

**CITY OF ENCINITAS  
TRAFFIC COMMISSION MINUTES**

**Meeting Date: July 14, 2003, 5:30 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL (called to order 5:34 PM)**

Present: Chairperson Arnold Lewin, Vice-Chairperson Travis Straughan,  
Commissioners Christopher Hall, and Hersey Mallory.

Absent: Commissioner Patricia Klaus.

Also Present: Rob Blough, Traffic Engineer  
Robert Silk, Supervisor, North County Transit District  
Dave Moore, Fire Marshal  
Melisa Bittancourt, Traffic Engineering Aide  
Trish Douglas, Traffic Engineering Program Assistant

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Christopher Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Blough: The city is holding a public workshop tomorrow regarding the street improvements on Leucadia Blvd. This meeting has been noticed to the Traffic Commission, Planning Commission, and the City Council as they could be in attendance.

**4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Glenn Boundy, Ocean Cove Dr.: addressed illegal U-turns in his neighborhood when drivers are trying to avoid the long lines waiting to get onto SB I-5 (especially during the morning rush hours).

Lewin recommended that residents who are negatively affected by vehicles using their streets for U-turns could set up a meeting with Sgt. Ray Miller of the Sheriff's Dept. to discuss possible solutions.

Robin Bright, Ocean Cove Dr.: addressed the same subject as the previous speaker. He would like to see more enforcement, possibly two mornings a week.

Richard Shanks, Glen Arbor Dr.: addressed the speeding problem on Glen Arbor Dr. He brought support data showing the extent of the speeding on Glen Arbor Dr. Less than 10% of the traffic goes the posted speed of 25 mph or below, 66.5% go between 25-35 mph, and 25% exceed 35 mph.

Lewin recommended that Staff request Sgt. Miller from the Sheriff's Dept. give a report at the next Traffic Commission meeting as to what motor officer enforcement has been done

on Glen Arbor Dr. in Mr. Shank's area (including such information as the times and dates the officer's were on the street, etc.).

Penny Snow, Camino de Las Flores: getting the same speeding problems that occur on Cerro Street (the street is adjacent and parallel to Cerro St.).

Chairperson Lewin recommended that Ms. Snow attend the August 11, 2003 Traffic Commission meeting where the Traffic Calming Program is tentatively scheduled to be presented to the commission.

5. **CLOSING AND ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. Approval of Minutes – June 9, 2003

**Hall moved and Straughan seconded to approve the minutes of June 9, 2003.  
Approved: 4-0.**

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Consideration of an all-way Stop at the intersection of D Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Blough gave the Staff report. **It is recommended that an all-way stop not be installed. It is instead recommended that, to increase visibility for pedestrians and vehicles, approximately 30 feet of red curb be installed along each corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Street at the intersection of D Street as shown in Exhibit 10.**

Mallory: likes the red curbs. Asked Blough if there was a lot of jaywalking; Blough stated he did not notice exceptional jaywalking.

Straughan concerned about losing so many parking spaces that are used by beach goers. He uses this intersection quite a bit and stated that there is a tremendous amount of pedestrian traffic.

Speakers to this issue:

Jess Kraus, Neptune Avenue : this intersection is a very busy corner. Surfers also use the areas around their cars to change into wet suits and don't pay attention to traffic. He likes either an all-way stop or the red curbing.

Janet Kraus, 4<sup>th</sup> Street: very concerned that a serious accident will happen as this is a blind intersection. She's very concerned about pedestrians.

After discussion, the Traffic Commissioners felt that they didn't want to lose eight (8) parking spaces at this location. Also, they noted that there is a lot of pedestrian traffic at this intersection. Therefore, they want an all-way stop rather than red-curbing in the area.

**Hall moved that, as this is a very unique location involving high pedestrian traffic to the beach, Staff's recommendation not be adopted, and that an all-**

way stop be installed at the intersection of D Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Street with the provision that the Engineering Dept. emphasize pedestrian safety when designing the intersection. Mallory seconded. Approved: 4-0.

- B. Consideration of an all-way Stop at the intersection of Urania Avenue and Sparta Drive.

Bittancourt gave the Staff report. **It is recommended that the Traffic Commission adopt Resolution No. TC 03-02 recommending an All-Way Stop at the intersection of Urania Avenue and Sparta Drive.**

Speakers to this issue: none.

**Hall moved to adopt Resolution No. TC 03-02 recommending an all-way stop at Urania Avenue and Sparta Drive. Straughan seconded. Approved: 4-0.**

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2000-2002 Annual Traffic Collision Report

Blough gave the Staff report. This report covers the specific accident detail for the intersections and mid-block locations with the highest accident rates.

**It is recommended that the Traffic Commission accept and file this report and provide staff with any further direction.**

Speakers to this issue: none.

One of the accidents involving a pedestrian actually was a newspaper vendor. The commissioners reminded Staff that they wanted to address the issue of the newspaper vendors creating driver distraction at various intersections in the city.

7:30 PM: Five-minute recess called.

7:34 PM: Meeting back in session.

The commissioners feel that red light cameras would help prevent some of the intersection accidents.

**The Traffic Commission received this report.**

## 8. COMMISSIONER CORNER

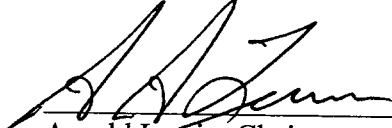
- A. Mallory inquired about Via Cantabria and Garden View Drive. This intersection was brought up at the last Traffic Commission meeting; has this intersection been reviewed since the last meeting? Blough confirmed that an inspector is working with the developer to rectify the situation at this corner.

- B. Lewin asked Staff to take action regarding the distraction posed by the newspaper vendors at various intersections throughout the city. Blough said that he would look into how to approach and resolve this issue.

9. ADJOURNMENT

**Hall moved and Straughan seconded the motion to adjourn. Approved: 4-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

  
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Arnold Lewin, Chairperson

  
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Trish Douglas, Commission Secretary