

MINUTES
GARDEN GROVE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

Garden Grove Community Center
11300 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove CA 92840

Tuesday
January 6, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: The regular session of the Traffic Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center.

PRESENT: Chair Ashland, Vice Chair Lindsay, Commissioners: Alejandro, Cabral, and Feather

ALSO PRESENT: Tony Aquino, Associate Engineer, Dai Vu, Associate Engineer, Chris Wasinger, Traffic Investigator, Jason Perkins, Traffic Officer, and Rosemarie Jacot, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL
OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Feather moved, seconded by Commissioner Alejandro to approve the minutes as presented.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: CHAIR ASHLAND, VICE CHAIR LINDSAY, COMMISSIONERS ALEJANDRO, AND FEATHER

NOES:

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONER CABRAL

**ORAL
COMMUNICATIONS:** NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

**LEFT TURN POCKETS
ON LAMPSON AVE@
BUARO ST**

The staff report was introduced to consider staff's proposal to re-stripe Lampson Avenue at Buaro Street to provide left turn pockets.

A concern was raised that the entire neighborhood did not get noticed.

Staff informed the Commission only the affected residents need to be notified.

Commissioner Feather moved, seconded by Commissioner Lindsay to accept staff's recommendation to re-stripe Lampson Avenue at Buaro Street.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: CHAIR ASHLAND, VICE CHAIR LINDSAY, COMMISSIONER ALEJANDRO, COMMISSIONER FEATHER, AND COMMISSIONER CABRAL

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

PROPOSED SOUTHBOUND EUCLID STREET ONTO SOUTHBOUND MAIN STREET CLOSURE

The staff report was introduced to consider a request to close the southbound Euclid Street entrance to southbound Main Street.

Concerned citizens who spoke against the closure:

Gene Kirkham, 11301 Euclid Street	Jordan Silverberg, 12635 Main Street
David Redding, 12635 Main Street	Pastor Bob Rohdemburg, 12741 Main Street
Doug Coleman, 12772 Woodland Lane	Charles Mitchell, 8701 Lomay Ave
Peter Katz, President of Downtown Business Association	Raife Margolin
Leo Zlaket, 12921 Main Street	Robin Marcario, 9721 Lampson Ave
Jeremy Madison Harris, 12501 Gilbert Street	James Denton, 12635 Main Street
Karen Schultz, 12635 Main Street,	Mike Casota, 12291 Nutwood
Mike Silva, 11311 Lampson Street	
Verla Lambert, Marble Place	
David Zlaket, 12921 Main Street	
Malcom Pecor, 12171 Gilbert Street	
Audrey Pecor, 12171 Gilbert Street	
Scott Weimer, 12866 Main Street	
Ben Ericson, 12666 Main Street,	

Main concerns raised:

Less drive-by traffic for the merchants on Main Street, visual obstructions to the traffic coming onto Main Street from Euclid, i.e. large trees, traffic from the diagonal parking.

Suggestions made:

- Flashing Beacons
- Speed Humps
- Botts Dotts
- Change from diagonal parking back to parallel parking

No one spoke in favor of the closure at Main Street and Euclid Street.

Commissioners concerns included jeopardizing the businesses on Main Street, and accidents at this site, the impact of the traffic counts (were they done during spring break?), and whether or not Fire Department was consulted for this closure. The accident report was not included in the packet because the database is configured for intersecting streets, which would include College Avenue and the database could not distinguish which accidents happened at the subject entrance.

Officer Chris Wasinger indicated that the six or seven accidents he responded to included impaired or drunk drivers and high rates of speed.

Additional pedestrian crossing signs were installed, as was an additional speed limit sign.

Chair Ashland moved, seconded by Commissioner Feather to deny staff's recommendation to approve a temporary closure at southbound Euclid Street onto southbound Main Street.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: CHAIR ASHLAND, VICE CHAIR LINDSAY, COMMISSIONER ALEJANDRO,
COMMISSIONER FEATHER, AND COMMISSIONER CABRAL

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Commissioner Cabral moved, seconded by Commissioner Lindsay to have staff bring back alternatives to "slow the speed on Main Street".

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: VICE CHAIR LINDSAY, COMMISSIONER FEATHER, AND COMMISSIONER
CABRAL

NOES:

ABSTAIN: CHAIR ASHLAND, AND COMMISSIONER ALEJANDRO

ABSENT:

The Commissioners thanked Investigator Wasinger for his service to the Traffic Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Rosemarie Jacot

Recording Secretary