

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 13, 2021 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:

Kevin Land
Michael Cloeter
Ravi Singhania
Andy Anderson
Larry Stanley

Meagan Borth, Asst. City Manager
Sabrina England, PW Director
Sally Villarreal, Asst. City Secretary
James Cromeenes, LJP

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Land led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 9, 2021

Minutes were approved as presented.

VISITORS' COMMENTS

There were no visitors present.

DISCUSS BESS BRANNEN PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC

Ms. Borth introduced the agenda item and spoke about Ms. Marley's request.

Ms. Marley had made a request for a crossing guard on That Way and Anchusa and mentioned the sidewalks were in bad shape. Children are supposed to be crossing on Anchusa and Tanager where a crossing guard is located. This leaves children crossing Arrowwood with no crossing guard.

Ms. Borth went over the crossing guard request and stated it would be the responsibility of BISD, not the city. The agreement with BISD is that anything adjacent to the schools is supplied by them, anything outside the school property is supplied by the city.

Mr. Land questioned the need to contact BISD for the consideration of a crossing guard on That Way and Anchusa.

Mr. Land asked for the number of children that cross the intersection of That Way and Anchusa. We did not have a number, but one will be provided at the next meeting.

Mr. Anderson asked if parking on Arrowwood by the school was still a problem like it was approximately a year ago. Lt. Cromeenes said it was not a problem. Mr. Land stated the traffic flow is moving as it was designed by the Traffic Study.

There was discussion and google photos shown illustrating the broken sidewalks.

Mr. Anderson mentioned the sidewalks being the responsibility of the homeowners.

Mr. Singhania asked if the city could ask the homeowners to fix the sidewalk. Ms. Borth said the city can recommend it, but not make them repair it. Ms. Borth also mentioned a 50/50 program for fixing sidewalks where city would pay ½ the repair cost. This is not a budgeted item at this time but may be in the future.

Mr. Cloeter suggested going to the BISD Board and recommending a crossing guard.

Mr. Land suggested writing a note to BISD letting them know a citizen has come to the city for a crossing guard on That Way and Anchusa. Also, try to get the data of how many children are crossing the streets to see if a crossing guard is warranted.

Ms. Borth asked if they would want a tally or to see a video of the kids crossing. Mr. Land thought a tally would be fine.

DISCUSS TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES ON CORKWOOD AND UPDATE ON EXISTING SIGNAGE

Ms. England went over the traffic control data that was collected and it indicated there was not a problem with speeding on the street. The signs indicating a sharp turn is coming have been replaced with newer more reflective ones. Ms. England mentioned she spoke to PD to see if there have been reported traffic issues on the street. PD informed her of three accidents within the past three years and two of those accidents involved impaired drivers. Speed was not a factor in those accidents. There has been a total of 6 citations around this area, five of them were parking the wrong way on the street. PD has not observed a problem with speeding on this street.

There were a couple of videos played that showed one car hitting a parked car and one sliding on a wet road. These were submitted by Mr. Trevino.

Mr. Land asked if the data has been shared with Mr. Trevino. Ms. England said she has shared it with him.

Mr. Anderson asked if a radar camera system would help. Lt. Cromeenes said PD does not have those type of cameras.

Mr. Cloeter asked if speed bumps would be an option. Since there is no indication of speeding from the data, it would not be an option.

ACCIDENT REPORTS

Lt. Cromeenes stated accidents are going back up. As the spread of Covid has slowed down, more people are getting out and driving around.

March had a reported 56 accidents.

Mr. Land asked if there were any serious accidents to report on. Lt. Cromeenes did not recall any major accidents. A lot of accidents come from the mall area.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Mr. Anderson spoke about Monarch Butterfly's extinction. Mr. Anderson suggested the City planting some Milkweed in some of the gardens to attract the Monarch Butterfly and they can start multiplying. The Milkweed is toxic to most pets. Birds will not eat it because they know.

Lt. Cromeenes thought it was a good idea but could be dangerous if a child got to it. Mr. Anderson suggested putting it in a place that is protected.

Mr. Stanley was concerned about the liability.

Ms. Borth asked if there were other plants that Monarch Butterfly's eat other than Milkweed. Mr. Anderson said Monarch's feed off any blooming plant, but they only reproduce off Milkweed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

These minutes read and approved this ____ day of _____, 2021.

Kevin Land, Vice-Chair

Michael Cloeter, Secretary