

Outcome:

**APPROVED**

## MINUTES

### CITY OF SAN JOSE

#### TRAFFIC APPEALS COMMISSION - September 18, 2008

##### 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.

**Commissioners present:** Edwin, Pelton, Collen, Ferguson, Flynn.

**Commissioner not present:** Daulton

**Staff present** Sam Koosha, Vu Dao, Elizabeth Larson

**Guests** Melissa Guerrero, Vivek Vishwabhan, Paul Boisuert, Johnny Khamis, John Lourdusamy

##### B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF April 17, 2008

The minutes were approved as written.

##### C. APPEAL FOR Vistapark Drive and Copperfield Drive

Commissioner Pelton proceeded to ask the public if it was okay to proceed with the Department of Transportation presentation on Vistapark and Copperfield Drive since the audience had already heard the requirements on Council Policy 8-1.

Senior Engineer Koosha explained and presented how the intersection of Vistapark Drive and Copperfield Drive were analyzed.

The intersection of Copperfield Drive and Vistapark Drive is a Non-residential or General Plan Street. An example was given of assigning points using the preceding criteria:

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

According to Council Policy 8-1 the general street requires 28 points. The actual study for the intersection had the following points:

- Crash history (12 points)
- Conflicting volume (4 points)
- Presence of school (0 points)
- Unusual conditions ( 5 points)

Total = 21 points

The intersection received 21 out of 28 points which did not qualify.

Vistapark Drive is posted at 35 mph. There are two lanes in each direction, and the average volume is equivalent to 4,500 VPD. Speed data were collected for several days and the average speed was equivalent to 34.9 mph. An engineering and traffic survey was conducted in April 2007.

The following safety enhancements were implemented:

- Installed high visibility (neon green) pedestrian warning signs within the vicinity of Waterford Park
- Installed red zone at the northwest corner of the intersection to enhance visibility of motorists coming out of Copperfield Drive
- Deployed radar speed trailer on Vistapark Drive to increase motorists' awareness of the speed limit
- Requested the San Jose Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Unit to provide additional enforcement in the area

### **Public comments:**

John Khamis, a resident of a 99-unit complex on Vistapark Drive acted as the spokesperson for the residents. He showed that people needed the all-way stop because the only way to cross safely was to walk a ½ mile away to Capitol Expressway. Residents Paul Boisuert, John Lourdusamy, and Melissa Guerrero all concurred with John Khamis.

There is a daycare/preschool and a learning center in the Lucky's shopping center called Kiddie Academy at 521 Capitol Expressway.

Officer Paul Gillies, requested that Senior Engineer Koosha re-consider the points and take into consideration the school that is located in the Lucky's parking lot by adding 2 more points and bringing the total up to 23 points. Senior Engineer Koosha took into consideration the extra points.

### **Action:**

Commissioners Edwin, Pelton, Collen, Ferguson, and Flynn voted unanimously for an all-way stop at the intersection of Copperfield Drive and Vistapark Drive . Senior Engineer Koosha conceded with the vote of the Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Belinda Torres  
Traffic Appeals Commission Secretary

Commissioner Gary G. Pelton  
Chair