

***** MINUTES *****
OF THE MEETING OF THE
CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY
TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
AUGUST 18, 2003

Lyda Harrell, Ward 4, Chairman

MEMBERS

Phil Tow, Ward 1
David Burja, Ward 2
David Miller, Ward 3
Bob Nix, Ward 5
Louis Gonzales, Ward 6
Joleen Pittman, Ward 7
Tammy Ryan, Ward 8
Milford J. Clayton, At-Large

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Sheila Dees, P.E., Secretary
Amy Douglas, Attorney
Capt. Larry Rhodes, OCPD
Sgt. R. D. Pratt, OCPD

I. CALL TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Lyda Harrell, Ward 4.

Chairman Harrell reminded everyone present that if they wished to speak on an item they needed to fill out a blue slip.

All members were present at the meeting, with the exception of Commissioner Tow, Ward 1, Commissioner Nix, Ward 5 and Commissioner Gonzales, Ward 6.

II. A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 21ST, 2003, MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION.

- MOTION by Commissioner Burja and SECOND by Commissioner Clayton to APPROVE the Minutes of the July 21, 2003 meeting. MOTION was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners Burja, Miller, Harrell, Pittman, Ryan and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

B. SWEARING-IN OF WARD 8 COMMISSIONER.

Tammy Ryan was sworn in as the new Ward 8 Traffic Commissioner.

C. PRESENTATION OF BIENNIAL UPDATE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2003/04 THROUGH 2008/09.

Ms. Dees stated the Capital Improvement Plan for the Fiscal Years 2003/04 through 2008/09 was furnished to the Traffic Commissioners for review and if they have any questions they can call her office later, and she appreciates them looking into that.

III. REPORT ON LICENSED TAXI AND WRECKER SERVICES, Sgt. R. D. Pratt, Oklahoma City Police Department.

Sgt. Pratt stated he has no report or complaints.

IV. CONSENT DOCKET.

Chairman Harrell asked if there was anyone there to protest Item IV.A. on the Consent Docket.

- B. Greg Wickline, 1225 Helm Street. He stated he is opposed to the "No Parking Anytime, Tow Away Zone" signs on Helm Street between Classen Boulevard and Western Avenue, both sides. He stated his residence is the only building that faces Helm Street, all the other buildings either face 42nd Street, 41st Street or Military Court. He stated he has no place to park other than a one-car driveway. He stated in his opinion the no parking could go all the way to Military Court but he doesn't see any reason why it should go all the way to Classen Boulevard.

Commissioner Burja stated he viewed this area between Western Avenue and Classen Boulevard, and while he would sympathize with Mr. Wickline about the no parking on his end of the street, if someone parks a car out there nothing else can get by particularly a fire truck or in the case of an emergency a police vehicle.

Mr. Wickline stated there are fences that go all the way to the street but on his property there is no fence, it's open to the building so if he has someone visiting

him they can pull up in his yard or at least get out of the traffic. He stated the only other parking he has is a lawyer's office on Classen Boulevard and he doesn't have approval to park in their parking lot. He stated there was a lot behind him but someone placed a 10 foot fence and there is no parking back there either. He stated most of the parking problems are caused from abandoned houses that don't have shrubs cut back to the fences and this causes it to be more narrow.

Commissioner Burja stated with the exception of Mr. Wickline's location this is a poorly maintained street and has been for quite some time.

Mr. Wickline stated he has had to call in on a regular basis and he doesn't know what the City does after that.

Commissioner Burja stated that part of it is actually out of the Commission's realm of authority. He stated he does sympathize with Mr. Wickline's parking problems, but he thinks it is for the betterment of the entire two blocks not to have any parking, particularly with the new restaurant on Western Avenue.

Mr. Wickline stated he could see it at that end because the traffic is outrageous and they should probably have had more parking approved by the City a long time ago, but at his end that shouldn't affect him at all. He stated he doesn't see why no parking all the way through is going to affect that end of traffic or not.

Commissioner Burja stated he thinks there are some other specific law enforcement issues in that block as well and that's why they want to keep it clear with no parking, tow away zone signs.

Mr. Wickline stated he has lived in this area for 10 years and there have never been a problem at his specific location.

