

MINUTES
GARDEN GROVE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Tuesday
January 2, 2007

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.

PLEDGE

PRESENT: Chair Marcario, Vice Chair Ettlin, Commissioners Feather and Kirkham
ABSENT: Commissioner Alejandro

ALSO PRESENT: George Allen, Executive Secretary, Tony Aquino, Associate Engineer, and Rosemarie Jacot, Recording Secretary.

ORAL

COMMUNICATIONS: None

APPROVAL

OF MINUTES: The minutes of September 5, 2006 were approved with two minor corrections: Added: Absent: Commissioner Feather. On page 2, third paragraph Chair Marcario suggested removing only **a portion** of the block wall to put in 1/2" wrought iron fence not remove the entire wall.

The motion carried with Commissioner Feather abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

*PARKING RESTRICTION
MAIN STREET*

The staff report was introduced to consider parking restrictions on Main Street 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays only.

Roland Chi, 9260 Royal Palm Boulevard, addressed the Commission. Mr. Chi is the Market Manager and Executive Director for the Garden Grove Farmers Market. The market has a permit to run the duration of the time limits of the no parking signs that they are requesting. The market is asking for permanent signs to be installed on Main Street. The vendors for the market arrive very early and sometimes there are vehicles blocking the vendor spaces that may have been left overnight or customers who may have come before market hours.

Mr. Allen concurs the signs should be permanent; this will allow the police department to enforce the signs and tow vehicles if necessary.

Commissioner Kirkham has been working with Mr. Chi and would like to see the signs include the hours of the Friday night car show as well to have equitability across the board for both events.

Mr. Allen stated that both event times could be utilized on one sign however; the Main Street Parking Commission must approve these signs as well.

Chair Marcario moved, seconded by Commissioner Kirkham to accept staff's recommendation to install permanent No Parking signs with both Friday night's car show and Sunday's farmers market, days and hours posted and add the "tow away" information to the signs. To validate this approval with the Main Street Parking Commission and to direct staff to present this to City Council upon Main Street Parking Commission's approval.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: FEATHER, KIRKHAM, ETTLIN, and MARCARIO
NOES:
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER ALEJANDRO
ABSTAIN:

*ADULT CROSSING GUARD
LAMPSON AVE & SPRINGDALE*

The staff report was introduced to install an adult crossing guard at the intersection of Lampson Avenue and Springdale Street.

Commissioner Kirkham and Chair Marcario expressed concern that this issue was brought to the Traffic Commission when school is not in session.

Commissioner Feather commented that she takes this route daily to work. She is of the opinion that if the protected permissive left turn phasing on Lampson is removed and replaced with protected left turn phasing this will solve the issue. She noted that the crosswalk north of Lampson Avenue is rarely used during the time frame she is in that area.

Commissioner Feather moved, seconded by Chair Marcario to accept staff's recommendation and not install an adult crossing guard at Lampson Avenue and Springdale Street.

The vote carried by the following vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: FEATHER, KIRKHAM, ETTLIN, and MARCARIO
NOES:
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER ALEJANDRO
ABSTAIN:

TRAFFIC SIGNAL STUDIES

Brookhurst St/Central Ave

The staff report was introduced to consider the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Brookhurst Street and Central Avenue.

Commissioner Ettlín moved, seconded by Commissioner Kirkham to accept staff's recommendation to deny the request for a traffic signal at the intersection of Brookhurst Street and Central Avenue.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: FEATHER, KIRKHAM, ETTLIN, and MARCARIO
NOES:
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER ALEJANDRO
ABSTAIN:

Westminster Avenue and Yockey Street

The staff report was introduced to consider a request for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Westminster Avenue and Yockey Street.

Commissioner Kirkham spoke with the requestor, Ms. Cindy Dunn. One of the concerns is that the "No Parking" on Westminster Avenue will extend to Yockey Street. Another concern is visibility coming out onto Westminster Avenue from Yockey Street. There is an RV that parks on Westminster Avenue at Yockey Street and there is no visibility around it.

Mr. Allen stated that staff would complete a field investigation to determine what will be necessary to correct the problem.

