

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, May 10, 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:

Shannon Biar, Secretary (Acting Chair)
Doug Smith
Brad Whitehead
Ravi Singhania

Meagan Borth, Asst. City Manager
Sabrina England, PW Director
Anamaria Acuña, Asst. City Secretary
James Cromeenes, LJP

ABSENT:

Michael Cloeter, Vice Chair
Larry Stanley

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Biar led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 12, 2022

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

VISITORS’ COMMENTS

No comments.

DISCUSS REPORT FROM KIMLEY-HORN ON ANY WAY – RYAN EUREK

Ryan Eurek - 11700 Katy, Texas

Mr. Eurek was contracted through Kimley-Horn for the speed study on Any Way.

Mr. Eurek summarized the speed study. He explained that they took two different types of approaches to rule out any variables. Kimley-Horn used both tube and radar collection methods to record speeds. They also used two different locations on three different days (Tuesday, April 5th – Thursday, April 7th). The locations all included Any Way Street intersections the following: Mistletoe Street, Bougainvillea and Staghorn.

Mr. Eurek shared that other than the temporary flashing speed limit sign, but there are no speed limit signs posted on Any Way.

After the study was completed, they conclude by looking at the 85 percentiles to establish what the posted speed limit should be. Both the tube and radar speed were going in between the 30 to 34 mph. The radar found that both North/ South bound traffic would travel at an average speed of 32 mph during the a.m. hours.

There are some speeders every so often, but the majority are going within the speed limit. A potential

solution Mr. Eurek recommended to staff was to consider placing a posted “30 mph” speed limit sign on both northbound and southbound.

Mr. Smith asked where specifically, Kimley-Horn would recommend the signs. Mr. Eurek does not want to impact the residents in the area, but he can discuss with staff and suggested placing the speed limit signs within the first 100 feet.

Mr. Smith suggested placing a 90-degree sign on a corner post. Ms. England stated that staff will explore their options on what location and signs work best.

Ms. England reminded the traffic commission that the accident happened on Staghorn, and staff could investigate into posting a sign closer to that location. Ms. England also shared that in that state of Texas if there is not posted sign then it is 30 mph.

Ms. England stated that any recommendations made by the traffic commission on possible signage would have to go to council for approval. Ms. England shared that she would share their recommendations of placing speed limit signs at the June 6th Council meeting.

Mr. Smith commented that he has noticed the flashing speed limit sign has been effective. Mr. Eurek suggested to alternate the locations of the temporary flashing speed limit sign.

Although Mr. Biar agrees on adding speed limit signs, he has a concern of placing speed signs on somebody’s yard, without them approving. Mr. Smith volunteered to place a speed limit sign near his house if they needed.

Mr. Eurek stated that he would make recommendations to staff on where he thinks the signs would be most effective. He also suggested staff explain to the citizens about the recent incident. Ms. England commented that although staff will work around the citizens request and shift the posted speed limit signs, staff would strongly urge posting the speed limit signs as it has proven to be a major safety issue.

Mr. Whitehead questioned Mr. Eurek if he has any knowledge about a recent invention called non-Newtonian fluid speed bumps that turn into liquids when going slowly but harden when speeding. Mr. Eurek informed him that he was unaware of new product but stated he would research the item as it sounded interesting.

Mr. Eurek discussed the disadvantages of speed bumps and suggested the speed limit signs would be more effective.

On motion by Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Singhania with all present members voting “aye,” the traffic commission requested Mr. Eurek’s recommendation on placement/ location of speed limit signs on Any Way Street to City Council.

Ms. England shared that she would take their recommendation to City Council in June and discuss with the residents about the possible locations when council agrees.

UPDATES ON PROJECTS IN THE AREA – SABRINA ENGLAND

Ms. England shared that has not attended a Chamber meeting, so she does not have any updates.