Commissioner Burja stated he would take his word for that but there had been problems further down the block.

Chairman Harrell asked if there were any other protestors on the consent docket.

Commissioner Burja stated he is going to recommend that Item IV.B. remain on the consent docket and be approved.

- MOTION by Commissioner Miller and SECOND by Commissioner Clayton to APPROVE the Consent Docket. MOTION was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners Burja, Miller, Harrell, Pittman, Ryan and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

V. STOP SIGNS RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL.

There are no stop signs recommended for denial.

Chairman Harrell reminded everyone that there was a five-minute limit when speaking on an item.

VI. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION.

A. Dennis Haikin, P.E., Johnson & Associates, Inc., 100 East California Avenue, 3rd Floor, 73104. (Ward 2)

Consider:

1. Closure of the median opening at Classen Boulevard and NW 61st Street;
2. Construction of a new median opening on Classen Boulevard, approximately 100 feet north of NW 61st Street and the installation of a traffic signal;
3. Installation of a mid-block crosswalk on Classen Boulevard, approximately 50 feet south of NW 61st Street; and
4. Installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of Classen Boulevard and NW 60th Street, south leg and flashing pedestrian warning lights.

Chairman Harrell stated Johnson & Associates has requested that this item be deferred for 30 days.

- MOTION by Commissioner Burja and SECOND by Commissioner Miller to DEFER Item VI.A. for 30 days. MOTION was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners Burja, Miller, Harrell, Pittman, Ryan and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

B. Terry Brady, 2820 Cambridge Court, 73116. (Ward 2)

Consider:

1. Installing "No Vehicles in Excess of Two Axles" signs on Cambridge Court between May Avenue and Greystone Avenue; and
2. Installing "No Parking Anytime" signs on Cambridge Court between May Avenue and Berkley Avenue, south side.

Ms. Dees reported the applicants are concerned with a landscaping business that is located on the southeast corner of May Avenue and Cambridge Court. The company unloads tractor-trailer trucks on Cambridge Court and blocks traffic. Staff recommends consideration.

William Howell, 2816 Cambridge Court. He stated he is there today with a group of residents from Cambridge Court who are greatly appreciative in the Commission's support in limiting the truck traffic on their street, particularly the no vehicles in excess of two axles. He stated they have 18-wheel semi-tractor trucks driving down their street for years and it has torn up the street and has also brought an undo amount of danger to the street because there are trucks every single day. He stated if the trucks are making deliveries at a commercial business that is located on May Avenue they take their street as a by-pass to go back out onto May Avenue. He stated they actually use their street as a loading and unloading service drive for their business located at 6922 N. May Avenue.

Mr. Howell stated in reference to the no parking anytime signs along the south side of Cambridge Court, they are really interested in limiting the business at 6922 N. May Avenue from using their street for their employee parking. He stated during a normal workday the south side of their street from May Avenue is lined with cars and trucks owned by employees of the nursery that is on the corner. He stated they believe their parking should be on-site as opposed to being on the street. He stated the rest of the block is made up of single-family homes with single car garages and driveways, and so they need to be able to have guest parking and resident parking along the south face of Cambridge Court. He stated they are asking that the no parking be limited to the first five lots from May Avenue to the end of the commercial property so as not to impede the residents' parking further down to the east of the site.

Mr. Howell stated they have tried to work with the business located at 6922 N. May Avenue and they were basically told that they weren't interested in working with them and being a part of a friendly neighborhood, so they have taken the action that they have taken by contacting the Traffic Commission to try to get some support in this particular issue. He stated they also have zoning, noise and environmental issues that they're also trying to get resolved with other entities within the City of Oklahoma City. Mr. Howell thanked the Commission.

Chairman Harrell asked if there was anyone there to speak in opposition to what Mr. Howell had just said.

Johnny Satterlee, 6922 N. May Avenue. He stated he owns Satterlee Nursery at this location. He stated they do unload trucks and have trucks coming down that residential street, which they've had use of for over 40 years. He stated they rarely park along Cambridge Court, although he doesn't really see a problem with that anymore than anybody else parking along there but they try to avoid that so the neighbors can use that. He stated they mainly use the trucks in the Spring and occasionally through the rest of the year to unload plant material and merchandise that they have for sale. He stated if they were denied the use of this it would create a bigger problem because they would have to block May Avenue in order to back up trucks into the nursery, and he feels it would be a greater hazard on emergency vehicles.

