

**MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

JANUARY 25, 2007

Chairperson Joy Bunnell called the Lewisville Transportation Board meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. and announced that a quorum was present with the following members in attendance:

Joy Bunnell	David Walters
Colleen Davis	Ruben Retzlaff
Eric Forsythe	Amy Weber

Amy Weber arrived at 6:39.

Members absent: Gloria Johnson

Staff Present: Captain Joni Eddy, Kevin Nims, and Judy Sparkman.

Item No. 1 – Minutes

Chairperson Joy Bunnell asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2006 meeting.

A motion was made by Coleen Davis and seconded by Eric Forsythe to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2006 meeting as submitted. All members voted aye.

Item No. 3 – Visitors/Citizens Forum

At this time, Chairperson Joy Bunnell invited any visitors/citizens who wanted to speak to the Board to come forward, stating that no formal action could be taken because this item was not on the agenda.

There were no visitors.

Item No. 4 – Consideration of the Request to Reduce the Maximum Speed Limit and Prohibit Parking on Lakeside Circle from a Citizen at the July 20, 2006 Transportation Board Meeting.

Before introducing this item, Kevin Nims announced that Bob Green, the City's Traffic Engineer, would be retiring on January 31 of this year, and that there will be a reception at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday morning in the Community Development Conference Room at City Hall. Kevin praised Bob, saying that Bob has worked tirelessly and been a great asset to the City, as well as a good supervisor.

- Kevin said that this item was brought before the Board in July of 2006 from a visitor requesting a speed limit reduction on Lakeside Circle because of trucks parking along the roadway and pedestrians in the area. It was considered by the Board at the October meeting, and carried over in order to get more information regarding parking in the late evening hours.
- Kevin said that the Police Department has completed their survey of late evening traffic and parking along Lakeside Circle. The results reveal that there are no more than two trucks parking overnight.
- Staff does not recommend reducing the existing posted speed or prohibiting parking at this time based on the speed surveys taken, accident data, and observed parking usage along Lakeside Circle.

A motion was made by Coleen, seconded by Ruben Retzlaff to keep the posted speed limit as is and continue to allow parking along Lakeside Circle. The vote was all ayes. The motion passed.

Item No. 5 – Report on Safety Concerns on Corporate Drive by Several Citizens and Possible Improvements to Reduce Accidents

- Kevin Nims presented this item for information only. He said that recommendations for reducing accidents and increasing safety have been discussed by staff and range from relatively simple improvements to more costly and more extensive improvements. The City Manager has asked staff to develop several of the ideas for improvements that were discussed. Staff thus needs to estimate costs, identify potential benefits and possible adverse impacts on the community due to several of the improvements under consideration. In addition, the City Manager has asked the Police Department to collect data on the number of tickets issued, options to increase enforcement, and other efforts undertaken relative to Corporate Drive. Staff has not completed this work and needs time to obtain this data and assimilate its information; therefore this item will be presented at the next regular scheduled meeting in April.

Item No. 6 – Report on Safety Concerns on Valley View Drive Adjacent to Parkway Elementary School

Kevin Nims presented this item for informational purposes also. He said this issue was brought before the Board at the October meeting by Mr. Eyad Salloum.

- Kevin said that staff surveyed the area and focused on the west side. He said there is more congestion on the east side of Edmonds. Staff did a speed survey to see how vehicles were reacting to the existing signs. They found that one school zone was not posted and had the traffic division install signage.
- The surveys showed that 36 percent of vehicles going out of the zone on Valley View exceeded the posted speed, and that this is an enforcement issue.
- Joy asked for continued monitoring and reports to the Board on this issue.

Item No. 7 – Reports

Kevin gave follow-up reports to the Board as follows:

- Valley Ridge speed limit of 40 MPH was accepted by the City Council in October.
- Recommended speed limit for McGee Lane was accepted by City Council and signed at 40 MPH.
- The Parking Restrictions Ordinance was passed by City Council.

Transportation Board members brought up the following issues:

- Joy Bunnell asked if anything more is being done about the severe dip at the intersection of Old Orchard and College Parkway. Kevin said that the dip will be corrected when a signal is installed, however that location has been deleted from the new traffic signal project and we are not actively pursuing it at this time. Bob is preparing a high accident report and that location is not on the list.
- Ruben Retzlaff asked about the railroad crossing on Garden Ridge. He had brought it up at the January meeting last year and nothing has been done. Kevin said he has not seen anything regarding that crossing so he'll have to check on it for the next meeting.
- Amy Weber asked about the different speed limits on FM 3040. Kevin said that is a state highway and the speed limits are set by TxDOT according to the 85th percentile.
- Kevin said the Garden Ridge/College signal design is almost finished and staff expects to go to bid next month or the following month. He said some turning bays are being added.
- Amy asked about the cracks on FM 3040. Maintenance on FM 3040 is handled by TxDOT.

A motion was made by Coleen, seconded by Ruben, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, April 19, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Sparkman
Engineering Secretary

THESE MINUTES APPROVED BY THE LEWISVILLE TRANSPORTATION BOARD.	
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