



City of Denton
MINUTES
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

City Hall
215 E. McKinney Street
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Monday, July 1, 2019

5:30pm

City Council Work Session Room

After determining that a quorum of the Traffic Safety Commission of the City of Denton, Texas is present, the Chair of the Traffic Safety Commission will thereafter convene into an open meeting on Monday, July 1, 2019 at 5:34 p.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas at which the following items will be considered:

Commissioners: Chair, Patrice Lyke; Jim Owen, Kevin Sample, Jeff King, Clay Thurmond, and Melissa Carr

Staff Members: Pritam Deshmukh, Deputy City Engineer; Brian Jahn, City Traffic Engineer; Trey Lansford; Marc Oliphant, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator; Pam Alummoottil, Traffic Engineer and Becky Owens, Administrative Assistant

Guest Speaker: Christopher Phelps, Senior Director of Transportation Services, UNT and Stan Nixon, Assistant Director of Transportation Services, UNT

REGULAR MEETING

- A. TSC19-029** Consider the approval of the Traffic Safety Commission meeting minutes of June 3, 2019.

Clay Thurmond made a motion to approve. Jim Owen seconded the motion.
The minutes were approved by vote (6-0).

- B. TSC19-030** Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding parking enforcement on the city streets around the University of North Texas from University Transportation Services.

Pritam Deshmukh introduced Brian Jahn, City Traffic Engineer as the new staff liaison to the Commission.

The video of the presentation made to the Mobility Committee on July 15, 2019 was played for the commissioners. Chris Phelps was present to receive questions directly from the commissioners and introduced Stan Nixon the Assistant Director of Transportation Services at UNT who was here tonight with him. He noted this was his second time to present to this commission, his first visit was last year. He acknowledged although his information was presented a little backwards having gone to Mobility Committee first he was happy to be here and made his contact cards available. He is available to receive your phone calls, come out for site visits and tours about what is happening around the University. They are interested in working with the City to be better partners with our community. He noted they do listen and do a lot of outreach and things to help facilitate that.

Details about the University's parking options, permits and enforcement along with transportation options was shared. Bicycles were also talked about in coordination with the on campus VeoRide bike share service with training and safety communications. Questions from commissioners were received and addressed. Chris Phelps shared his contact information in closing to keep the lines of

communication open and with an invitation to come out and visit the campus for a tour and he will pay for your parking. He welcomes the opportunity to come back for updates in the future.

- C. **TSC19-031** Marc Oliphant, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator and the Staff Liaison for the recently created City of Denton Citizens on Persons with Disabilities Committee shared an overview about the new committee and the opportunity for things to cross over between that committee and the Traffic Safety Commission. Reference was made to the committee's information page on the City's web site and the meeting date being the third Thursday of each month.

Engage Denton is a portal for citizens to enter concerns and requests regarding accessibility interest.

Brian Jahn announced and acknowledged Marc Oliphant has been certified as Lead Cycling Instructor and is a great resource. Marc Oliphant also recognized Melissa Carr as having been in the same class and receiving the same certification.

- D. **TSC19-032** Pam Alummoottil presented City Staff's recommendation to relocate the existing school zone and crossing guard on Pockrus Page Road for Pecan Creek Elementary along with the construction of a new crosswalk and two school crossing assemblies.

Questions were received from the Commission and addressed by City Staff.

Clay Thurmond made a motion to accept and move forward with the Staff recommendation. Melissa Carr seconded. Motion approved by vote (6-0).

- E. **TSC19-033** Chair Patrice Lyke presented Article III of the City Code which governs boards, commissions, and committees for the commission to reference the exact wording and request a vote on the absence report code for Daniel Krutka from the June 3, 2019 meeting.

A discussion was held about the new requirements for recording attendance and the information received from Daniel Krutka and going forward for either Chair or Commissioners vote for future considerations and setting a precedent going forward.

Patrice Lyke noted she was not comfortable making this decision as a new protocol requirement in particular as she is rolling off of the commission.

Melissa Carr made a recommendation to report the absence as related to work and excused for the month of June. The absence for July will be represented in August for additional comment from Daniel Krutka and review by the commission. Patrice Lyke confirmed the consensus of the Commission for the attendance report.

- F. **TSC19-034** Staff Reports

1. Street Construction Report

The report was displayed and believed to be out of date for discussion at this time.

2. Matrix

It was decided to leave the items listed with Daniel and the requestor until he returns in August.

Items 1 and 7 are enforcement issues.

Item 2 is requested to be an agenda item for August.

Item 9 was requested for an agenda item for August and is thought to have some citizen comment.
Item 12 was requested for an agenda item for August.
A report on the Bond Committee ballot proposal package inclusions was requested.
A report regarding the traffic using the DCTA "Bus Only" access near the DDTC.
Item 11 was updated to be two separate streets, Carroll and Teasley for pedestrian activated signals and brought forward on the August agenda.

When traffic control devices are already authorized by City Code, Staff will not be bringing them to the Commission going forward but will report updates for awareness only.

Adjournment: 7:38 P.M.

CONCLUDING ITEMS

Under Section 551.042 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, respond to inquiries from the Public Utilities Board or the public with specific factual information or recitation of policy, or accept a proposal to place the matter on the agenda for an upcoming meeting AND Under Section 551.0415 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, provide reports about items of community interest regarding which no action will be taken, to include: expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; information regarding holiday schedules; an honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen; a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body; information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the governing body that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the governing body or an official or employee of the municipality; or an announcement involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the municipality that has arisen after the posting of the agenda

APPROVED



Patrice Lyke
Chair



Becky Owens
Administrative Assistant