



CITY OF HEMET
Traffic and Parking Commission Minutes
Wednesday, April 12, 2006
8:00 AM

City Council Chambers
450 E. Latham Avenue
Hemet, CA 92543

Commissioner Berry asked for Roll Call to be taken to determine the presence of a quorum.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Don Berry; Commissioner David Oltman; Council Member Roger Meadows; Planning Commission Liaison, Eric McBride.

Members absent: Chairperson Dan Walters; Vice-Chair Gareth Modica; Commissioner Michael Asher.

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Gow, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Julee Heckerman, Management Assistant; Office Specialist, Megan Caines; Traffic Sergeant Joe Nevarez.

In the absence of a quorum, no action may be taken on Agenda Items. The following items will be carried over to the next meeting of the Traffic Commission :

- 2. Approval of Minutes of March 8, 2006.**
- 3. Report of Council Action on March 8, 2006 Meeting:**
 - A. Approved installation of red curb and "City Vehicle Parking Only" signs on Buena Vista - One way eastbound alley behind Covell Building from Buena Vista to Franklin.
 - B. Approved installation of 3-Way stop sign at Garland/Whittier
 - C. Approved of request to obtain permission from Caltrans to install "Do Not Block Intersection" signs
 - D. Approval of the Commission's denial of request to paint speed limit on pavement on Lincoln between Lake and New Chicago
 - E. Approval to remove Tanya as a designated truck parking area
- 3. Hemet Valley Auto Mall - Florida Access**
(Skip Virgilio, Diamond Valley Auto Group)
- 4. Request for Installation of Directional Signs to First Southern Baptist Church**
(First Southern Baptist Church)
- 5. Request for 4-Way Stop and Crosswalk at Garland/Rosemary**
(Mary Stonebraker, 2197 Garland Way)
- 6. Installation of "No U-Turn" signs along Sanderson Avenue Medians**
(Traffic Commission Request)
- 9. Action Item List**

The following items were brought before the Commission as informational items only.

1. FLAG SALUTE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE: Commissioner Berry

Public Works Director/City Engineer Mike Gow requested that discussion move to Item 7.

7. Warren/Esplanade Signal Alternatives
(Public Works Director/City Engineer)

Informational. Mike Gow updated the Commission on the status of the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Warren Road and Esplanade Avenue. The project is still several years away from construction due to complications derived from: multiple agency rights-of-way (County, City of San Jacinto and City of Hemet), the presence of drainage ditches along the existing roadway, the location of existing Metropolitan Water District pipes, and the possible future alignment of State Route 79. Due to the ever increasing demands to accommodate the ever increasing traffic capacity, improvements to the intersection should be made. Staff will eventually request of the Commission that the traffic signal be installed at the current right of way, with a few minor adjustments. Gow requested the opinion of the Commission.

Commissioner Berry requested that Staff bring the item back to the Commission at a future meeting.

8. Project Base Map
(Public Works Director/City Engineer)

Informational. Gow updated the Commission with regards to the Draft Circulation Plan. Gow referenced a color coded exhibit showing possible city projects to improve the City's traffic conditions. The City Council directed Staff at the April 11, 2006 Council Meeting to continue moving forward with many of the improvement projects.

Planning Liaison Eric McBride was released at 8:25am.

Gow requested that discussion be moved to Item 10.

10. Public Comments:

Informational.

Eric Gosh, Diamond Valley Auto Group. (150 Carriage Circle, Hemet)

Mr. Gosh had two issues he wanted to discuss. The first was regarding Item 3, Florida Ave. Access for the Auto Center. The second issue pertained to security for the Auto Center. With regards to the first issue, when the Auto Mall was designed lots were randomly assigned. The internal streets were designed in such a way, that to get to the dealerships that could be viewed from Florida Avenue, one would have to drive by several dealerships that could not be seen from the roadway. CalTrans originally refused a Florida Avenue entrance, and the request from Villa Honda is not supported by the other dealerships.

Commissioner David Oltman advised Mr. Gosh to have the members of the auto group write a letter to the City Council expressing their opinions and concerns.

Mr. Gosh continued on to his second point: security at the Auto Mall. On this point he made two requests. The first was permission to erect a six-foot wrought iron fence along Florida Avenue. The second request is the installation of a roll-out gate across the southern exit to the Auto Mall. The gate would be locked at 10pm and be equipped with a KNOX box, for emergency access. Every month, Gosh stated, at least one (1) car is stolen and approximately \$15,000 worth of damage is

done to property within the Auto Mall. The property is simply too large for the security staff to patrol as is.

Commissioner Oltman asked if there was room on the access road to make a U-turn, if a gate were to be installed.

Gow reported that there would be room for a 3-point turn, however the concern regarding the gate stems from the gating off of a public street. Approval for the gate would have to clear the City Attorney before it could be taken before the City Council.

11. Future Agenda Items.

12. ADJOURNMENT: *Meeting was adjourned at 9:15am.*

Next meeting is scheduled for 8:00 AM, Wednesday, May 10, 2006, in City Council Chambers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Caines
Office Specialist
Public Works, Engineering Dept.