

**PLACENTIA TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
May 20, 2013**

The Regular meeting of the Placentia Traffic Safety Commission of May 20, 2013 was called to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room, 401 E. Chapman Avenue, Placentia, by Commissioner Stafford.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Commissioner Labreche

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Chairperson Stafford  
Commissioner Chadha  
Commissioner Gorman  
Commissioner Hutain  
Commissioner Labreche

Absent: Commissioner Hernandez  
Vacant: One seat

**STAFF PRESENT:** Ruth Smith, Traffic Engineer  
Scott Millsap, Traffic Sergeant  
Sara Salazar, Administrative Assistant

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of November 21, 2011

**MOTION** by Commissioner Labreche to approve the minutes of November 21, 2011 as submitted; **SECOND** by Commissioner Hutain and **CARRIED** by a **3-0-1-2 VOICE VOTE** (Hernandez Absent, Stafford and Gorman Abstain).

Minutes of March 18, 2013

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gorman to approve the minutes of March 18, 2013 as submitted; **SECOND** by Commissioner Chadha and **CARRIED** by a **4-0-1-1 VOICE VOTE** (Hernandez Absent, Labreche Abstain).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Chairperson Stafford invited public comments on items which are not public hearings. Mr. Joseph Schubert at 108 Placentia Avenue asked about the City's Permit Parking Policy. Mr. Ryan Velasquez at 736 Stanford Drive voiced concerns about vehicles speeding on his street. Sue Grove from Stanford Circle inquired about permit parking as well.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Labreche announced that his term is up in June and that this would be his final meeting. He expressed appreciation to the Commission for the experience and hopes that others in the community can share in the opportunity to serve the public.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Labreche to table the election of a Vice Chair person to the next regular meeting; **SECOND** by Commissioner Hutain and **CARRIED** by a **6-0 VOICE VOTE**

**REPORTS:**

**TRAFFIC CONTROL: TSC NO. 13-02**

**Resident only permit parking on Dartmouth Drive and Dartmouth Way**

Ms. Smith gave her report and advised the Commission that the Field Data Survey Results fell short of meeting the minimum requirements and therefore she could not recommend permit parking be approved. However, if the Commission were to decide to approve permit parking on Dartmouth Drive, she recommended that Dartmouth Way be included, for 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Commissioner Hutain asked if any of the surrounding streets have permit parking. Ms. Smith advised that there are none.

Commissioner Labreche advised Ms. Smith that under the former Traffic Engineer, red curb was painted on portions of adjoining All America Way to address lines of sight issues created by vehicles who reside at the Cinnamon Tree Condominiums located across the street at 212 Kraemer Blvd.

Ms. Smith advised the Commission that in the near future the City will be posting signage to limit parking on arterial streets so that streets can be swept. She added that this will add to the problem that neighborhoods like Dartmouth Drive are currently experiencing.

Commissioner Labreche asked for clarification on "167% occupancy". Ms. Smith stated that these are curb sections that are less than the recommended 20" in length, for vehicles to park. Although vehicles were parked in these areas, the areas were not included as parking spaces in the analysis.

Sergeant Millsap added that when OCTA began construction on the Grade Separation Project the Cinnamon Tree Condominiums lost a significant number of their parking spaces to the construction activity. Chairperson Stafford asked if the loss of spaces is temporary or permanent. Sergeant Millsap responded that he did not know. Chairperson Stafford asked Ms. Smith if she had any additional information on the loss of spaces, however, Ms. Smith did not.

Chairperson Stafford opened the public hearing.

Mr. Earl Williams, 524 Dartmouth Drive, addressed the Commission. He gave thanks for the Commission considering this item and expressed various concerns about the residents of the Cinnamon Tree Condominiums who park their vehicles on Dartmouth Drive.

Ms. Jeanie Mortensen, 500 Dartmouth Drive, stated that the vehicles who park in front of her home leave trash in the street and have vandalized her property in the past.

Dr. Chris Mortensen, 500 Dartmouth Drive, stated that vehicles leave trash and some drivers act hostile when approached about concerns.