Commissioner Miller asked Mr. Satterlee what his hours of business were.

Mr. Satterlee stated 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Chairman Harrell asked if anyone else had any questions for Mr. Satterlee.

Commissioner Miller asked Mr. Satterlee how many years he had been there.

Mr. Satterlee stated he has had the nursery for 32 years, but has worked there for over 40 years.

Commissioner Burja stated so the nursery has been at this location for over 40 years.

Mr. Satterlee stated yes.

Commissioner Burja asked if it would be possible for Mr. Satterlee to schedule his trucks to arrive before customers start coming in and perhaps use his front yard.

Mr. Satterlee stated it would be extremely difficult. He stated during the busy season they're coming quite a bit.

Commissioner Burja asked Mr. Satterlee how many trucks a day they unload.

Mr. Satterlee stated they probably have one or two days in the Spring where they might have six or seven trucks. He stated generally through the Spring they usually have one a day, but right now they might have one a week.

Commissioner Burja asked how long it took to unload a truck.

Mr. Satterlee stated anywhere from 10 minutes to an hour.

Commissioner Burja stated an hour for a fully loaded truck.

Mr. Satterlee stated yes.

Commissioner Burja asked if the trucks spend any amount of time on the street after they've been unloaded.

Mr. Satterlee stated they try to get them on the road because the truck drivers have to make a living too.

Commissioner Burja stated he had no more questions.

William Howell stated he agrees with Mr. Satterlee in the fact this business has been at this location for a long time. He stated he has lived on this street for 43 years. He stated his parents bought their house in 1960 and at that time there was a small landscape nursery located at 6922 N. May Avenue. He stated it is no longer a small landscape nursery, but a very crowded, busy and popular nursery. He stated it has only grown by moving its boundaries out into the public right-of-way and into the street. He stated 40 years ago they were using their own site and would pull trucks into their site to make deliveries. He stated now, since they have filled up the site with trees and plant material, there is no room. He stated there is no room for employee parking or service vehicles to pull in, but they don't really need to because they use the street for that. He stated one problem they have is with the trucks, which are semi-tractor trailers and not step vans. He stated these trucks are unloaded with a front-end loader running up and down their street. He stated they have photographs they sent in with the letter petitioning this that show traffic being stopped, not only by the trucks but also by the front-end loader of his business. He stated they have no problem with there being a landscape nursery on this site, in fact it is kind of nice, but they have a problem with them using the public right-of-way to service their needs.

He stated they need to use smaller trucks that allow them to drive on the site to make their deliveries and go back out onto May Avenue. He stated their site has 170 feet of frontage on May Avenue which is plenty of room to pull a truck in. Mr. Howell thanked the Commission.

Terry Brady, 2820 Cambridge Court. He stated he confronted Johnny Satterlee about three months ago and told him he had three issues to discuss with him. He stated Mr. Satterlee cut him off and let him know that he had been there longer than the neighborhood and that he had no intentions of changing a thing. He stated Mr. Satterlee has taken every square foot of City property that he could get his hands on, including the alleyway, the easement and the back lot where he has moved his dumpsters, his trucks, and his fork-loaders. He stated the noise is unbearable at times. He stated the trucks are always back there now. He stated there is a trash truck that comes six days a week. He stated Mr. Satterlee has put his dumpster by one of the neighbor's windows and each day the trash truck comes and it bangs this dumpster. He stated this trash truck comes between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m. He stated what they would like to request from the Commission is that there be a study on the land Mr. Satterlee has taken and request that he be moved off of it.

Chairman Harrell stated they didn't have that jurisdiction.

Ms. Dees stated that is a different department and she would pass that information on to the proper department, but it is not before this Commission today.

Mr. Howell stated there is a right-of-way issue though related to this particular thing and that is that the street has a right-of-way just like in front of his house. He stated there is landscape material being stored in the right-of-way.

Commissioner Burja stated that is not before them today.

Ms. Dees stated all they could hear today is the request for the "No Vehicles in Excess of Two Axles" and the "No Parking Anytime". She stated the rest of this would have to be presented to a different department.

