

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

MINUTES

September 14, 2021

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson: Michael Beltran, City Engineer
Committee Members: Michael Hren, Planning Manager Designee
Juan Olmos, Public Works Designee
Scott McKeeman, Police Chief Designee
Derek Parker, Fire Chief

Absent:

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Traffic Committee Minutes of July 13, 2021

RECOMMENDATION:

Amend, approve, and file.

Parker Moved, Hren Seconded

Vote: 5-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Scott McKeeman, Derek Parker

Clerk's Note: Staff recommendation approved.

E. REPORTS

1. Committee Member Reports

Chairperson Beltran states he met with Mr. Klick and some residents on Yosemite Avenue to discuss traffic concerns. He will look at options to address traffic concerns to bring to another Traffic Committee meeting.

F. BUSINESS

1. Request #21-012 – Requesting a Barrier Be Put in Place at The End of Cormorant Dr (Katelyn Mayo)

(Citizen states cars park in the area throughout the day, smoking pot, drinking, or engaging in other behavior, speeding and doing doughnuts, not allowing walking access to the path.)

Committee Members state access to the area is the number one concern. Caltrans ATP program will not be funded this year. Beltran to discuss with City Manager on whether this item should go to city council.

MOTION: To deny the request.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: No

Olmos Moved, Parker Seconded

Vote: 4-1

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Juan Olmos, Scott McKeeman, Derek Parker

Voting Nay: Michael Hren

2. Request #21-017 – Requesting a Drop Off Zone (White Curb) in Front of the Merced Playhouse (Anthony Braxton)

(Citizen states he would like to make it accessible for people with accessibility issues or handicaps.)

Chairperson Beltran states the City is currently going through a full downtown study, recommends the Encroachment process for the drop off zone.

MOTION: To deny the request.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: No

Hren Moved, McKeeman Seconded

Vote: 5-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Scott McKeeman, Derek Parker

3. Request #21-019 – Requesting Speed Bumps and Stop or Yield Signage on 6th Ave. & 26th St. (Jeff Bromfield, Jasmine Clark)

(Citizen states there have been several traffic accidents at this location because of excessive speed. There are no stop signs or yield signs, and there are many children in the area that need to be protected.)

Committee Members discuss that speed bumps do not stop the behavior of speeders. The only thing that changes that behavior is Police enforcement.

MOTION: To move this item to the next Traffic Committee meeting. Police Department to check the crash data for this area.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: No

Olmos Moved, Pintabona Seconded

Vote: 5-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Scott McKeeman, Derek Parker

4. Request #21-022 – Requesting Bike Lanes, Stop Signs, Crosswalks, Street Humps, Concrete Containers with Trees in the Middle of the Street, and Cameras (Dr. Eva Cadez)

(Citizen states she would like bike lanes on both sides of Pinnacle Drive, Twilight Avenue and Solstice Avenue. There is excessive speeding up and down Pinnacle Drive, and the pedestrian path is being used by vehicles at Solstice Avenue. Stops signs at every intersection would help with the speeding along Pinnacle Drive. Citizen states street humps along Pinnacle drive, Solstice Avenue and Twilight Avenue would help deter speeding vehicles. Cameras and any other measures that could help.)

Committee members discuss bike lanes, speed humps, trees in center of the street, are not recommended. Police enforcement would be the best course of action taken for this request.

MOTION: To deny this request.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: No

Hren Moved, Olmos Seconded

Vote: 5-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Scott McKeeman, Derek Parker

5. Request #21-025 – Requesting a Crosswalk on E. Olive at Sycamore Ave. (Fovziyah Allahdad)
(Citizen states there are too many cars, and they are going fast, so kids are unable to cross the street to go to school.)

Committee members discuss that a crosswalk on an arterial street is not recommended, gives pedestrians a false sense of security using the crosswalk. It is a larger road and there is too much traffic for a mid-block crosswalk.

MOTION: To deny the request.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: No

McKeeman Moved, Parker Seconded

Vote: 5-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Scott McKeeman, Derek Parker

6. Request #21-026 – Requesting a double yellow line between Alfarata and the front of Pioneer school. (Craig McKeeman, MPD)
(Officer states a double yellow line would allow the Police department to increase the enforcement in this area in the mornings and afternoons when traffic is heavy.)

Committee members discuss double yellow line should be all the way through from Alfarata to Pioneer school, to prevent cars from crossing the dotted line into opposing traffic and enable the Police department to enforce the road.

MOTION: To approve the request.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: No

Olmos Moved, Hren Seconded

Vote: 5-0

Voting Aye: Michael Beltran, Michael Hren, Juan Olmos, Scott McKeeman, Derek Parker

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

By:



Nicole Tabares
Administrative Assistant/
Recording Secretary

Approved:



Michael Beltran
City Engineer/ Chairperson