

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF LAKE JACKSON

BE IT KNOWN that the Traffic Commission of the City of Lake Jackson met on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. for regular session at 25 Oak Drive, Lake Jackson, Texas, in City Hall Council Chambers with the following in attendance:

Michael Cloeter, Chair
Doug Smith, Vice-Chair
Shannon Biar, Secretary
Travis Pate
Jay Foster

Milford John-Williams, Assistant to the CM
Anamaria Acuña, Asst. City Secretary
James Cromeenes, LJP
Sabrina England, Public Works Director
Council Liaison – Matthew Broaddus

ABSENT:

Ravi Singhanian
Jessica Rogers

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Cloeter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SWEAR IN NEW MEMBER

Ms. Acuña administered the oath of office to Mr. Pate.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 11, 2023

On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Biar with all present members voting “aye,” the July minutes were approved with changes on pg. 4.

VISITORS’ COMMENTS

There were no comments.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES AT THE 500 BLOCK OF THAT WAY STREET – DELLA DUNN

Ms. England noted she did not find any actionable items.

The original request was for speed humps. Ms. England shared That Way is not a street that would qualify for street humps. Besides adding extra signage, she doesn’t have any other recommendations.

Mr. Smith asked if the 500 block of That Way is near Shy Pond Park. Mr. Cloeter mentioned it is near the park. He’s unsure whether the concern was the children, the park, or the apartment complex. Ms. England noted the requestor’s concerns were the children by the park.

Council liaison Mr. Broaddus asked where the nearest crosswalk was located.

Mr. Cloeter noted the 85th percentile is at 35-mph, and the speed limit is 30-mph.

Mr. Cloeter asked if Ms. England recommended additional signage. Ms. England noted she does not.

Mr. Cloeter suggested placing a “children at play” sign. Ms. England noted she is unsure if she can post that type of sign, but she will look into it.

Mr. Smith asked if they painted a crosswalk, would it require lights. Ms. England noted she would reach out to the engineer to review adding a crosswalk due to the classification of the street.

Mr. Broaddus asked if there was a bike lane on the road as he believes that could further complicate the crossings for the road.

Mr. Cloeter mentioned that he does not believe the issue is the lack of a crosswalk but children darting out onto the road.

Mr. Cloeter asked if the suggestions made would need to be taken to the city council for approval. Ms. England noted the “children at play” sign would probably be able to be approved without their consent, but she would verify and report back. However, a crosswalk would need to go to the council for approval.

Mr. Cloeter asked Ms. England to report back on what they can do based on the engineer’s suggestions and see if adding a “children at play” sign is recommended.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES AT THE INTERSECTION OF WISTERIA AND POINSETTIA – JENNIFER POWERS

Ms. England noted where the yield signs were on the neighboring street. She also asked the police department for a report. There were multiple parking violations but only two accidents (2010 & 2018). The tickets were not speed related. The two citations were failure to yield and lack of driver’s license.

Mr. Smith noted that there are already two yield signs. Ms. England pointed out the request was adding more signage.

Mr. Biar asked if there were any other complaints about this location. Ms. England confirmed this was the only one.

The traffic commission agreed to take no action as there was insufficient evidence.

UPDATES, DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES AT THE 300 BLOCK OF CYPRESS STREET – HEATHER BUTRYM

Ms. Butrym was not present. Ms. England noted this request was discussed at their last meeting.

Ms. England noted there was a previous request for signage, but that was not approved.

Mr. Cloeter noted that this was discussed before, and a speed study was conducted. Staff recommended no action be taken.

Mr. Cloeter agreed there was insufficient evidence, and no action was taken by the traffic commission.

STAFF UPDATES – SABRINA ENGLAND

PED Light for Crosswalk near the Recreation Center:

Mr. Foster noted that the pedestrian light is working again.

Traffic light at the intersection of That Way/ OCD:

Mr. Smith noted the traffic light on That Way stays green longer than the one on Oyster Creek Drive, which backs up traffic.

Cubic ITS:

Ms. England noted staff had discussed Circle Way and Oak Drive with Cubic ITS, and mentioned they were displeased with the system. Cubic ITS has had a lot of turn over. They will no longer be using the POD system and will test a camera-based system at the Circle Way and Oak Drive light.

Ms. England explained the pros of updating to the camera-based system and stated they might be able to transition in the future with the master traffic plan if it works out. They will be testing for about six months. Once she receives more data, she will update the commission. Ms. England noted the pods did not work well due to the humidity.

Kimley-Horn:

Ms. England noted she would like to invite Kimley-Horn for a small lunch and learn. Once she sets a date and time with them, Ms. Acuña will send an email invitation. This is not mandatory; this will be to discuss traffic calming in general.

ACCIDENT REPORTS – LT. CROMEENES

Lt. Cromeenes read over the accident reports.

Lt. Cromeenes briefed the commission on a fatality accident from August 16th. The accident occurred on 710 Lake Road that involved a Toyota Tacoma pickup hauling a trailer with a mower. A witness reported he ran off the road and struck a mailbox. Lt. Cromeenes stated they are still waiting for the reports, but they believe it to be medical-related. He was deceased on the scene.

Mr. Cloeter thanked him for his reports.

ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- Mr. Cloeter stated FM 2004 is nearly completed. He asked about the traffic lights and their sensors.
 - Ms. England will reach out to TxDOT to ensure everything is working.
- Mr. Foster noted he will be making his requests to the council for his church and others to do a combined trunk or treat on October 29th at 6:00 p.m. and wanted a lane closure for Yaupon.
 - Ms. England and Mr. Broaddus suggested contacting staff for a plan to do a partial lane closure.
- Mr. Cloeter noted the traffic light on HWY 332, the left lane going into the mall, is broken.
 - Ms. England noted that light has been reported to TxDOT.

- Mr. Smith asked if there are any updates on TxDOT.
 - Ms. England will look for information and send out updates.
- Steven Baker mentioned he lives near Pansy Path. He noted the street is worn out as it is a heavily trafficked street.
 - Ms. England noted he could call and report his concerns to the Public Works Department.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. These minutes read and approved this _____ day of _____ 2023.

Michael Cloeter, Chair

Shannon Biar, Secretary