

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF LAKE JACKSON

BE IT KNOWN that the Traffic Commission of the City of Lake Jackson met on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 6:30 P.M. for regular session at 25 Oak Drive, Lake Jackson, Texas, in City Hall Council Chambers with the following in attendance:

Michael Cloeter, Vice Chair
Shannon Biar, Secretary
Doug Smith
Brad Whitehead

Milford John-Williams, Asst. to the City Manager
Sabrina England, PW Director
Anamaria Acuña, Asst. City Secretary
James Cromeenes, LJP

ABSENT:
Ravi Singhania
Larry Stanley

Council Liaison – Matt Broaddus

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Cloeter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 8, 2022

On motion by Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Biar with all present members voting “aye,” the February minutes were approved.

VISITORS’ COMMENTS

No comments.

DISCUSS ADDING TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES ON DAHLIA AND ANCHUSA – MITCHELL JACOBS

Mitchell Jacobs - 59 Tangerine Court

Mr. Jacobs introduced himself as the new crossing guard on Dahlia and Anchusa. He thanked the commission on behalf of the parents for approving to create the crosswalks.

Mr. Jacobs believes there should be two crosswalks and noted that the entrance with the flashing speed limit sign does not have a crossing guard there. He followed up by asking if they planned on installing and additional flashing light.

Mr. Jacobs noted that there were a few incidents when having the flashing light could have been useful to ensure that drivers slow down near the crosswalks.

Ms. England stated that the light has been ordered. The vendor shared that they are on back order. She confirmed that there will be two signs on Anchusa.

Mr. Jacobs presented the commission with a picture of the street to indicate where he would like the crosswalks painted. Ms. England commented that they cannot add a diagonal cross walk. She shared there will be one on Dahlia and one on Anchusa.

There was discussion about the placement and the number of crosswalks recommended. Ms. England clarified that placing a third cross walk is not an issue. Ms. England stated that public works will add the crosswalks but when they update their equipment, they will go over it with thermoplastic in the summer.

There was discussion over what route the children take to get to school. Mr. Jacobs explained why he crosses them to the southside of Anchusa as the (northside) driveway is dangerous for them to walk or enter. He explains that there is an additional guard on the southside of Anchusa to cross them to the school.

Mr. Jacobs also shared that are parents parking on the curb of Anchusa and that there is a lack of “no parking” signs there. He doesn’t think it’s a problem because it slows down traffic. He commented that the parents that park there are not there for a long time, and they are observant of the kids crossing.

Mr. Cloeter clarified that the commissioners agreed about the three crosswalks placement that will be painted by the public works department.

DISCUSS ADDING TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES ON DOGWOOD AND LARKSPUR- THOMAS TERRENCE

Mr. Thomas Terrence did not attend the meeting.

Mr. Cloeter shared that he does not see an issue as there are yield signs.

Ms. England discussed with the police department and verified that there are no big accidents but there are a few citations. Ms. England clarified that a lot of the neighboring courts have stop signs. She explained to the commissioners that if they want to add a stop sign, it will require an ordinance change because Council would have to approve them.

Mr. Cloeter shared that in the past they have added painted lines near the stop signs to add attention to the driver to ensure they stop. He asked Ms. England for her recommendations.

Ms. England shared that there is not enough evidence regarding to police reports to recommend adding a stop sign.

Mr. Cloeter asked if there was a traffic count completed. Mr. Biar referred to the traffic counts and shared that there are no signs of speeding.

Ms. England shared that they could look for additional solutions, but Mr. Terrence did suggest the stop signs. Ms. England will be meeting with a traffic engineer and can ask for recommendations and will report back to the commission.

DISCUSS ADDING TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES ON DEERWOOD DRIVE – MIKE HEATHER

Mike Heather - 216 Canyon Oak Drive

Mr. Heather presented himself as the Board President of the Northwood Residential Homeowners Association. He explained that at their previous annual meeting residents complained about frequent speeding.

