be affected besides Stardust Drive. Ms. Smith responded that she didn't believe so; surrounding streets already have permit parking.

Chairperson Stafford opened the meeting for public comments.

Mr. Mike Demboski, 313 Moonbeam Drive, Placentia, expressed support for the establishment of the permit parking on Harmony and Moonbeam. He stated that parked vehicles have increased in the last couple of years.

Mr. Gilbert Ochoa, 325 Moonbeam Drive, Placentia, stated that he often has to pick up trash from the gutter in front of his home, left from parked vehicles. He added that he also supports permit parking on Stardust Drive.

Mrs. Yolanda Velasquez, 808 Harmony Lane, Placentia, agreed with what Mr. Demboski and Mr. Ochoa stated. She added that there is nowhere for residents to place their cans for trash pick-up.

Mr. Gabino Fuentes, 407 Stardust Drive, Placentia, expressed concern that Stardust Drive did not meet the petition requirements.

Ms. Pat Hall, 319 Moonbeam Drive, Placentia, supported the implementation of permit parking.

Mr. Gilbert Ochoa, 325 Moonbeam Drive, Placentia, asked if vehicles can park in front on the radius of the curb. Sgt. Millsap responded yes, if vehicles are parked within 18" of the curb.

Chairperson Stafford closed the public comments portion of the meeting.

Chairperson Stafford asked Ms. Smith if she had spoken with any Stardust Drive residents, besides Mr. Fuentes. Ms. Smith responded that she had not and added that only 38% of the Stardust Drive residents supported the permit parking on their street.

Vice Chairperson Brusckke asked the residents in attendance if they desired permit parking 24 hours a day as there are hardships associated with it. Mrs. Vasquez, 808 Harmony Lane, responded that the problem still exists on the evenings and weekends from the residents of the apartments and that 24 hour/7 day a week permits are necessary. Mr. Demboski, Ms. Hall, Mr. Ochoa and agreed with Ms. Vasquez.

Chairperson Stafford asked the residents if they have double garages or double driveways or single driveways. Ms. Hall responded that all residents have double driveways.

Chairperson Stafford asked Ms. Smith if residents have been informed of the costs associated with permits. Ms. Smith responded that yes they were informed, costs were discussed.

Commissioner Hutain asked for the location of the alley. Ms. Smith pointed out the location on the report and clarified that alley parking is not allowed regardless of the permits.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LABRECHE SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BRUSCHKE TO APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TSC NO. 11-04; PASSED 4-0-3 (GORMAN, HERNANDEZ AND STAFFORD ABSENT).

INFORMATION/COMMUNICATIONS:

Police department traffic summary

Sergeant Millsap advised the Commission that due to AB 128 restrictions, there are no more part-time motor officers in the Department as officers felt their retirement was at risk. Interviews are being conducted for replacements in the mean time.

He reported that there was a 42% increase in total accidents in February 2012; however there have been zero fatalities for the last four (4) years. Motorists injured are up by 64%, pedestrians injured are down by 75% and hit-and-run accidents are up 42%. Total citations are down 27% due to the loss of three (3) part-time motor officers. D.U.I. arrests have increased by 100%. The Department is re-applying for D.U.I. enforcement and checkpoint grants.

Commissioner Labreche asked about commercial citations. Sgt. Millsap stated that the commercial enforcement officer Sean Malone had not been in the field, however Officer Malone is back out on patrol three (3) nights per week.

Discussion items by traffic engineer

The Engineering Department is in the process of applying for a state funded Safe Routes to School Grant, which would enable all Citywide school signs to be upgraded as well as the creation of Safe Routes to School maps, as there are currently none.

Chairperson Stafford asked for an update on the Grade Separations Project. Ms. Smith advised that she does not receive progress updates and asked if Sgt. Millsap could offer anything from the weekly meetings he attends. Sgt. Millsap stated the meetings have been changed from weekly to monthly. He spoke briefly about requests for changes to striping and signage. Placentia Avenue is scheduled to be closed for nine (9) days in June, to install a bypass road. In the near future, Placentia Avenue will be closed for 45 days and concurrently construction at Rose Drive will begin. OCTA and the Police Department are working together to keep vehicles, who are searching for alternate routes, moving in the downtown area.

Ms. Smith asked Sgt. Millsap if OCTA has installed cameras in the downtown area to monitor traffic. Sgt. Millsap responded that no, they have not. He added that OCTA is also supposed to place Speed Feedback signs on Chapman Avenue and Alta Vista Street.

Ms. Smith advised the Commission that staff is going to City Council for approval of a proposal to install battery back-up systems at 12 signalized intersections.

Response to prior meeting items

Ms. Smith advised that she is working on having the bus loading zone installed on Bradford Avenue at Valencia High School.

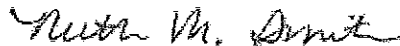
NON AGENDA ITEMS:

Chairperson Stafford asked if the 'Loading/Unloading' signs could be removed at the intersection of Bradford Avenue and Primrose Avenue which cause vehicles to park in the crosswalk. She expressed concern that a student will be hit. Ms. Smith responded that her intention is to review the signage of the entire street. However she will look at the one (1) sign to see if it can be removed without putting the City at a liability risk. Chairperson Stafford added that the area vehicles are using for loading and unloading is a red curb.

Commissioner Hutain passed out binders to each Commissioner from the 2012 CTE Traffic Commissioners Workshop he recently attended. Ms. Smith offered to provide training to the Commission on any topics they were interested in getting more information about. Chairperson Stafford advised that they would email her.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Stafford adjourned the Traffic Safety Commission meeting at 8:10 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 21, 2012 at 401 East Chapman Avenue, Placentia.



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