

# Minutes



## **THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON **MAY 14, 2013** AT THE CENTENNIAL BUILDING IN THE CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM. THE MEETING WAS HELD AT 6:30 PM.

**INVOCATION:** AJ Clements

**FLAG SALUTE:** AJ Clements

**ROLL CALL:** John Knuppel  
Charlie Lee  
Jay Tallant  
A.J. Clements

**CITY OFFICIALS:** Doug Shivers, City Clerk  
Sara Hancock, Deputy City Clerk  
Eric Tucker, Street Superintendant

**ITEM 1:** **DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE April 9, 2013 TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING.**

Motion for minutes to be approved  
Motion – AJ Clements  
Second – Charlie Lee  
Ayes- Knuppel, Lee, Tallant, Clements

**ITEM 2:** **VISITORS**

None

**ITEM 3:** **DISCUSS STONE MILL SUBDIVISION TRAFFIC**

Brady Brus, 700 Stone Mill, is concerned about speeding along Stone Mill Blvd. Mr. Brus provided Traffic Commissioners with packet of information documenting speeding vehicles in the neighborhood. Mr. Brus has requested the City to place stop signs, speed humps, or other items to help out with traffic problem in his addition.

Angie Brus, 700 Stone Mill, is frustrated and confused about no signs being placed in addition. The children cannot play in their front yards with the speeders and unsafe driving. Mrs. Brus and her husband are questioning if this is a developer issue. Mrs. Brus presented and read emails from concerned neighbors that could not be there. Those mentioned were Jim Blair, 501 Stone Mill, who mentioned making it a gated community to help with traffic. Frank Chavez, 509 Stone Mill, is aggravated with the speeding issue and would like a resolve. Mrs. Brus would like the issue being resolved by putting in a couple of Stop signs. She believes this is a cheap and easy resolve.

Michael King, 604 Stone Mill, stated cars are speeding up around curves. He believes the main traffic concern is caused because Parkland Heights addition is connected and they are cutting through the neighborhood to get home quicker. Mr. King asked, if signs or gates could be used for resolve.

Charlie Lee stated people cannot put up signs in town on their own. Furthermore, there has to be warranted reasons to put up signs. There are rules and regulations for placement. Stop signs are to assign right of ways and stop least amount of traffic vs. most amount of traffic. Anything under 30 is not looked at.

Mr. Brus stated Parkland had a stretch of road way that has a stop sign. He wanted to know how that neighborhood has sign.

Charlie Lee stated he would base his decision on reasoning behind stop sign posting by the manual, "Uniform Traffic Control". Old sign placement may be the cause for stop sign in Parkland.

Mr. Brus is requesting two stop signs, one at the northeast of Old Mill and Stone Mill and another at southwest of Old Mill and Stone Mill. He stated it is a dangerous intersection due to visibility.

Discussion was made to have Stone Mill be gated. A point was made that it is questionable due the street is a public access street, as well as, concerns were raised about emergency vehicles and access. More discussion was had over different resolves for traffic issue.

Bryan Frank, 705 Stone Mill, is concerned with driving and people using his driveway as a turnabout. He is also worried about more houses being built and the traffic concern growing. There is only one ingress and egress in this division. Mr. Frank would like to know, if more could be added.

Charlie Lee stated that would be a Planning Commission issue.

Ron Gripe, 525 Stone Mill, would like to know, if speed humps could be used. Mr. Gripe stated police enforcement had been requested. A speed trailer was placed in addition. New speed limit signs have been posted, but it hasn't made a difference. He also stated it is hard to get out of addition onto Yukon Parkway.

James Montgomery, 907 Brookhurst, discussed the different resolves that had been mentioned. He does agree something needs to happen. Mr. Montgomery feels police enforcement may be a good solution.

Mr. Lee stated to call police for patrol at high volume times. Others agreed with this idea.

John Richardson, 2105 Stony Brook, is worried about the kids playing in addition due to speeding. Mr. Richardson would like a gate to be considered. He also believes stop signs are needed, if other things can't solve issue.

AJ Clements asked, if John Nail, the developer had requested for a permit for a gate. Concern was raised about developer and influence of posting signs or gate. Questions were asked about the reasoning. Mr. Clements stated Mr. Nail comes to the Planning Commission meetings and asked, if others from the neighborhood attended meeting.

Mr. Brus stated he would like three stop signs.

Mr. Clements stated the Traffic Commissioners are here to listen to concerns and requests. The Traffic Commissioners would then make recommendations to the City Council.

Mr. Lee stated gate process could somewhat resolve issue. Speed bumps are dangerous. Speed humps, if designed properly may help. He will follow guidelines and make recommendations accordingly.

Jack Stewart, 405 Meadow Run, discussed stop signs that were in addition one day and removed the next. He was against these stop signs. Mr. Stewart stated Traffic Engineering principals versus why stop signs shouldn't be used. He was unaware of traffic concerns in neighborhood. He agrees with Mr. Lee and the placement of stop signs according to rules. Mr. Stewart recommends law enforcement.

There was much discussion had about traffic concerns. Consensus with group is there are traffic issues that need to be resolved.

Mr. Lee stated this is the first time the Traffic Commission new of concerns. They will make recommendations to the City Council, but they will need to study the area first.

Mr. Clements agreed. They needed to collect their thoughts and then recommended to the Council.

**Motion to table item until June 11<sup>th</sup> to be able to study all possible options and requesting information as follows:**

- 1. Plats / Covenants**
- 2. Police Department Trailer Information**
- 3. Stop Sign Field Study**
- 4. Speed Humps Documentation**
- 5. Gate Information**

**Motion – Charlie Lee**  
**Second – AJ Clements**  
**Ayes – Knuppel, Tallant, Lee, Clements**

**ITEM 4:**

**DISCUSS TRAFFIC CONCERNS**

Mr. Tallant asked why construction hasn't started on I-40. He thought it was supposed to start in April. Mr. Lee stated mobilization has started.

Mr. Clements stated the traffic problem at Ranchwood was better. Some of the soccer games were moved and it had helped. He is not sure what will happen next year. The City Manager has been looking at some property, but OG&E has been unresponsive.

Mr. Lee and Mr. Knuppel had nothing at this time.

Mr. Tucker gave updates as follows:

- Traffic Engineering Consultants are trying to fine tune lights on Main St.

Mr. Clements congratulated Mr. Tucker for the completed intersections, they look very nice.

Mr. Knuppel asked about 5<sup>th</sup> St. from Ash to Poplar. Mr. Tucker stated they are still working on approval for 5<sup>th</sup> and Main to Ash.

Mr. Lee asked about stripping of Lakeshore. Mr. Tucker does not know.

**ITEM 5:**

**DATE FOR NEXT MEETING**

June 11, 2013

**ITEM 6:**

**ADJOURNMENT**