

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, October 28, 2009, 7:00 PM, AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS**

**ROLL CALL** Chair Gallagher, Commissioners Crook, Davidson, Pasturel, Chan, Ayers

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** LEAD BY CHAIR GALLAGHER

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Carl Hagenmaier, chairman of BPAC, gave a short update for an upcoming BPAC meeting.

Covington/Miramonte Intersection Striping Change

Public Comments were given by the following Los Altos Residents: Jorge Bardina, Carol Commendatore and Kimberly Lepesh

Higgins Avenue NTMP

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Cindy Sidaris, Gina Greenen, Sean Xu Chen, Kathryn Piece, Clyde Coombs, Tom Sartor, Jennifer Granata, Jenny Hood, Marv Emerling, Pat Neagle, Sandra Hillman, Oleg Steciw, Chris Metel, Noah Mesel, Brian Greenen, Peter Nelson, Charles Pow, Eric Koslove and Carol Sankser

1347 Richardson Avenue, Hearts and Hands Preschool Project

One Los Altos resident made a public comment

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Minutes

Approval of minutes – Regular Meeting of October 28, 2009

Approved 6-0

2. Carmel Terrace – Altamead NTMP

Staff presented to the Traffic Commission a Carmel Terrace experimental traffic mitigation notice. Staff has not been able to resolve the issues of enforceability of non-standard signs. The Carmel Terrace residents will request withdrawal of the NTMP project request pending an experimental project that will feature standard enforceable signs and a resident administered parking permit program. Staff has agreed to try this up to one year with the residents and request that this NTMP be withdrawn. Staff will recommend this program to Council once they have defined the enforceable signs and parking permit program.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

3. Covington/Miramonte Intersection Striping Change

Staff gave a presentation to the Traffic Commission regarding the proposed striping of Covington/Miramonte Intersection.

After much discussion regarding the Striping change the Traffic Commission made the following motion:

Commissioner Crook made a motion to not recommend the approval of the Covington/Miramonte

Intersection Striping change as proposed by Staff. Motion second

5 Approved 1 Opposed - Passed

Commissioner Crook made a motion suggesting Staff consider installing either a berm like was proposed by Mr. Fitzsimmons or expand the berm into a landing area that would flow into the sidewalk to add to the

production of pedestrians trying to cross over Miramonte at Covington. Maintain the striping as is but just install a berm or berm area as access to visibility of cars on Miramonte. Motion second  
3 Approved 3 Opposed - Failed

4. Higgins Avenue NTMP

Staff gave a presentation to the Traffic Commission recommending the closure of Higgins Avenue.

After a lengthy discussion the Traffic Commission made the following motion:

Commissioner Crook made a motion to accept staff recommendation to accept the report on installation of a street closure to reduce traffic volumes on Higgins Ave and Almond and El Monte. Motion second  
Failed

Commission Chair Gallagher made a motion recommending to Council that an environmental study be completed that includes all of the neighborhood streets and the collectors and if that study exceeds the original estimated cost of \$40,000 would be born by the city not by the neighborhood. To be specific, what we would be studying is the what the current traffic flows on these potentially impacted streets, what are the predicted traffic flows based on engineering work on the same streets if this change were to be made or if some other alternative change. Motion second The study would include for those streets in those boundaries of which staff believes would be impacted from an engineering point of view volume that we would know the volumes today or we would know the predicted volumes if this change is made or we would know the predicted volumes if other simpler changes might be made such as left turns, right turns or what have you or within reason.

5 Approved 1 Opposed

5. 1347 Richardson Avenue, Hearts and Hands Preschool Project

Staff presented the 1347 Richardson Avenue, Hearts & Hands Preschool Use Permit traffic study

After some discussion the Traffic Commission made the following motion:

Commissioner Davidson made a motion to continue the discussion for the permit at the next Traffic Commission meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion second

4 Approved 2 Opposed

6. Intersection Pedestrian Safety Prioritization

Continued discussion of the Intersection Pedestrian Safety Prioritization report

Continued to next meeting.

## COMMISSION REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1347 Richardson Avenue Use Permit  
Intersection Pedestrian Safety Prioritization

## ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 9:57 pm

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Dawn Silva, Secretary to Traffic Commission