

**MINUTES
REGULAR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
JANUARY 19, 2012**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Gaitan called the Traffic Commission meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Traffic Commissioners Berg, Puentes, Madrid, Chairperson Gaitan, and Vice Chairperson Radoumis.

Also present: Noe Negrete, Assistant Director of Public Works, Tom R. Lopez, Contract Traffic Engineer; Robert A. Garcia, Associate Civil Engineer; Marsha D. Chavez, Support Services Supervisor; Traffic Safety Officer Frank Igros, Whittier Police Department.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Chairperson Gaitan announced that this is the time when comments may be made by interested persons on matters not on the agenda having to do with any City traffic-related matter. There being no one who addressed the Commission, Oral Communications were declared closed.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Traffic Bureau Report – December 2011

Officer Igros reviewed the Traffic Bureau Report for the month of December. The report reflected that there were 46 accidents reported during the month of December 2011, a slight decrease from December 2010. There were four driving under the influence incidents; one bicycle incident and one pedestrian incident. There were fifteen hit and run accidents reported. Moving Citations and Moving Violations both decreased, whereas Parking Violations slightly increased from December 2010 compared to December 2011.

Vice Chairperson Radoumis made a motion to receive and file the report for December 2011; Commissioner Berg seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

5. 2011 Top Ten Intersections for Collision Frequency

Mr. Lopez gave an introduction to the report by noting the value of constantly studying accident statistics, in order for changes to be considered that may improve traffic circulation and potentially reduce collisions. Mr. Lopez reviewed the statistical information from the 2011 calendar year as related to the ten intersections in Santa Fe Springs that had the highest number of reported traffic collisions.

The Traffic Commission generally discussed the various intersections and traffic collision diagrams as presented.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Berg made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Traffic Commission meeting of December 15, 2011 and Commissioner Madrid seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

7. **COMMUNICATIONS**

Commission

Vice Chairperson Radoumis made a recommendation that the Commission consider changing the Traffic Commission meeting start time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Commission discussed the meeting change. Commissioner Puentes made a motion that the Traffic Commission change its meeting start time to 6:00 p.m.; Commissioner Madrid seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	Berg, Puentes, Madrid, Radoumis, Gaitan
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None

Vice Chairperson Radoumis announced that the Neighborly Elf Program was very successful, offering food and presents to approximately 300 residents.

Staff

Mr. Lopez wished the Commission a Happy New Year.

Mr. Negrete advised the Commission that the City Council recently reorganized, noting that Councilmember Rounds is now the Mayor and Councilmember Moore is now the Mayor Pro Tem.

Mr. Negrete further noted that there was a potential location conflict for the Traffic Commission meeting of February 16, 2012, due to an anticipated adjourned City Council meeting. The Commission discussed alternate locations and Mr. Negrete noted that Commissioners would be advised once a location had been finalized.

Mr. Negrete noted that in January, typically the Traffic Commission holds an election for the offices of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. Mr. Negrete offered that since these offices were recently elected, due to vacancies, the Commission could decide to not hold elections for this calendar year. Chairperson Radoumis made a motion to not hold an election for calendar year 2011; Commissioner Berg seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Commission, it was motioned by Commissioner Berg and seconded by Commissioner Puentes that the meeting be adjourned, the time being 7:55 p.m.


CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:


SUPPORT SERVICES SUPERVISOR