

**Outcome:**

**DENIED**

## MINUTES

### CITY OF SAN JOSE

#### TRAFFIC APPEALS COMMISSION – OCTOBER 15, 2009

##### 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, Flynn, Kabanek

**Commissioner not present:** Daulton and Armstrong

**Staff present** Sam Koosha, Hossein Rahnema & Liz Larson

**Guests** Jason Klawitter, Andrea Miller, Karl Schricker, Richard Hendericks and Rhovylnn Cansino (Council Assistant to Pete Constant)

##### B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2009

The minutes were approved as written.

##### C. APPEAL FOR VALLEJO DRIVE INTERSECTING WITH COLOMBO DRIVE AND LATIMER AVENUE

Commissioner Pelton announced the roll call for the commissioners. All commissioners were present, except for Daulton and Armstrong.

Commissioner Pelton asked that all staff introduce themselves. Commissioner Pelton turned the meeting over to Senior Engineer Sam Koosha from the Department of Transportation.

Senior Engineer Sam Koosha explained and showed in a presentation how the intersections of Vallejo Drive intersecting with Colombo Drive and Latimer Avenue was analyzed in accordance with City council policy 8-1.

The criteria is as follows:

- Crash History
- Conflicting Traffic Volumes
- Presence of Schools
- Unusual Conditions

Senior Engineer Sam Koosha explained each criteria in details and provided an example of assigning warrant points using the criteria. Vallejo Drive and Colombo Drive intersection got a total of 3 points and Vallejo Drive and Latimer Avenue intersection got a total of 4 points out of 20 points needed to qualify for All-Way Stop control. Therefore according to Council policy 8 -1 both intersections did not qualify for All Way Stop controls.

**Public comments:**

The people present were focus on the intersection of Vallejo Drive and Latimer Avenue

Jason Klawitter, President of the Hathaway Park Neighborhood Association, spoke first. He said he is a long time resident. He related that DOT coming out between 10:00 & 4:00 missed the traffic time. Kids are out there between 8:00 & 10:00, and weekends Hathaway Park has soccer games. He said one time he was walking with his 3 year old on one hand and her tricycle on the other hand trying to cross at the crosswalk and no one would stop for a while, but finally someone did stop. He said imagine a child trying to cross by himself. He felt crosswalks are not safe, his focus is on people not cars. Stop signs would help and they are not big ticket items.

Andrea Miller Vice President lives on the Corner of Vallejo Drive and Latimer Avenue. and she sees a lot of traffic at that intersection. She said that she sees a lot more than observation. She related that specific time busiest for vehicular traffic was from 3:00 to 6:00. The thing that concerns her most is that there are multiple families in the area. She takes her life in her hands every time she crosses the street. She has seen no improvement with the high visibility signs. She stated a time when she stepped off the curb and had to go half way on the crosswalk and signal for her kids to run across. She said it is not smart to signal to a 3 year old to run cross as they are top heavy and may fall.

Another incident she related was when 7 to 10 children were being accompanied by 2 fathers. They tried to cross at the crosswalk and no one would stop. In fact, a vehicle even honked his horn at them. This vehicle turned out to be a neighbor down the street, no altercation happened as the neighbor saw that one of the fathers had a skate board in his hand.

She asked Sgt Angel if it is a state law that Pedestrians had the right-of-way when they step off the curb? Sgt. Angel said that pedestrians have the responsibility to make sure that it is safe.

Richard Hendricks also wanted stop signs. He said his cat got run over and he didn't want to come back 6 months later to say his 5 year old got run over.

The only one in the group who was not in favor of stop signs was Karl Schricker. He stated that additional stop signs in the area is not the answer. One section that he pointed out in the presentation map and agreed needed a stop sign was at Lamore Drive and Latimer Avenue as there was a curve.

**Commissioner's decision:**

A motion to deny an all-way stop at the intersection of Vallejo Drive and Colombo Drive was made by Commissioners Pelton, Kabanek, & Collen. Commissioners Flynn & Edwin voted for the all-way stop signs. The vote was 3 to 2 to deny.

A motion to deny an all-way stop at the intersection of Vallejo Drive and Latimer Avenue was made by Commissioners Pelton, Edwin, Kabanek, & Collen. Commissioner Flynn voted for the all-way stop signs. The vote was 4 to 1 to deny.

**Outcome: Denied for both intersections**

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Liz Larson  
Traffic Appeals Commission Secretary

Gary G. Pelton  
TAC - Chair