STAFF UPDATES

a) TxDOT Update on Right turn lane on Plantation Drive

Ms. England shared that staff met with TxDOT and they are looking at potential solutions and will send staff an update.

Ms. England shared that TxDOT also discussed a concern near FM 2004 by the turn lane near The Reserve (apartment). TxDOT stated that they would repaint the street to address the issue.

A similar issue for the turn on Old Angleton Road and FM 2004 near the Buc-ee's underpass will also be repainted.

Ms. England shared that the turn on the underpass on This Way Street currently has had many complaints stating that many are unaware of the left turn only lane. She commented that TxDOT does have the street painted and they do have existing signs but due to the limited space they are looking for other potential solutions. She will reach out to TxDOT for more updates for all topics discussed at their last meeting.

Mr. Singhania questioned if Ms. England was able to investigate the crossing area on 288 and This Way Street heading into the Downtown area. Mr. Biar reiterated that Ms. Sabrina will reach out to TxDOT and see if they had any other recommendations.

ACCIDENT REPORTS – LT. CROMEENES

Lt. Cromeenes read over the April accident reports.

He stated that April had a significant increase in the number of accidents with a total of 56 compared to last year's total of 39. Lt. Cromeenes also noted compared to March's total of 50 there was a slight increase as well.

Lt. Cromeenes noted a few of the major accidents that occurred in recently, listed below:

- April 22, 2022:
 - A subject was leaving HEB and headed towards Dixie Drive. The person lost control of their vehicle and they went off the road and towards other occupants on the opposite side of the road. The accident was due to medical issue and the person was life flighted.
- April 27, 2022:
 - On HWY 332 a white Nissan was traveling at a high speed and the driver lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle went through medians hit a light pole and skid across the street. Both occupants in the vehicle were life flighted. The case is still under investigation.
 - On Lake Road and HWY 332 there was an accident with a blue Dodge passenger car, a white Ram pickup truck and a dark colored Toyota SUV. The Toyota was travelling at a high rated speed and approached the other two vehicles from behind and struck them, kept traveling and came to rest in a ditch. The driver of the Toyota was unresponsive and was treated by EMS, then transported to CHI. This incident is also still under investigation.
- May 1, 2022:
 - An auto/ pedestrian accident occurred on HWY 332 near the Plantation feeder road. There was a woman crossing the road and was struck by a Ford SUV. This accident happened at

8:50 p.m. and was witnessed by Lake Jackson EMS. The woman went over the vehicle, flipped, and landed in a lane. EMS immediately responded to the scene and started CPR. She had major issues and EMS suspected pelvic damage, so she was life flighted. Lt. Cromeenes shared that she was out of the hospital the next morning. When she got out of the hospital, she went to the police department to give a statement.

Lt. Cromeenes stated that he has noticed similar accidents over the years that have occurred in the same area.

Mr. Singhania asked if there were any deaths due to the accidents. Lt. Cromeenes stated shared that there was not.

Mr. Biar thanked Lt. Cromeenes for his reports.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- Mr. Singhania noticed that people cut through the parking lot of the civic center and police department.
 - Lt. Cromeenes clarified that it is not road and has witnessed people speed in the parking lot.
 - Mr. Biar asked the traffic commission would like to add to the next agenda
 - Ms. England shared that she would talk with engineering and staff to see options of closing the entrance near the library for parking to be only for employees. She shared that this will be discussed with staff to find a solution.
- Mr. Singhania also noted people crossing HWY 332 and the lack of pedestrian crossing walks.
 - He sees a lot of pedestrian traffic crossing from the Panda Express/ mall parking to Verizon.
 - Ms. England will share this concern with TxDOT.
- Mr. Smith shared that there is great progress in Downtown.
- Mr. Whitehead shared that his class will be demonstrating their solar vehicle at the Brazoswood CTE building on May 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. and invited the traffic commission to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. These minutes read and approved this _____ day of _____ 2022.

Chair

Secretary