

**MINUTES
CITY OF HURST
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2011**

On the 28th day of March, 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
Nell Delaughter) Members
Ronnie Martin)
Faith Waligora)
Bob Walker)
Stacy Wells)
Joe Sherwin, P.E.) City Engineer
Allan Goss) Police Officer
Patty Flaherty) Administrative Secretary

With a quorum being present the following business was transacted to wit:

The Traffic Safety Commission meeting was called to order by Susan Ballard.

- I. Under Agenda Item No. II, Approval of Minutes, January 24, 2011: Faith Waligora made a motion to approve the minutes. Russell Foreman seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

- II. Action Items:

1. No parking signs on Hurstview Drive from Mid-Cities Blvd. to 500 ft. north of Mid-Cities Blvd. – A resident has contacted the Hurst Police Department requesting “No Parking” signs be installed along Hurstview Drive from Mid-Cities Blvd. to 500 ft. north of Mid-Cities Blvd. Ronnie Martin made a motion to recommend installation of “No Parking” signs along Hurstview Drive from Mid-Cities Blvd. to 500 ft. north of Mid-Cities Blvd. Faith Waligora seconded the motion. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

III. Discussion Items:

1. Redbud Drive and Englewood Lane Stop Sign Request – Ms. Jackie Roach of 908 W. Redbud Drive spoke to the Commission about traffic concerns at Redbud Drive and Englewood Lane. She explained that since Redbud Drive was such a wide road it caused drivers to speed. Also, she expressed that there are many young children who live in the area and she is concerned with their safety. She expressed that she has called the Police Department in the past and they are very prompt about answering her calls but it is always too late to reprimand the driver. Ms. Caryn Newberry of 908 W. Redbud Drive was also there to support a stop sign but did not address the Commission.

Susan Ballard explained that this concern has been discussed numerous times by the Traffic Safety Commission but it had never met the warrants for a stop sign. The last study was completed in 2008 and it had not met the warrants. However, Susan Ballard requested the City do another study and share the findings with Ms. Roach and Ms. Newberry. If it did meet the warrants the Commission would explore the possibility of a stop sign.

2. Cars coming through fence at 2661 Bent Tree Drive – Mr. Bruce Wertz of 2648 Bent Tree Drive came to speak for Mr. Russ Kidwell and Mr. Tim Myers the residents of 2661 Bent Tree because they were out of the country. Mr. Wertz addressed the Commission as a private citizen. Mr. Wertz expressed that in the past four years there have been five accidents where drivers have driven into the fence at 2661 Bent Tree Drive. The last accident was December 24, 2010 and the car stopped 8 ft. before the resident's living room. Mr. Wertz explained that three times out of the five accidents the homeowners had to file with their own insurance company because some of the drivers did not have insurance or did not have adequate coverage to pay for the damages. As a result of the amount of claims, the homeowner's insurance company is threatening to stop coverage should another accident occur. Mr. Wertz stressed that the residents are being penalized because of no fault of their own. The residents have tried for years to get the city to consider guard rails or some type of barricade to help alleviate the problem. He explained that most of the accidents occur when drivers are turning left off of Martin Road onto Mid-Cities Blvd. and the on coming traffic is blinded because of the slight right curve and the rise in the road. The residents are proposing options such as: preventing driver's from making a left onto Mid-Cities Blvd. from Martin Road, close the division in the median or take out median. They are requesting something be done before another accident occurs and they lose their homeowner's insurance.

Susan Ballard expressed that the Commission would have to find out what legally the City could do. She explained that preventing motorists from making a left turn onto Mid-Cities Blvd. from Martin Road would most likely cause many residents to be upset. The City Engineer explained that the City would investigate the nature of the accidents and legally what was the City's responsibility. Susan Ballard asked the City Engineer to gather data and alternatives for this concern and bring it to the next meeting.

3. Speeding on River Bend Drive – Mr. Troy Kirchenbauer of 3213 River Bend Drive spoke to the Commission regarding the speed of driver's on River Bend Drive. He is also concerned with the children in the neighborhood. He explained that the City did set out the Smart Machine but it was picked up approximately at 4:00 p.m. which is before the peak time of traffic. He explained that most speeding takes place between 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. He realizes that a stop sign would mostly likely not be warranted but he is asking for suggestions as to how to slow the motorists. Also, he acknowledged that since this was not a through street that the speeders were more than likely people who live in the subdivision. He expressed that there were a few teenage drivers in the area.

The Commission asked the City Engineer to find some additional ideas to help the residents with their concern. Susan Ballard explained that this concern would be discussed further at the next meeting and that the Engineering Department would inform Mr. Kirchenbauer of any ideas or suggestions that are made.

4. Speeding on Scott Street near Hurst Garden Apartments – The resident who had requested this item has moved out of the City of Hurst. The Commission decided to table this item to see if it comes up in the future.

IV. Information Items:

1. State Highway 183 Expansion Project – The City Engineer informed the Commission that on the City of Hurst website there will be weekly updates of the project.
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 by approximately the end of April. This will allow a better flow of traffic.
3. West Hurst Elementary Flashing School Zone Lights – Faith Waligora asked if one or both of the school zone lights could be turned another direction. The City Engineer explained that he would check on her concern and bring data to the next meeting.
4. Next Meeting – Susan Ballard suggested the Commission meet in April instead of waiting until the next scheduled meeting in May. The next meeting will be in April exact date to be determined.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2011

APPROVED:

Susan Ballard, Chairman

ATTEST:

Recording Secretary