



MINUTES

Meeting of the San Marcos Traffic Commission

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2016

City Council Chambers

1 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Pederson called the Traffic Commission Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Buckley

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: RICO, NICKEL, MAKROGIANNIS, PEDERSON, HANSEN, MUSGROVE, BUCKLEY

ABSENT: OLEKSY

ALSO PRESENT: Senior Traffic Engineer Mike Rafael, Principal Traffic Engineer Nicholas Abboud, Sheriff Deputy Mike Gildersleeve and Office Specialist Denise Avila

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 3, 2016

Commissioner Buckley makes a motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Musgrove seconds the motion. Motion carries.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: RICO, NICKEL, MAKROGIANNIS, PEDERSON, HANSEN, MUSGROVE, BUCKLEY

NOES: COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAINS: COMMISSIONER:

6) OLD BUSINESS

a. None

7) NEW BUSINESS

a. Ginger Glen Court – Removal of “NO STOPPING ANYTIME” signs



Residents who live on Ginger Glen Court would like the removal of the existing “No Stopping Anytime” signs posted on their street. Residents expressed the inefficiency of the signs during school dismissal due to the lack of enforcement by the City and Sheriff Department. Residents are concerned about traffic safety issues during school dismissal: double parking, driveway blocking, parking in front of fire hydrants, parking at the intersection, and significant overflow parking.

Engineering staff stated the existing “No Stopping Anytime” signs were installed in 2001 per the request of Ginger Glen Court residents. The restrictions were to prohibit any type of curb utilization for school pick up by Discovery Elementary School students. Engineering staff observed school parents were parking in the restricted areas/zones and were picking up children at marked red curbs. Staff expressed that by removing the parking restrictions in the cul-de-sac, on-street parking might be used by school traffic. The City and the Sheriff’s Department are unable to prohibit such activity during dismissal times. Engineering staff recommends the approval of the affected residents’ request of the removal of the existing “No Stopping Anytime” restriction signs on Ginger Glen Court. If approved, the removal of the signs will be in effect for at least one (1) year before City staff can re-evaluate the parking conditions on Ginger Glen Court. This petition reverses the original petition signed in 2001.

Speakers:

Resident Roberta Yorba resides on Ginger Glen Court states the signs have been ineffective and would like them removed. School parents are not obeying the signs and are not being ticketed for the violation. Instead, the residents are the ones affected by the signs. Ms. Yorba does not believe the removal of the signs will eliminate the traffic issues but at least it will eliminate the violation citation to the residents in the cul-de-sac.

Resident Richard Lucas would like the “No Stopping Anytime” signs removed because they affect the residents who live on Ginger Glen Court. Mr. Lucas is concerned of the amount of traffic that queues up in both directions along Applewilde Drive towards Discovery Street making it impossible to get in or out of Ginger Glen Court to go onto Applewilde Drive.

Commissioner Rico motions to accept staff recommendations for the removal of the existing “No Stopping Anytime” restriction signs for one year. Commissioner Buckley seconds the motion. All Commissioners approve. Motion carries.

b. Stopping, Standing and Parking – City Ordinance Revision

Director of Housing and Neighborhood Services Director, Karl Schwarm, is requesting the revision of the current Parking Ordinance SMMC 12.20 adopted in 1994. The City currently has the Street Sweeping program in place to reduce the amount of trash, debris and pollutants from the streets to the City storm drains. Mr. Schwarm is concerned of the heavy street parking and blocking of driveways that interfere with the sweeping of the streets resulting in trash, debris and pollutants going into the storm drains.



City staff is proposing the following revisions to the Parking Ordinance SMMC 12.20:

- Designate parking matter responsibilities to certain staff members, such as City Manager, City Engineer or Public Works Director
- Clarified the intent and streamlined the enforcement of existing regulations
- Combined several sections to provide succinct provisions for easy reference
- Amended old titles to clarify responsibility (e.g. Superintendent of Streets?)

Commissioner Musgrove motions to accept staff recommendations for the revision of the current Parking Ordinance SMMC 12.20. Commissioner Hansen seconds the motion. All Commissioners approve. Motion carries.

8) REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

- Inland Rail Trail
- San Elijo K-8 School Update, Descanso Avenue, Buffered Bike Lanes – Mission Road
- San Diego County Sheriff's Department Traffic Collision Summary And Accident Investigation Log
- Traffic Commission Commentary
- Staff Commentary

9) ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Pederson adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.

Brad Pederson, Chairman
Traffic Commission

ATTEST:

Denise Avila, Office Specialist
Traffic Commission