Ms. England shared that are no traffic signs in the area (Deerwood Drive). Mr. Heather shared that when Phase 4 is completed it will loop around and agreed that there are no signs and could lead to more speeding.

Mr. Heather explained the houses closer to the entrance are the ones complaining about other residents speeding.

Mr. Heather shared that their H.O.A. has a Facebook page and will show who the speeders are, and shame one another for it. He explained that they do not want speed humps and suggested placing stop signs. Mr. Heather confirmed that he was advised to bring it to the radar once phase 4 starts.

The commissioners asked staff where the stop signs would be placed or if there were other options or suggestions.

Ms. England stated that they can increase patrolling if needed. Mr. Cloeter suggested a temporary flashing speed sign since there aren't any speed limit signs. Ms. England will check if there are any flashing signs available. She also suggested adding regular speed limit signs.

Mr. Biar asked when phase 4 starts. Mr. Heather stated that he thinks they are still waiting for approval for it to begin.

Mr. Heather stated that he would appreciate the increased patrol. Mr. Cloeter reviewed the speed statistics. He notated the maximum speeds are scattered through the day.

Ms. England wants to verify if her traffic counter is up to date.

Ms. England asked what the commissioners recommend for her to do.

The traffic commissioner agreed on posting the temporary flashing speed limit sign for now. Mr. Heather shared that he would post a reminder on his HOA about the speed limit.

Mr. Biar suggested adding patrolling. Mr. Cloeter shared the possibilities of patrolling later and further investigate other options.

UPDATES ON PROJECTS IN THE AREA – SABRINA ENGLAND

Ms. England shared her updates from the Chamber Conference meetings and shared that there are no big updates.

Ms. England commented that all the updates are given regarding all of Brazoria County. She will update when her Mr. Mundo go to the next meeting soon.

Mr. Cloeter asked about the asphalt on 288 going into Angleton since it is considered part of Brazoria County. He commented that it is a rough road. Ms. England shared that she would look into it, but she has not heard about any plans on doing so.

STAFF UPDATES

- a. Complaint About Directional Light Coming From Annex Building – Sabrina England
 - Ms. England summarized that there are residents complaining about the directional lights coming from the Annex building (located on Peach Street).
 - The lights against the annex building are pointing down.
 - Measured the wattage and there are no issues with that.

However, upon investigation staff realized that on Talisman Street there is light showing from the building. Staff does have a few suggestions and plan on talking to the annex building about correcting or exploring options to reduce the light.

- b. Update on Left Turn Heading to This Way Street – Sabrina England
 - Will meet with Ms. Maria Aponte (Brazoria Area Engineer at TxDOT) this upcoming Monday, April 18, 2022

- c. Update on Patrolling Due to Speeding from 288 South Exit to FM 2004 – Lt. Cromeenes
 - Mr. Newton oversees this location
 - January - 43 stops
 - February 73 stops
 - March 65 stops
 - When exiting most cars slow down Mr. Newton does not notice the speeding

Staff also gave an update about the traffic light near Buc-ee’s. Ms. England stated that staff is waiting to meet with TxDOT regarding the right-hand turning lane on Plantation. Mr. Cloeter summarized the options Council was intending on pursuing along with the other options discussed.

ACCIDENT REPORTS – LT. CROMEENES

Lt. Cromeenes read over the accident reports.

He mentioned there was a major accident with a car and an individual on a wheelchair near Winnie’s on April 1, 2022. The male on the wheelchair did not have any reflectors and although he was hit, he is doing okay.

Mr. Bair asked about updates regarding street racing. Lt. Cromeenes stated that they haven’t had an issue since last year where they arrested about seven people at once. He also reminded that there is a law that allows police departments to seize their vehicles for racing.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- o MacLean has their Adult Easter Egg Hunt this April 14, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. These minutes read and approved this _____ day of _____ 2022.

Shannon Biar, Secretary (Acting Chair)

Anamaria Acuña, Asst. City Secretary