Charlie Smith, 2804 Cambridge Court. He stated one of the problems they have with the trucks is when they come down the street they cut the corners and run over people's yards because they're too big to go around the corners. He stated when the employees park on the south side and when they're unloading trucks, people on the north side have cars parked on the street too and you can't get through there. He stated it makes it very dangerous when they're loading trucks. Mr. Smith thanked the Commission.

Cliff Jones, 2808 Cambridge Court. He stated last Friday he took a traffic flow count of the number of vehicles driving eastbound and westbound on Cambridge Court. He stated between 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. there were 66 vehicles; 32 driving eastbound and 34 driving westbound. He stated between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. there were 74 vehicles; 38 driving eastbound and 36 driving westbound. He stated between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. there were 64 vehicles; 33 driving eastbound and 31 driving westbound. He stated you could see they get quite a bit of traffic in this area. He stated when looking at the City map of Cambridge Court it is not actually true. He stated when traveling north on May Avenue approaching Cambridge Court and when turning right on Cambridge Court it is not a 90 degree turn. He stated Cambridge Court actually swerves going west to the north so you have to make a wide turn to make the turn off of May Avenue. He stated if there is an 18-wheeler parked along there it is practically impossible to make that turn. He stated that is all he has to say.

Dru Satterlee, 6922 N. May Avenue. He stated he works at Satterlee Nursery. He stated he wanted to comment about the turn Mr. Jones was speaking about. He stated he measured from May Avenue to the end of their driveway and it is 75 feet. He stated they never park anything there so the back of a semi would be no less than 75 feet from May Avenue. He stated you could easily make a turn. He stated they have never stopped any cars from turning off of May Avenue onto Cambridge Court.

Commissioner Miller asked Mr. Satterlee if the trucks head east off of Cambridge Court when they pull in.

Mr. Satterlee stated yes, but on occasion they come in from the neighborhood the other direction.

Commissioner Miller stated when they're through unloading they have no option but to proceed east onto Cambridge Court and asked Mr. Satterlee if that was correct.

Mr. Satterlee stated there is an option of backing up. He stated he has had truck drivers back up onto May Avenue and he thought that was more of a danger. He stated normally they head east.

Mr. Satterlee stated as far as danger of having semis there, he has never seen any problems. He stated the street was widened when they put in a new storm drain for the area. He stated if there is a semi there they get as close to the curb line as possible to allow motorists to pass by. He stated if a fork lift needs to get around a semi they will have someone look to make sure cars aren't coming.

Commissioner Miller asked when they unload the trucks do they do it from the rear or from the side.

Mr. Satterlee stated 90% of the time from the rear.

Mr. Satterlee stated as far as the dumpster, they don't even open until 8:30 a.m. and the trash truck cannot come until 8:30 a.m. He stated they might sit outside five minutes before they get there to open up the gates and let them in, but lately they have been coming later. He stated it has never been at 7:30 or 8:00 a.m. He stated they have never had any complaints from the neighbor where the dumpster is next to. He stated in reference to trucks running over people's yards, they have never heard a complaint on that. He stated the yards are on the north side of Cambridge Court and why the trucks would be driving on the yards he doesn't know, he has never seen it happen.

Mr. Satterlee stated their employees do park on the south side occasionally. He stated they have been trying to limit that and they're starting to park in the back parking lot.

Commissioner Miller asked if they had another employee parking lot.

Mr. Satterlee stated it is in the back of the nursery. He stated they could park in front but that is a spot for customers.

Commissioner Miller asked how many customer parking spaces they had.

Mr. Satterlee stated approximately 23. He stated it is a gravel parking area.

Mr. Satterlee stated in reference to bringing trucks in before hours, that will create noise and trucks will be backed down May Avenue if they're in line before 8:30 a.m. for them to get unloaded. He stated they would have to move the plants off the parking lot into the nursery to get the next truck in and would be an all day event to have the trucks pull into the nursery before hours. He stated he doesn't know where they would park because they can't park at the shopping center next door or across the street. He stated they have been asked not to park there so they have moved their cars. He stated as far as zoning is concerned they do have permits. He stated they did have a zoning inspector come out for the property they're using which includes a City easement, but over the years they said they're maintaining it from weeds and mowing. He stated they have had complaints of the dust from the gravel so once a week they water it down, but with the high temperatures they would have to water it down every hour because it gets dry so fast. He stated they are making an effort and keep a log of when they spray it. He stated they're trying to work with everyone.

