

## TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

March 12, 2019

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#### A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m.

#### B. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson: Joe Cardoso, City Surveyor

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

Absent: Billy Alcorn, Fire Chief

#### C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

#### D. CONSENT CALENDAR

##### 1. Traffic Committee Minutes of July 10, 2018

##### RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and file.

Michael Hren Moved, Dan Dabney Seconded

**Vote:** 4-0

**Voting Aye:** Joe Cardoso, Juan Olmos, Michael Hren, Dan Dabney

**Absent:** Billy Alcorn

Clerk's Note: Staff recommendation approved.

2. Traffic Committee Minutes of November 13, 2018

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and file.

Michael Hren Moved, Dan Dabney Seconded

**Vote:** 4-0

**Voting Aye:** Joe Cardoso, Juan Olmos, Michael Hren, Dan Dabney

**Absent:** Billy Alcorn

Clerk's Note: Staff recommendation approved.

E. REPORTS

1. Committee Member Reports

Committee Member HREN reported that the Kelly Avenue bike lane concern, which stemmed from the red curb painting and was heard at the November 13, 2018, Traffic Committee Meeting; went before the Bicycle Advisory Commission (BAC) at their December 11, 2018, meeting. Mr. HREN requested the bike lane concern be scheduled for the May 14, 2019, Traffic Committee meeting to discuss the BAC's recommendation (the BAC's Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2018, was provided by Mr. HREN at the Traffic Committee Meeting and is attached).

2. Brown Act Training (Chief Deputy City Attorney Fincher)

Chief Deputy City Attorney Fincher conducted a PowerPoint presentation on the Brown Act. The presentation was engaging and resourceful to the Committee.

F. BUSINESS

1. Request #18-022 – Re-Address the Request to Stripe the Double Left-Turn Lanes on Yosemite Avenue Turning onto M Street (Christopher Butler)  
*(Citizen requests street striping of the double left-turn lanes onto M Street from Yosemite Avenue to guide drivers and prevent lane merging while making a left-turn. This item was previously heard at the November 13,*

*2018, Traffic Committee Meeting)*

Chairperson CARDOSO questioned if there had been any accidents in the vicinity.

Committee Member DABNEY responded, to his recollection, there had not been any accidents in the area. Mr. DABNEY added that the left-turns from Yosemite Avenue onto M Street are awkward.

**MOTION:** To reschedule the item to the next Traffic Committee Meeting to allow the Police Department to obtain an accident report in the vicinity of W. Yosemite Avenue and M Street.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Hren Moved, Olmos Seconded

**Vote:** 4-0

**Voting Aye:** Joe Cardoso, Juan Olmos, Michael Hren, Dan Dabney

**Absent:** Billy Alcorn

2. Request #19-001 – Request to Install Speed Bumps on Wildcat Drive to Reduce the Speed of Random Drivers Speeding through Residential Area (Mario Rivera)

*(Citizen requests the installation of speed bumps on Wildcat Drive. The safety of children is at risk because drivers speed through area.)*

Committee Member HREN indicated vehicles will slow down and speed up while going over a speed bump therefore he is not in favor of approving the installation of speed bumps.

Committee Member OLMOS replied that in residential areas, the speed limit is 25 MPH by default.

Committee Member DABNEY stated the Police Department - Traffic Division will enforce the speed limit if they are notified by residents.

**MOTION:** To deny.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Michael Hren Moved, Dan Dabney Seconded

**Vote:** 4-0

**Voting Aye:** Joe Cardoso, Juan Olmos, Michael Hren, Dan Dabney

**Absent:** Billy Alcorn

3. Request #19-002 – Request to Install Speed Bumps on Modoc Street to Reduce the Speed of Random Drivers Speeding through Residential Area (Daniel Patterson)

*(Citizen requests the installation of speed bumps on Modoc Street near Seminole Drive to deter random drivers from speeding through area while children are at play.)*

Committee Member HREN, again, voiced he is not in favor of speed bumps and that they slow down emergency vehicles. Mr. HREN recommended law enforcement to look out for these types of issues.

Committee Member DABNEY suggested area residents contact the Police Department – Traffic Division to patrol the area.

**MOTION:** To deny.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

Michael Hren Moved, Juan Olmos Seconded

**Vote:** 4-0

**Voting Aye:** Joe Cardoso, Juan Olmos, Michael Hren, Dan Dabney

**Absent:** Billy Alcorn

4. Request #19-003 – Request for an Audible Pedestrian Signal at the Traffic Signal on G and 18<sup>th</sup> Streets to Assist Blind and Visually Impaired Persons (Margaret Buchmann-Garcia)

*(The Center of Vision Enhancement (COVE), Resource Center for the Blind and Low Vision, moved to 1901 G Street in December 2018. COVE staff and clients that use the fixed route bus system for transportation*



*cross the traffic signal at G and 18<sup>th</sup> Streets to get to the business. Traffic patterns do not always provide the clues necessary for a blind/visually impaired person to know whether the light is green for them to safely cross; an audible pedestrian signal is required to ensure this.)*

Mrs. Margaret Buchmann-Garcia was present and stressed the need for an audible pedestrian signal at the traffic signal on G and 18<sup>th</sup> Streets. Mrs. Buchmann-Garcia is a staff member of COVE. She indicated that they recently moved to their current location in December 2018 and are on a six-year lease; they are not intending to leave any time soon.

Committee Member HREN asked Committee Member OLMOS, who holds the position of Public Works Supervisor of Streets/Street Lights, how much it would cost to install an audible pedestrian signal.

Mr. OLMOS answered he ran an estimate of materials and it would cost approximately \$6,000. He also identified that this intersection contains an older traffic signal and older traffic signals do not have audible pedestrian signals installed.

Mr. OLMOS questioned if there had been any accidents at the intersection.

Committee Member DABNEY replied there was a fatal vehicle-pedestrian accident in November 2018, however investigators determined the pedestrian was at fault.

Chairperson CARDOSO concluded that a controlled intersection with crosswalks and ADA curb cuts are warranted. Mr. CARDOSO mentioned that a request, such as this one, requires Public Works Department's review and would need to be incorporated as a Public Works Capital Improvement Program (CIP) project. The process would entail funding allocation, an engineer's design, and advertisement for public bidding.

**MOTION:** To approve an audible pedestrian signal, a controlled intersection with crosswalks, and ADA curb cuts on G and 18<sup>th</sup> Streets.

**COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED:** None at this time.

Dan Dabney Moved, Michael Hren Seconded

**Vote:** 4-0

**Voting Aye:** Joe Cardoso, Juan Olmos, Michael Hren, Dan Dabney

**Absent:** Billy Alcorn

G. ADJOURNMENT

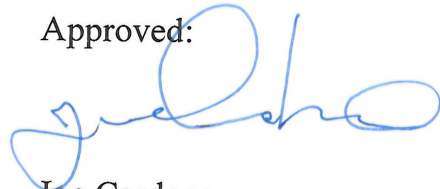
The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

By:



Nancy Lee  
Secretary II/Recording Secretary

Approved:



Joe Cardoso  
City Surveyor/Chairperson