

**MINUTES
CITY OF HURST
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2011**

On the 24th day of January, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., the Traffic Safety Commission of the City of Hurst, Texas, convened in regular meeting at Hurst City Hall, 1505 Precinct Line Road, Hurst, Texas with the following members and staff present:

Susan Ballard) Chairman
Russell Foreman) Vice Chairman
Ronnie Martin) Members
Faith Waligora)
Stacy Wells)
Joe Sherwin, P.E.) City Engineer
Allan Goss) Police Officer
Patty Flaherty) Administrative Secretary

With members Nell Delaughter and Bob Walker being absent, a quorum was present and the following business was transacted to wit:

- I. The Traffic Safety Commission meeting was called to order by Susan Ballard.
- II. Under Agenda Item No. II, Approval of Minutes, November 22, 2010: Faith Waligora made a motion to approve the minutes. Ronnie Martin seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ballard, Foreman, Martin, Waligora and Wells
Noes: None

III. Action Items:

1. Request a stop sign at Norwood Drive and Cheryl Avenue – As part of the discussion from the previous Traffic Safety Commission Meeting, a warrant study was performed at this intersection to determine if a stop sign was warranted. The study showed the warrants were not met. Stacy Wells made a motion not to install a stop sign at Norwood Drive and Cheryl Avenue. Faith Waligora seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Ballard, Foreman, Martin, Waligora and Wells
Noes: None

IV. Discussion Items:

1. Harrison Lane Pedestrian Traffic – Mrs. Leslie Shiflet of 201 Oak Drive East spoke to the Commission about traffic concerns near Harrison Lane Elementary. Mrs. Shiflet explained that it was dangerous because drivers were speeding. She expressed that the crossing guard was fearful of the speeding cars. She suggested a school zone before Norwood Drive onto Pipeline Road. Also, she requested Harrison Lane change to one-way (North Bound) in front of the school from 7:15 a.m.- 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Mr. Rick Mitchell of 601 Brown Trail, Apt. 123 addressed the Commission about his concerns regarding the traffic around Harrison Lane Elementary. Mr. Mitchell requested a school zone to start at Pipeline Rd. and extend to Cheryl Ave. for the children who are walking. Also, he would like Harrison Lane to be one-way (North Bound) in front of the school from Sheri Lane to Cheryl Ave. In addition, he expressed the need for police presence in the morning and afternoon at the school. He explained that there is not a left turn signal on the light on Pipeline turning onto Harrison Lane which backs traffic up. Mr. Mitchell expressed that he was frustrated when told to call the police because by the time the police arrive the issue is over.

Susan Ballard explained that adding a left turn signal to an existing traffic signal is very expensive. The City Engineer explained that there were some plans in the near future that would help traffic flow better. The Commission suggested that the school send home a flyer explaining the pick up and drop off procedures of the school. Also, stress the importance of driving the speed limit. In addition, the Commission is requesting more police presence and the smart machine be set out to monitor the speed of drivers. City staff did conduct a pedestrian count at the school. Staff did notice that cars were speeding and parking in marked “no parking” areas.

2. Traffic around L.D. Bell High School – Brown Trail – Since some of this area is in the City of Bedford and the frontage road is owned by TXDOT it is basically out of our jurisdiction.

V. Information Items:

1. State Highway 183 Expansion Project – The City Engineer informed the Commission that the area near Pleasantview Ave. will be lowered to grade level (clearing trees, moving earth). Also, he informed the Commission that the Hurstview Bridge will be removed the first of June and will take approximately one year to be replaced.
2. Precinct Line Road Traffic Signal Re-timing – The City Engineer informed the Commission that on Precinct Line Road from State Hwy. 26 to Airport Freeway, the traffic signals will be re-timed. He explained that this should be finished in March. This will allow a better flow of traffic.

3. Bellaire Drive Project – The City Engineer informed the Commission that Phase I is approximately 60 to 70 percent complete. The Safe Routes to School sidewalks are scheduled to start construction the 1st week of February.
4. Next Meeting – The next meeting will be scheduled for March 28, 2011.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2011

APPROVED:

Susan Ballard, Chairman

ATTEST:

Recording Secretary