

CITY OF HEMET
Traffic and Parking Commission Minutes
Wednesday, April 13, 2005
8:00 AM

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

The meeting was called to order a 8:00 AM by Chairperson Walters.

ROLL CALL: Chairperson Dan Walters; Chair pro tem Don Berry; Commissioner Michael Asher; Commissioner Gareth Modica; Commissioner Roger Wellman; Mayor Roger Meadows.

Members absent: *Planning Commissioner Jim Calkins, Excused*

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Gow, Deputy Public Works Director; Richard Broos, Streets Superintendent, Police Corporal Randy Young; Management Assistant Julee Heckermann; Management Assistant, Kristen Cannon

1. **FLAG SALUTE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Chairman Walters
2. **Approval of Minutes of March 9, 2005.**
Commissioner Modica moved to approve the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Asher and carried 5-0.
3. **Report of Council Action on March 9, 2005 Meeting - No Reportable Action**
Heckermann reported that no recommendations were submitted to Council from the previous meeting.
4. **Request for Speed Control and Stop Sign on Garland Way**
(Susan Lala, 2256 Garland Way)
Heckermann introduced the item as one previously reviewed. She reported the findings of a recent speed survey to maintain the existing 30 mile per hour speed limit and stated that entering volume counts on Rosemary/Kirby and Garland/Kirby do not meet warrants for stop sign installation. Staff recommendation is to leave the traffic speed on Kirby at 30 miles per hour, not install the stop sign, and request further police enforcement for the area.
Commissioner Modica moved to accept and approve staff recommendation to leave the traffic speed on Kirby at 30 miles per hour, not install the stop sign, and request further police enforcement for the area. Motion seconded by Commissioner Berry and carried 5-0.
5. **Request for 4-Way Stop Sign at Buena Vista/Thornton**
(Dolores Miller, 560 E. Thornton Ave)
Heckermann reported this item had been reviewed previously and entering volume counts had not met warrants for stop sign installation. Entering volume counts now meet warrants. Staff recommendation is to install a 4-way stop sign.

Commissioner Wellman moved to approve staff recommendation for the installation of a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Thornton and Buena Vista. Motion seconded by Commissioner Asher, and carried 5-0.

6. Request for 4-Way Stop Sign at Palm Avenue/San Marcos

Heckermann reported an existing 2-way stop sign at this intersection which stops the traffic on San Marcos. She further reported that traffic volume counts do not meet warrants for installation of a 4-way stop sign. Staff recommendation is to not to install a 4-way stop sign at this intersection.

Commissioner Modica moved to accept staff recommendation to deny request for a 4-way stop sign at Palm Avenue and San Marcos. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wellman and carried 5-0.

**7. Request for 4-Way Stop Sign at Palm/Thornton
(Rosalia Brubaker, 2358 Rose Ave)**

Heckermann reported that this item had previously been reviewed by the Commission during Safe Route to School discussions. At this time volume counts do not meet warrants for 4-way stop sign installation. She further reported that a sight distance problem exists. Red curbing exists. Staff recommendation is to deny the request for a 4-way stop, and extend red curbing on the northeast corner of the intersection six (6) more feet.

Commissioner Asher moved to accept staff recommendation to deny request for installation of a 4-way stop, and extend the red curbing on the northeast corner of the intersection six (6) more feet.

**8. Request to Install Lighted Crosswalk at Kirby/Fruitvale
(Abraham Andaya, 2480 w. Fruitvale Ave)**

Heckermann reported that a review of the area indicates a speed limit on Kirby of 40 mph and Fruitvale of 25 mph. There is a 4-way stop at the intersection, and a marked cross walk on the north side of Fruitvale, across Kirby. She further reported that Hemet Unified School District provides crossing guard at the intersection to assist school pedestrian traffic. Staff recommendation is to not install a lighted cross walk at this time.

Abraham Andaya, 2480 W. Fruitvale Ave., Hemet.

Mr. Andaya reported observing pedestrians at this intersection and voice concerns for the amount of traffic flow and volume of children in the area. He is requesting a lighted cross walk be installed at this location.