Chair Marcario commented that Ms. Dunn's other concern is the traffic from the planned unit development just west of the subject site. Most of the traffic dumps into the neighborhood instead of using the gates that exit on Westminster Avenue.

Mr. Allen stated that at the Planning Commission for this project, Mr. Dan Candelaria, brought it to the Planning Commission's attention that traffic would indeed dump into the residential area, however, the residential area is a legal egress for traffic coming from the planned unit development. The conditions of approval for this PUD do not prohibit egress from the backside.

Commissioner Kirkham moved, seconded by Chair Marcario to accept staff's recommendation to deny the request for a traffic signal at the intersection of Westminster Avenue and Yockey Street.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: FEATHER, KIRKHAM, ETTLIN, and MARCARIO
NOES:
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER ALEJANDRO
ABSTAIN:

*LEFT TURN PHASING
NINTH STREET @CHAPMAN AVENUE*

The staff report was introduced to consider a request to provide left turn phasing on Ninth Street at Chapman Avenue.

Mr. Lloyd Jones, 12091 Ninth Street, addressed the Commission. He is concerned with the number of vehicles that will be increased when the residential project on the southeast corner of Chapman and Ninth is built. There is another home at 12121 Ninth Street that will be building at least three more garage spaces. He inquired if a right turn lane will be installed on Ninth Street with the dedication of right away from the new housing project on the southeast corner of Chapman and Ninth. Mr. Jones also inquired if the left turn lanes will be lengthened.

Mr. Allen commented that the reason for the street dedication is to protect the right of way should the need arise for street widening. Mr. Allen indicated that when the traffic signal is designed the determination will be made then, whether or not to lengthen the left turn lane.

Chair Marcario moved, seconded by Commissioner Ettlín to accept staff's recommendation and install left turn phasing on Ninth Street at Chapman Avenue.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: FEATHER, KIRKHAM, ETTLIN, and MARCARIO
NOES:
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER ALEJANDRO
ABSTAIN:

*PROHIBIT SKATEBOARDING
IN DESIGNATED AREAS*

The staff report was introduced to prohibit skateboarding in designated areas.

Commissioner Kirkham inquired if this could eventually encompass other areas.

Mr. Allen stated that this does open the door to make it easier should the need arise to include other areas if necessary.

Commissioner Kirkham moved, seconded by Commissioner Ettlín to accept staff's recommendation to establish a resolution to prohibit skateboarding within the hotel resort area from Lampson Avenue to the north city limits along Harbor Boulevard and within the Main Street Historical District and further, to forward the item to City Council for consideration.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: FEATHER, KIRKHAM, ETTLIN, and MARCARIO
NOES:
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER ALEJANDRO
ABSTAIN:

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Kirkham received an email from Karl Linzner reminding staff that a neighborhood meeting was promised to the residents on Blackmer Street. Chair Marcario inquired if the meeting could be held at West Grove Park.

Mr. Allen agreed to schedule the meeting for February and try to arrange to have the meeting at West Grove Park.

Commissioner Kirkham received an inquiry about the left turn signal at Garden Grove Boulevard and Ninth Street. The resident would like to see left turn phasing installed at this intersection.

Mr. Allen said staff will conduct a study and it will be on the agenda for March.

Commissioner Kirkham inquired about the tree on the southeast corner of Trask Avenue and Cypress.

Mr. Allen stated that Jimmi Yasutake indicated that this tree is not City property and is not maintained by the City of Garden Grove.

Chair Marcario inquired about the pine trees planted on the island at Garden Grove Boulevard and Casa Linda; the pine trees are now impeding the view of the traffic signal.

Mr. Allen told the Commission he would inform Patricia Hayes, she is in charge of those trees and where they are planted.

Chair Marcario would like to have included in the Commissioner's packets the addresses of everyone who was noticed for each agenda item.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

Mr. Allen updated the Commission on the fiber optic and amber alert signs, signal project, and put in a grant request for 5 more schools for pedestrian actuated signals. Mr. Allen submitted another grant for medians on Lampson Avenue from the west city limits up to Knott Avenue.

The status report was reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Rosemarie Jacot, Recording Secretary