Michael Newman, 2816 Cambridge Court. He stated he is a recent resident at this location. He stated Mr. Howell and he lived a mile north on Middlesex Drive in the Lakehurst Addition. He stated he was very active in the neighborhood association there and tried to keep the neighborhood a very pleasant place to live. He stated Mr. Howell was raised at 2816 Cambridge Court and knows everything that has gone on there. He stated he used to work for Johnny Satterlee and is currently an architect and a well-known landscape architect. He stated there has been no place that they have ever lived that they have not improved the quality of the neighborhood. He stated they recently built on to Mr. Howell's mother's house. His mother is 81 and totally deaf, blind in one eye and frail. He stated they sold their home so they could be with Mr. Howell's mother to help her out. He stated he was there as an impartial person because he was not raised there. He stated the quality of life for anyone who owns a home and trying to raise a family, you will not find it with the elements that are going on on this street. He stated one of the biggest problems they have is the nursery. He stated the nursery is very nice and they have wonderful products, but what he has heard from them today is a bunch of bull. He stated they have not done anything whatsoever until Mr. Brady, Mr. Howell and himself recently started making some type of complaints. He stated they have been taking pictures and were attacked by a truck driver because they were taking pictures of the truck not the truck driver or his girlfriend. He stated he reached into the car and demanded their camera. He stated they also have buzzers and bells, which could be heard for a two-block area when they ring. He stated these could be heard everyday even on Sundays when they're closed and not open for business. He stated the employees have always parked their vehicles on Cambridge Court heading to the east.

Commissioner Burja asked Mr. Newman to limit his comments to the no parking and tow away zone issues.

Mr. Newman stated he thinks what the Commission should do is have any vehicles in excess of two axles be prohibited for at least that block or block and a half area. He stated it is a serious problem and definitely needs to be addressed.

Chairman Harrell asked if anyone had any further questions.

Commissioner Burja asked if there were any other questions or someone wishing to speak.

Mr. Brady stated he would like to comment on there being no room for the semis to pull into the front, that is a bold face lie. He stated this area is huge and could be moved in easily off of May Avenue and then driven straight out onto May Avenue from the nursery's parking lot. He stated Mr. Satterlee does not want to obscure his parking in any way, shape or form.

He stated also on their street there is one 25 mph speed limit sign and Mr. Satterlee has buried it with his trees for years. He stated Mr. Satterlee has held nothing but contempt for this block and it needs to be changed.

Ms. Dees stated they would check on the speed limit sign and make sure it is viewable.

Chairman Harrell asked if there was anyone else to speak. She asked Commissioner Burja if he had any questions.

Commissioner Burja stated he doesn't have any further questions. He stated he has heard what everyone said. He stated Mr. Newman pointed out that everyone had the right to raise their family in pleasant surroundings, but he is also sensitive to the fact that Mr. Satterlee has been there since before all of them and has a right to run his business there. He stated he is going to make a motion to defer this because he has a couple of questions to take up with the City Attorney.

- MOTION by Commissioner Burja and SECOND by Commissioners Miller and Clayton to DEFER Item VI.B. for 30 days. MOTION was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners Burja, Miller, Harrell, Pittman, Ryan and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

C. David Carroll, President, Musgrave-Pennington Neighborhood Association, 3916 NW 22nd Street, 73107. (Ward 3)
Consider the installation of four-way stop signs at the intersection of Quapah Avenue/NW 20th Street and NW 21st Street.

Ms. Dees reported this location does not meet the residential warrants for yield signs or stop signs. Staff would recommend the neighborhood association work with staff in conducting a neighborhood traffic study. Staff recommends consideration.

