

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

MINUTES

September 11, 2018

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson: Steven Son, City Engineer

Committee Members: Michael Hren, Planning Manager Designee
Juan Olmos, Director of Public Works Designee
Craig McKeeman, Police Chief Proxy Designee

Absent: Michael Wilkinson, Fire Chief

Other: Lt. Alan Ward, Police Department

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Traffic Committee Minutes of July 10, 2018

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and file.

Clerk's Note: Committee Members and proxy designees who were present at the July meeting were not present at the September meeting to make a quorum to approve the Minutes of July 10, 2018. The Minutes will be forwarded to the November meeting for approval.

E. REPORTS

1. Committee Member Reports

None.

F. BUSINESS

1. Request #18-009 – Re-Evaluation of Posted Speed Limit and Pedestrian Safety on E. Olive Avenue at College Avenue (Sheryl Klein)

(Citizen requests an evaluation of the posted and effective speed limit on E. Olive Ave. near College Avenue and determine what measures can be achieved to promote pedestrian safety. This item was previously heard at the July 10, 2018, Traffic Committee Meeting.)

SHERYL KLEIN was present at the meeting. Ms. KLEIN indicated that recently a woman in a wheelchair was traveling to a shopping center nearby and was hit and killed by a vehicle. Ms. KLEIN informed she would like to see the intersection made safer for pedestrians.

Chairperson SON specified that installing a pedestrian crosswalk near College Avenue would not be beneficial. He also stated that since G Street is close in proximity, mid-block crossing is not allowed, and that installing a crosswalk would only create a false sense of security for pedestrians.

MOTION: To deny.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Son Moved, Hren Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Steven Son, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Craig McKeeman

Absent: Michael Wilkinson

2. Request #18-013 – Re-Address Painting of Red Curb on Kelly Avenue, Between Baker Drive to Hwy 140, to Allow Enough Lane Space for Traffic Traveling in Opposite Directions (Corey Plagenza)

(City Traffic Signal/Lighting Technician Corey Plagenza is requesting the

curb along Kelly Ave, between Baker Drive and Hwy 140, be painted red because vehicles parked along the curb does not leave enough space for traffic, causing vehicles to cross centerline. This item was previously heard at the July 10, 2018, Traffic Committee Meeting.)

Chairperson SON stated that he would meet with Public Works Supervisor Juan Olmos on this matter.

MOTION: To delay the item to the next meeting in November.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Steven Son Moved, Juan Olmos Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Steven Son, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Craig McKeeman

Absent: Michael Wilkinson

3. Request #18-015 – Request to Replace the 30-Minute Green Parking Space to Disabled Parking on Main Street, Between Martin Luther King, Jr. and N Street (Annisssa Fragoso)
(Citizen requests replacing the 30-minute timed parking to disabled parking to accommodate disabled persons.)

ANNISSA FRAGOSO was present at the meeting to express that there are not enough storefront handicap parking spaces located on Main Street. Ms. FRAGOSO suggested replacing the 30-minute parking signs with handicap parking.

Chairperson SON responded that the installation of any handicap curb parking would require ADA compliance. The cost of constructing a handicap curb parking would cost anywhere from \$40,000 to \$70,000.

After a virtual map review of handicap parking stalls in the vicinity, Mr. SON determined that a field inspection is necessary to form a rational decision.

MOTION: To delay the item to the next meeting in November.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Steven Son Moved, Michael Hren Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Steven Son, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Craig McKeeman

Absent: Michael Wilkinson

4. Request #18-016 – Request for Intersection of 21st & K Street be Reinstated to 4-Way Stop (Wayne Eisenhart)
(Citizen requests the intersection of 21st & K Street be reinstated to a 4-way stop to assist students walking to John Muir Elementary School and to reduce vehicle accidents. Citizen request crosswalks be added as well.)

WAYNE EISENHART communicated that a 4-way stop intersection existed in the past and it worked. Mr. EISENHART indicated when the 4-way stop switched over to a 2-way stop, vehicle accidents occurred more frequently.

