

MINUTES
YORBA LINDA TRAFFIC COMMISSION
October 27, 2011

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Behura, Carbone, Ortega, Rafter, Wu

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Song, Wang, Wilson

Commissioner Rafter led the flag salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Carbone referred to page 5 of the August 25, 2011 minutes regarding the vote that they took on the signals, and stated the minutes only reflected the vote for the two signals on Bastanchury Road; not the signal at Richfield & Buena Vista. Chairwoman Wu clarified that they had voted on staff's recommendation to approve all of the signals, and to recommend to City Council to have the construction of the two signals on Bastanchury scheduled sooner.

Commissioner Behura, seconded by Commissioner Ortega, made a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 25, 2011 Traffic Commission Meeting.

AYES: Behura, Carbone, Ortega, Rafter, Wu
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Wu opened the public comments period. Seeing and hearing no speakers, Chairwoman Wu closed the public comments period.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Main Street Temporary Closure - Old Towne Merchants Holiday Program

Traffic Engineering Manager Wang stated this is an annual request from the Main Street Merchants Association to close Main Street from Lemon Street to Imperial Highway for their holiday program, which will be held on December 8, 2011, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Upon Commissioner Carbone's inquiry, Traffic Engineering Manager Wang stated it was another event that they discussed they would not require signatures from impacted parties.

Chairwoman Wu opened the public comments period. Seeing and hearing no speakers, Chairwoman Wu closed the public comments period.

Commissioner Rafter, seconded by Commissioner Behura, made a motion to approve the Main Street temporary closure for the Old Towne Merchants Holiday Program as outlined in the staff report. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Report from Police Department

Referring to the September 2011 Traffic Report, Sgt. Wilson commended the Brea police officers for their efforts in DUI enforcement, stating the arrests made year to date are almost double what it was last year.

Commissioner Ortega stated he is curious to know the majority of the age range being arrested. Upon Chairwoman Wu's inquiry as to whether that information is available, Sgt. Wilson stated they would have to review each report. Commissioner Ortega requested, in the future, if the officers can make a notation of the person's age. Commissioner Carbone inquired if the information in the report could be given to Council or publicized.

(Discussion ensued.)

Sgt. Wilson stated the spike in the numbers for the DUI arrests is attributed to the officers' focus on DUI enforcement.

Vice Chairman Ortega stated they could note their concern in the minutes, and Council can see what action they want to take.

Commissioner Behura made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carbone, to request City Council review the data presented by the police department regarding the increased DUI arrests and perhaps conduct a study of the age group with the majority of DUI arrests. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Project Update from Staff

Traffic Engineering Manager Wang stated Director Stowell will be providing the project update at their next meeting.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

1. Selection Process for Blue Ribbon Committee

Traffic Engineering Manager Wang stated this was placed on the agenda for the Commission to come to a consensus regarding the process of selecting a representative for the Blue Ribbon Committee. In order to avoid having to hold a special meeting in the future to have this item agendaized due to the lack of time to schedule it for a regularly meeting, the Commission can consider implementing a selection process of having the Chairperson represent the Commission on the Blue Ribbon Committee without having this item agendaized.

Chairwoman Wu, seconded by Commissioner Rafter, made a motion to have the Chairperson represent the Commission on the Blue Ribbon Committee and attend the event(s). If the Chairperson is unavailable, the Vice Chairperson would represent the Commission at the event(s). Motion passed unanimously.

2. Selection of Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2012

Commissioner Carbone, seconded by Commissioner Wu, nominated Commissioner Behura as Chairman. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ortega, seconded by Commissioner Wu, nominated Commissioner Rafter as Vice Chairman. Motion passed unanimously.

3. December Meeting Date

Chairwoman Wu stated because the next regular scheduled meeting falls on the Thanksgiving holiday, they will need to combine the November and December meeting. The Commission selected December 13th as their next meeting date.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chairwoman Wu stated she received a notification email from staff that there will be interviews conducted for the consultants for the General Plan, and inquired if any commissioners were interested in being on the interview panel. Commissioners Carbone and Behura replied that they were.

Commissioner Carbone reported that they held their community meeting “*Sharing the Roadways and Trails in an Equestrian Community*” on October 13th, and about 30 people were in attendance. She distributed a card to the commissioners containing numbers for emergency services for horses.

Commissioner Behura, seconded by Commissioner Rafter, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Saralynn Song
Recording Secretary