

TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC ADVISORY BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes

Held via ZOOM

October 8, 2020

Members Present:Arthur Brinkkoeter
Gary Kirkham
Ron MunyanDaniel Santoni
Michael Yoder (late arrival)
Mike Dietert (late arrival)**Members Absent:**

Cutter Gonzalez

Staff Present:Garry Ford
Greg MalatekCarly Farmer
Mary Hamann**Others Present:**Mr. Shorpeno
Mrs. Karlicek
Mrs. Kolahan**1. CALL TO ORDER***Meeting was called to order thru Zoom at 6:00pm***2. ROLL CALL**

Michael Yoder, Mike Dietert & Cutter Gonzales absent at roll call.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES*Daniel Santoni made motion to accept August 13, 2020 minutes as written and Art Brinkkoeter 2nd. All in favor.***4. CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS***None***5. PRESENTATIONS****A. Transportation Update:***Garry Ford, Jr., P.E., PTOE, Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer*

Garry Ford gave his presentation of all the road projects that are happening around New Braunfels. From the Bond projects like 2013 & the 2019 project, the local Roadway Impact project, TXDOT construction, Barbarosa Rd, Kowald Lane, Loop 337, Conrad-Kohlenberg to Watson Lane, County Line @ Zipp Rd. the AAMPO study and also transit (ART) services. Ron asked if TXDOT is the one who is designing the Loop 337 @ Rive Road Bridge. We also had a citizen caller Galaxy 10+ but could not get his audio to work.

6. INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**A. Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council to restrict parking on Loma Vista between Becker Street and South Heynis.***Garry Ford, Jr., P.E., PTOE, Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer*

After the item was presented, Citizen comments were from William Shorpeno. He said it seems this parking problem makes it dangerous around the area. People and workers are parking the cars

along Loma Vista and seems to be a problem. Malatek said it is because Balcones Heights has a no smoking policy and they park there so they go out and smoke in their car. Mr. Shorpeno said no, that is not why they park on the road. Ron asked if Balcones Heights is a Senior assisted living or a hospital or a rest home. Garry recommended that if the concerned citizens would maybe go around and get a petition signed and bring it back to T&T maybe it will show us how concerned the residents want it because right now it looks like park on side of Loma Vista is not a problem. Ron made motion to get residents to have a petition signed to show their concerns and bring back to T&T. Ron 2nd. All in favor.

- B. Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council to permanently install reverse angle parking on Playground Drive in Landa Park.

Carly L. Farmer, EIT, Graduate Engineer

Carly Farmer presented the study on reverse angle parking on Playground Drive in Landa Park. She explained how they designed to study the need for this program. It makes it easier and safer for loading and unloading. Daniel made motion to go with staff and take recommendation to Council. Michael 2nd. All in favor.

- C. Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council to restrict through truck traffic on Sungate Drive between County Line Road and Long Gate.

Garry Ford, Jr., P.E., PTOE, Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer

Garry explained this item. Citizens want restricted, no thru truck traffic, on Sungate Drive. One citizen said the heavy trucks and equipment is causing cracks in her foundation and walls. Garry said they did a study and found that there was really no large trucks except for sanitation trucks and NBU and maybe lumber trucks to a new home construction. Michael asked that maybe some drivers are bringing the rigs home at night and maybe residents are complaining about them. Ron made motion to go with staff and take no action. Art 2nd. All in favor, passed.

We started item D when a citizen called to talk about item C (Sungate Drive). We told her we already talked about item C and took action, but she said she could not connect to Zoom until now. We went ahead and let her talk about her concerns. Mrs. Karlicek said it is her house that the foundation and walls are cracking. She said she has pictures of large trucks and heavy equipment driving by and feels a heavy vibration. Mr. Malatek said that this area has a clay type of soil which shifts a lot. Garry asked her to get neighbors together and get all complaints written up and bring back to T&T.

- D. Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council to install speed humps on Rivercrest Drive between Loop 337 and Gruene Road.

Carly L. Farmer, EIT, Graduate Engineer

Carly explained this request and wants speed humps because people are using this street to cut through and they are speeding. This request is for speed humps on Rivercrest from Gruene Rd to Loop 337. The residents turned in a petition and over half says they want the humps. Staff said they deny the request because it does not meet the criteria. Cathy Kolahan 1395 Rivercrest Dr said she is not complaining of the speeders but the number of cars that uses that road to cut thru and not have to go to traffic lights at Common Street. Galaxy 10 tried to talk but audio did not work again. Art asked If there would be any flooding with the installation of speed humps. Garry made motion to recommend install speed humps on Rivercrest. Ron 2nd. *Garry, Ron, Michael & Mike – Yes. Art & Daniel – No. Passed.*

7. ADJOURNMENT

Daniel made motion to adjourn. Michael 2nd. All in favor. Adjourned at 7:40pm