

MINUTES
GARDEN GROVE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Tuesday
May 6, 2008

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: Dan Candelaria, Executive Secretary, Rosemarie Jacot, Recording Secretary

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from March 4, 2008 were approved as presented.

Stop Sign
Flower St./Central Ave.

The staff report was introduced to consider an all-way stop at the intersection of Flower Street and Central Avenue.

Vice Chair Lindsay believes there are already too many stop signs on that street. It may open the door for all-way stops at every intersection in the vicinity.

Chair Ashland spoke with a resident in the area and believes it will be beneficial to help the flow of traffic. As the houses being built in the area become larger the sight distance needed to see at the intersections will become more and more difficult.

Mr. Candelaria concurred with the commissioners, as there is little setback on these properties. The walls being built are up to the curb line and it makes for poor sight distance at the intersections in this vicinity. For most other areas in the City there is normally a 7, 10 or 12-foot setback which insures that there is proper sight distance at the intersections.

Commissioner Alejandro has the same observations as the other Commissioners and also reiterated that since it meets the warrants he is in favor of the all-way stop.

Commissioner Lindsay inquired as to the cost of putting in the all-way stop.

Mr. Candelaria responded that the cost is nominal as there only needs to be two more stop signs installed and a stop bar will need to be painted.

Commissioner Alejandro moved, seconded by Commissioner Feather to accept staff's recommendation to install an all-way stop at the intersection of Flower Street and Central Avenue.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Chair Ashland, Commissioners: Alejandro, Cabral, Feather and Lindsay

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

TRAFFIC SIGNAL
WEST ST. & WILKEN WAY
DANIEL AVENUE

The staff report was introduced to consider installing a new traffic signal at the intersection of West Street and Wilken Way/Daniel Avenue.

Commissioner Alejandro noted the date of the traffic signal warrant worksheet was 12/19/06 so that now 17 months later there is probably more traffic.

Mr. Candelaria also noted that data used within two to three years is still viable.

Commissioner Lindsay inquired as to the interest of installing a signal at this intersection.

Mr. Candelaria noted that originally a pedestrian traffic signal was discussed. However, as the warrants were being studied it was determined that the criteria necessary to install a full traffic signal had been satisfied.

Commissioner Lindsay inquired as to where the funds come from for traffic signals. He would like to have the crosswalk repainted and also noted the flashing beacons at the intersection.

Chair Ashland inquired if there would be a savings to the City if there were no crossing guard there and would the crossing guard still stay if the traffic signal was installed.

Mr. Candelaria responded that it would be likely that the crossing guard would be eliminated, as this would now be a "controlled intersection". The warrants would have to be reviewed and there would be a savings to the City by eliminating the crossing guard.

Commissioner Alejandro noted that this intersection has a very high rating.

Commissioner Cabral inquired about the count date and the calculation date as well as funding for one traffic signal per year from the City.

Mr. Candelaria commented that it was calculated in 2006, however staff has been directed to sign and date all their calculations so when it was coming to Traffic Commission, Dai Vu signed and dated it; as for the funding staff tries to get more funding for many new signals.

Commissioner Cabral moved, seconded by Commissioner Lindsay to accept staff's recommendation and approve the installation of a new traffic signal the intersection of West Street and Wilken Way/Daniel Avenue.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Chair Ashland, Commissioners: Alejandro, Cabral, Feather and Lindsay

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Red Curb
West side of Magnolia St.
South of Larson Ave.

The staff report was introduced to paint 165 feet of red curb in front of three addresses.

Vice Chair Lindsay agreed that this was a good idea.

Chair Ashland believes that this intersection has sight distance problem.

Commissioner Alejandro motioned, seconded by Commission Feather to accept staff's recommendation to install red curb on the west side of Magnolia Street, south of Larson Avenue and authorize staff to issue a work order to paint 165 feet of red curb in front of 13181, 13171, and 13161 Magnolia Street.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Chair Ashland, Commissioners: Alejandro, Cabral, Feather and Lindsay

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

TRAFFIC SIGNAL
PRIORITY LIST UPDATE

The staff report was introduced to update the City's Traffic Signal Priority List.

Chair Ashland is against approving this list because he would like to have item number six, Lampson /Gilbert, removed from the list.

It was motioned by Commissioner Feather to accept staff's recommendation to update the City's Traffic Signal Priority List.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners: Feather, Alejandro, Lindsay, Cabral

NOES: Chair Ashland

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

MATTERS FROM COMMISSION

Chair Ashland, with the concurrence of Commissioner Lindsay, directed staff to investigate revising the Traffic Signal Priority List by eliminating number six (Lampson/Gilbert) from the list and submitting the new list to the City.

Commissioner Cabral inquired about the process of adding left turn phasing to an intersection.

Mr. Candelaria explained the process.

Commissioner Cabral directed staff to investigate the possibility of installing left turn phasing at the intersection of Orangewood and Dale; north and south as well as east and west.

Commissioner Feather thanked staff for the left turn phasing at Chapman and Ninth.

Commissioner Lindsay complained about the debris and the no pedestrian access under the SR 22 on the north side of Garden Grove at Knott Street. He asked staff to investigate the problem.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

Mr. Candelaria explained the grants that were applied for; the list is attached as part of this record.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Recording Secretary