

MINUTES

CITY OF SAN JOSE

TRAFFIC APPEALS COMMISSION - September 18, 2008

A. CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Traffic Appeals Commission (TAC) was called to order by Chair Gary Pelton at 7:00 p.m.
QUORUM - Yes

Commissioners present: Edwin, Pelton, Collen, Ferguson, Flynn.

Commissioner not present: Daulton

Staff present Sam Koosha, Vu Dao, Elizabeth Larson

Guests James Keaney, Katherine Keaney, Audrey Keane, Alison McClellan

B. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Commissioner Pelton was unanimously voted Chair and Commissioner Edwin was unanimously voted Vice Chair.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF April 17, 2008

The minutes were approved as written.

D. APPEAL FOR Briarwood Drive and Fairlawn Avenue

Commissioner Pelton announced that he was the newly appointed Traffic Appeals Commission Chair person.

Senior Engineer Koosha explained and showed in a presentation how the intersection of Briarwood and Fairlawn were analyzed. Council Policy 8-1 was explained before the presentation to the Commissioners and attendants.

The history of the intersection was explained and how many points it received. The criteria consist of: crash history, traffic volumes, presence of schools and unusual conditions. The intersection of Briarwood and Fairlawn Avenue came out to only 2 points. Twenty points are needed to qualify for a stop sign.

The Department of Transportation added the following safety enhancements:

- Installed one-way stop sign on Fairlawn Avenue
- Installed additional 25 mph speed limit signs on Briarwood Drive near Husted Avenue
- Deployed radar speed trailer on Briarwood Drive to increase motorists' awareness of the speed limit
- Requested the San Jose Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Unit to provide enforcement in the area

In addition, Federal and State guidelines were presented.

Officer Paul Gillies, San Jose Police Officer, stated that there were no reported crashes in the Briarwood area for 2 years. The average speed on Briarwood is 26.6 mph. From a Police Department point-of-view, they support DOT's findings to not install a stop sign.

Public comments:

A presentation was made by James Keaney, a resident of Briarwood Drive. Brochures were handed out and a petition from residents was given to the Commissioners.

Alison McClellan, a resident, who lives at the corner of Briarwood Drive and Fairlawn Avenue, expressed concern about allowing her children to play outside in front of her house.

Action:

A motion to deny an all-way stop at the intersection of Briarwood Drive and Fairlawn Avenue was made by Commissioners Pelton, Collen, Ferguson. Commissioners Flynn and Edwin were for the all-way stop sign. The vote was 3 to 2 to deny.

Commissioners Pelton, Ferguson, and Collen voted "NO". Commissioners Flynn and Edwin voted "YES". A total of 5 commissioners were present.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Belinda Torres
Traffic Appeals Commission Secretary

Commissioner Gary G. Pelton
Chair