VICKY EISENHART added that she offers free books to children at her home and often sees children without their parents. Ms. EISENHART expressed having a 4-way stop would ensure the safe travel of neighborhood children.

Committee Member HREN proposed the use of school crossing guards for children at certain areas.

DIANE GUDD, a representative of the Downtown Neighborhood Association; MARY NEWMAN; and SUSAN AMUSSEN were all present at the meeting in support of the 4-way stop intersection.

Chairperson SON instructed that there are strict guidelines when it comes to installing traffic signs, specifically stop signs. Installing a 4-way stop intersection would require a comprehensive traffic study.

Mr. SON recommended that Mr. EISENHART and his support group allow the new speed limits to take effect to see if there are any improvements. He asked Mr. EISENHART to re-submit the item in six months if he deems necessary.

MOTION: To delay the item to six-months if necessary (March 2019 Traffic Committee Meeting).

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Steven Son Moved, Michael Hren Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Steven Son, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Craig McKeeman

Absent: Michael Wilkinson

5. Request #18-017 – Request for Left-Turn Arrow, Northbound on M Street - Between Collins Avenue and W. Olive Avenue, be Relocated Closer to PG&E Entrance (Barbara Hurtado)
(Citizen requests the left-turn arrow near the PG&E site be relocated further north in the direction of the actual PG&E entrance to prevent close contact of vehicles turning in the opposite direction.)

Committee Member OLMOS informed that the painted arrows correlate with the US Department of Transportation Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

MOTION: To deny.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Juan Olmos Moved, Michael Hren Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Steven Son, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Craig McKeeman

Absent: Michael Wilkinson

6. Request #18-018 – Request “No Dumping” or “No Littering” Signs be Installed at Paulson Rd. & Dunn Rd. and at Destiny Dr. & Crescendo Ave. (Michael Flores)
(Citizen requests the installation of “No Dumping” or “No Littering” signs to reduce the amount of illegal dumping in specified areas.)

MICHAEL FLORES conveyed the chronic dumping dating back to several years, adding that he had been doing most of the cleanup. Mr. FLORES asked the committee to approve the installation of No Parking and No Littering signs. He also provided the committee with copies of State Vehicle Code 22511.8 (which covers parking) and Penal Code 374.4 (which covers littering).

Committee Member HREN replied that “no dumping” is not Traffic Committee related.

Lt. ALAN WARD, who accompanied Police Chief Proxy Designee - Officer Craig McKeeman, stated that signage is costly to manage.

The committee concluded that they would be willing do a test-trial on the signage for effectiveness.

Committee Member OLMOS decided that installing one “No Dumping” sign on Destiny Drive, west of Gardner Avenue, would be suitable.

MOTION: To install one “No Dumping” sign on Destiny Drive, west of Gardner Avenue.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: Approves amending the current ordinance to add the no dumping sign.

Juan Olmos Moved, Michael Hren Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Steven Son, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Craig McKeeman

Absent: Michael Wilkinson

7. Request #18-019 – Request to Approve the Vehicles and Traffic Code Cleanup (Juan Olmos)

(Adopt a motion to approve the Vehicles and Traffic Code cleanup and recommend approval to the City Council.)

Chairperson SON specified that there is more work to be done to clean up the Vehicles and Traffic Code. Mr. SON suggested working with Fire Department Staff on updating the red curbs. Once the code cleanup is complete, then he recommends taking the code cleanup to City Council for approval.

Committee Member OLMOS agreed and added that red curbs along school sites and bus stops would need to be included in the cleanup as well.

MOTION: To work on red curb and complete entire code cleanup.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Michel Hren Moved, Steven Son Seconded

Vote: 4-0

Voting Aye: Steven Son, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Craig McKeeman

Absent: Michael Wilkinson

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

By:



Nancy Lee
Secretary II/Recording Secretary

Approved:



Steven Son
City Engineer/Chairperson