

**MINUTES
REGULAR TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
JANUARY 17, 2013**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Radoumis called the Traffic Commission meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Chairperson Gaitan

Also present: Tom Lopez, Consultant Traffic Engineer; Traffic Officer Frank Igros; and Marsha D. Chavez, Support Services Supervisor.

3. ELECTION

Commissioner Puentes nominated Vice Chairperson Radoumis for the seat of Chairperson. Commissioner Puentes nominated Commissioner Berg for the seat of Vice Chairperson.

The following roll call vote was taken for the seat of Chairperson:

Ayes: Vice Chairperson Radoumis, Commissioners Berg, Madrid, and Puentes

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Chairperson Gaitan

The following roll call vote was taken for the seat of Vice Chairperson:

Ayes: Vice Chairperson Radoumis, Commissioners Berg, Madrid, and Puentes

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Chairperson Gaitan

Newly appointed Chairperson Radoumis made a motion to record the votes as stated. Newly appointed Vice Chairperson Berg seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Chairperson Radoumis 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.

Two students were present at the meeting. Mr. Luis Rojas and Mr. Oscar Arce introduced themselves as students of California High School. Mr. Rojas explained they were working on a project for their World Civilizations class. Mr. Rojas noted that the two had attended other meetings as well to obtain a better understanding of the democratic process.

Chairperson Radoumis encouraged the students to stay involved in their community. Commissioner Puentes thanked the students for taking the time to attend the Traffic Commission meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Traffic Bureau Report – November 2012

Officer Igros reviewed the Traffic Bureau Report for the month of November. The report reflected that there were 58 accidents reported during the month of November 2012, an increase from November 2011. There were five driving under the influence incidents, four bicycle incidents, and two pedestrian incidents. Moving Citations, Moving Violations, and Hazardous Violations all decreased during the month of November 2012 compared to November 2011, while Parking Citations increased during this period. The Traffic Enforcement Index was at 8.0 for the month. The intersections with the most accidents for the month were Florence Avenue/Bloomfield Avenue; Florence Avenue/Pioneer Boulevard; and Florence Avenue/Shoemaker Avenue.

Commissioner Puentes made a motion to receive and file the report for November 2012; Vice Chairperson Berg seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

6. Traffic Bureau Report – December 2012

Officer Igros reviewed the Traffic Bureau Report for the month of December. The report reflected that there were 53 accidents reported during the month of December 2012, an increase from December 2011. There were four driving under the influence incidents, three pedestrian incidents, and no bicycle incidents. Moving Citations and Moving Violations both increased during the month of December 2012 compared to December 2011, whereas, Hazardous Violations and Parking Citations both increased during this period. The Traffic Enforcement Index was at 7.6 for the month. The intersections with the most accidents for the month were Florence Avenue/Bloomfield Avenue; Lakeland Avenue/Bloomfield Avenue; and Orr and Day Road/Telegraph Road.

Commissioner Puentes made a motion to receive and file the report for November 2012; Vice Chairperson Berg seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

7. **Update on Valley View Avenue Grade Separation Project**

Mr. Lopez gave a quarterly update on the Valley View Avenue Grade Separation project. Mr. Lopez noted that at the request of the Traffic Commission, Mr. Negrete would be providing the Commission with quarterly updates on the project.

Chairperson Radoumis asked if there have been any delays due to weather. Mr. Lopez concurred that a few days have been lost due to rain but Mr. Negrete could give them the exact number at their next meeting.

Commissioner Madrid asked if there had been any safety concerns or injuries to date. Mr. Lopez noted that there have been minor safety issues related to reports of the contractor's employees driving too fast thru the Valley View Commerce Center parking lot. He said he was not aware of any job-related injuries.

8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice Chairperson Berg made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Traffic Commission meeting of November 15, 2012; Commissioner Madrid seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

9. **COMMUNICATIONS**

Commission

Commissioner Puentes requested a 2013 calendar for Traffic Commission meeting.

Vice Chairperson Berg reported that the basketball hoop on Fallon Street is still in the public right-of-way, as reported at the November Traffic Commission meeting by then Chairperson Gaitan. Mr. Lopez noted that he would follow up with Mr. Negrete as well as Code Enforcement.

Commissioner Madrid expressed concern for the excessive traffic at the intersection of Orr and Day Road/Telegraph Road between 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm and between 7:00 am and 9 am. Mr. Lopez explained the timing at this intersection and how this intersection is interconnected with the adjoining signalized intersections at Bartley Road and Cedardale Drive that are owned and maintained by Caltrans.

Staff

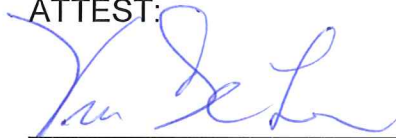
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Commission, it was motioned by Commissioner Puentes and seconded by Vice Chairperson Berg that the meeting be adjourned, the time being 7:15 p.m.



CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



DEPUTY CITY CLERK