Ms. Sandra Gi, 549 Dartmouth Drive stated that she is afraid to get her mail from the mailbox at the curb at night when there are people sitting in their cars in front of her home.

Mr. Wayne Fish, 506 Dartmouth stated that his property has been vandalized by the vehicle owners who park on Dartmouth Drive.

Mr. Edward Montoya, 612 Stanford Drive stated the problem on Stanford Drive is not as bad as it is on Dartmouth Drive but he felt it would only get worse if it is not addressed.

Mr. Hank Huey, 531 Dartmouth Drive stated that vehicles drive very fast when dropping off other vehicles or picking up other vehicles on Dartmouth.

Mrs. Mortensen asked if it is illegal to sleep in a parked vehicle. Sergeant Millsap responded that it is not illegal to sleep in a car, nor be homeless or live in a car.

Chairperson Stafford closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Labreche asked if there have been any other requests for permit parking in the immediate neighborhood. Ms. Smith responded that there have not been any other requests.

Commissioner Hutain asked why parking restrictions were implemented on nearby Georgetown Lane. Ms. Smith responded that she was not sure as it was put in before she began working for the City, however she can assume it would've been due to similar parking circumstances.

Chairperson Stafford stated that she was unsure how to move forward since the survey did not return results favored by the residents of Dartmouth Drive. Ms. Smith suggested conducting another survey. Commissioner Labreche reminded the Commission that previous requests for permit parking were approved despite the survey results. He was against expending additional funds for a duplicate survey, as residents have made known the conditions and concerns that have led them to request permit parking.

Chairperson Stafford asked Sergeant Millsap if he had anything to offer. Sgt Millsap responded that he feels the problem will only continue and get worse and that implementing permit parking would give the Police the tools it needs to enforce.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LABRECHE TO APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION NO. 2 WHICH IS TO ESTABLISH RESIDENT ONLY PERMIT PARKING ON DARTMOUTH DRIVE AND DARTMOUTH WAY 24 HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. SECOND BY COMMISSIONER GORMAN AND CARRIED BY A 5-0-1-0 (HERNANDEZ ABSENT).**

**TRAFFIC CONTROL: TSC NO. 13-03**  
**Resident only permit parking on Placentia Avenue**

Ms. Smith's recommendation was to approve the permit parking as the criteria is substantially met.

The Commission briefly discussed the item.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER GORMAN TO APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO ESTABLISH RESIDENT ONLY PERMIT PARKING ON PLACENTIA AVENUE 24 HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LABRECHE AND CARRIED BY A 5-0-1-0 (HERNANDEZ ABSENT).**

**INFORMATION/COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Police Department Traffic Summary –**

Sergeant Millsap gave traffic stats and notified the Commission that Total Collisions are down by 14%. There were 12 D.U.I. arrests in April, but overall D.U.I. arrests are down 66% this year due to lack of staffing. Pedestrian traffic at Emerald Isle was discussed.

**Discussion items by Traffic Engineer**

Ms. Smith spoke on the OC Bridges Project. Recently OCTA held open houses for both Rose Drive and Orangethorpe Avenue. She reported that in order to retain funding, they must begin construction by December 2013.

**Response to prior meeting items**

Permit parking signage on Madison Avenue has been installed. The City Council approved updating the City's Crossing Guard policy to follow the MUTCD.

**NON AGENDA ITEMS:**

Potential traffic problems at the HQT site were briefly discussed. Ms. Smith advised the Commission that a Special Meeting will likely be called to review the new Speed Survey.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, **MOTION** by Commissioner Labreche to adjourn to the next regular meeting on July 15th, 2013; **SECOND** by Commissioner Chadha and **CARRIED** by a **5-0-1-0 VOICE VOTE** (Hernandez absent). Meeting adjourned on May 20, 2013 at 8:40 p.m.



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RUTH SMITH, P.E., Traffic Engineer  
Secretary to the Traffic Safety Commission