Discussion ensued regarding the effect lighted crosswalks would or would not have on pedestrian and motorist behavior.

Chairperson Walters requested comments from Police Corporal, Randy Young. Young reported observing this intersection and speaking to the crossing guard, and stated that traffic does get heavy at school times. He further reported that no collisions involving pedestrians have been experienced at the intersection.

Commissioner Wellman moved to accept staff's report and approve recommendation to deny installation of a lighted crosswalk at this time. Motion seconded by Commissioner Asher and carried 5-0.

9. Request to Address Curbside Parking in Front of 300 Carriage Circle (Honda) (Diamond Valley Automotive Group, 300 Carriage Circle)

Heckermann reported that dealerships at the auto mall are experiencing problems with commuter parking as vehicles are parking eight or more hours a day in front of the dealerships. This is limiting customer parking to the dealerships. Staff recommendation is to limit parking to a two (2) hour maximum time period in front of 300 Carriage Circle.

Skip Virgilio, San Jacinto

Mr. Virgilio reported confrontation with commuter vehicle owners and stated that with no room for customers to park, this is becoming a financial hardship. He stated that he has contacted other dealerships in the auto mall, and all offer employee parking. Therefore, the cars on the street are not employee vehicles.

Discussion ensued regarding moving the commuter parking else where on the property, to the south of the properties, and where liability falls for the City and the dealerships. Staff reported that streets through the auto mall are maintained by the City.

Discussion ensued regarding future issues with commuter parking and areas being designated for it.

Commissioner Modica moved to recommend the installation of parking signs restricting vehicles to a two (2) hour maximum parking time in front of 300 Carriage Circle. Motion seconded by Commissioner Asher, and carried 5-0.

Item to be returned to a future agenda to review effectiveness of signs, and Police Department and Code Enforcement to be informed of sign placement.

10. Riverside County TIP Update

Informational.

11. Action Item List.

No comments

Mayor Meadows requested the status of signal installation at Esplanade and Warren.

Gow reported that the project is in design, there is a 4-way stop in place, and difficulties for the project include acquiring right-of-way and resolving drainage issues.

Discussion ensued regarding various jurisdiction responsibilities and commitments. Discussion continued regarding recouping of fees for road damage caused by commercial vehicles hauling dirt from construction sites.

Commissioner Wellman requested an update on the State Street Project. Gow reported that the contractor reports a completion date of late August. Discussion ensued regarding road closure decisions for future major road work.

Karen Chalmers, 43331 Old Sage Road, Sage

Mrs. Chalmers thanked the City for keeping State Street open to traffic, allowing access for emergency vehicles during construction. She further stated that problems with paving and poor road shoulder conditions should be addressed with contractor.

Ron Parken, 40047 Newport Road, Hemet

Mr. Parken commented on the State Street project and requested that this and future contractors be required to post a sign with a contact number so that people can call the contractor if there is a problem.

Mike Venable 41285 Gibbel Road, Hemet

Mr. Venable commented on the condition of the project and requested that signs be placed to limit State Street use to through traffic only during construction.

Gow stated staff preference was to encourage the contractor to fulfill his responsibilities. He further reported on current efforts to resolve any issue with the contractor.

Discussion of city limit boundaries on project and use of reflective dots for delineation ensued. Gow reiterated the contractual liabilities involved with the project.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No Comments

13. Future Agenda Items.

Commissioner Berry inquired regarding left turn phasing on Kirby and Florida. Heckermann reported on current progress, will research time frames for completion of pole installation, and will return to a future agenda.

Mayor Meadows reported information regarding CalTrans intended work schedule for left turn phasing.

Commissioner Wellman inquired on lane designations southbound on Lyon Avenue, approaching Stetson. Staff to research and return to a future agenda

Chairperson Waters requested information on the future County of Riverside Animal Shelter. Mayor Meadows reported on intended location.

No additional items

14. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned 9:09 am. Next meeting is scheduled for 8:00 AM, Wednesday, May 11, 2005, in City Council Chambers.

Respectfully Submitted

**Kris Cannon
Management Assistant**