David Carroll, 3916 NW 22nd Street. He stated several of his neighbors had reported near miss accidents at that location. He stated on the overhead map it shows Quapah Avenue coming in from the north into the 21st Street intersection, then you have 20th Street coming in from the south into that same intersection. He stated many people think Quapah Avenue and 20th Street are one in the same street, but they separate at that intersection and consequently when

people are coming off of 22nd Street onto Quapah Avenue and when they come down that way toward 21st Street going south there are several houses there set in a very steep curve and there is very little sight distance from that intersection to any of the other streets. He stated there are a lot of families on 20th Street in the 3700 block with small children who ride their bicycles and do other things in the street. He stated this request is to prevent the possibility of an accident. He stated they would like to see two-way or four-way stop signs installed at this location.

Commissioner Miller stated to Mr. Carroll that he appreciated him bringing this to the attention of the Commission. He stated he would suggest at this point that the Musgrave-Pennington Neighborhood Association, which is a very well organized association, work with Viren Chandra in doing a study of the whole neighborhood to prevent creating a problem by installing a stop sign where it doesn't meet the criteria. He stated maybe there's something else that needs to be done somewhere else. He stated he would suggest that they do that and ask that this be deferred until the completion of a neighborhood study.

Mr. Carroll stated they were hoping they could do it this way because they're neighborhood contains 1268 homes. He stated if they send a letter out concerning a traffic study with a returned address envelope their association is looking at spending a little over \$800 just to have a traffic study started. He stated it is his understanding in talking with Mr. Chandra in the past that unless they get a 50% return from the neighbors they have wasted their money and nothing would be done, and asked if that was correct.

Ms. Dees stated they would like greater than a 50% vote for yes of those petitions returned. She stated not all of them will be returned and they understand that. She stated normally what is returned will give them a good vote on what they're requesting.

Mr. Carroll stated most elections are lucky if they have a 5% turnout.

Commissioner Miller stated he would still recommend that they do a neighborhood study. He stated if they start installing stop signs at the request of homeowners the first thing you know there is a whole neighborhood of nothing but four-way stop signs. He stated they want to protect the citizens and the property owners in that area, but at the same time you have to be able to move through the area at a normal pace without a lot of encumbrance. He stated he thinks in this particular case it is a very large neighborhood, but Mr. Carroll has an advantage in having a strong neighborhood association and he doesn't think it's going to be an insurmountable task to do that. He stated that would be his recommendation that they defer this pending the outcome of a neighborhood study.

- MOTION by Commissioner Miller and SECOND by Commissioner Burja to DEFER Item VI.C. pending a neighborhood study. MOTION was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners Burja, Miller, Harrell, Pittman, Ryan and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

- D. Freda Woodward, Director, Oklahoma City Indian Clinic, 4913 West Reno Avenue, 73127. (Ward 3)
Consider the installation of a mid-block crosswalk and flashing pedestrian warning lights in the 4900 block of West Reno Avenue in front of the Oklahoma City Indian Clinic, 4913 West Reno Avenue.

Ms. Dees reported a pedestrian count at this location showed 26 pedestrians crossing Reno Avenue at this location. This is a bus stop location and the clinic has agreed to provide a handicap access (i.e. wheel chair ramps). Staff would recommend approval of this request pending partial payment for improvements by the clinic.

David Toahty, Chief Finance Officer, Oklahoma City Indian Clinic, 4913 West Reno Avenue. He asked if Ms. Dees stated that it was approved.

Ms. Dees stated she recommended approval and the Commission had to vote on it.

Commissioner Miller asked if there was anyone there to speak against this item. He stated to Mr. Toahty that he had a financial obligation for this and he would make a motion to approve this pending approval of the finances.

- MOTION by Commissioner Miller and SECOND by Commissioner Clayton to APPROVE Item VI.D. pending the financial obligation of the Oklahoma City Indian Clinic. MOTION was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners Burja, Miller, Harrell, Pittman, Ryan and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

- E. Linda Rook, 532 SW 54th Street, 73109. (Ward 4)
Consider the installation of "No Parking Anytime" signs on SW 54th Street between SW 53rd Street and Dewey Avenue, both sides.

Chairman Harrell stated Ms. Rook has requested that this item be deferred indefinitely.

Mable Hopkins, 516 SW 54th Street. She stated she has lived at this residence since 1979. She stated a petition was given through the neighborhood and some people signed it under false pretense. She stated the petition was passed out again with the correct information and was re-signed by the neighborhood. She asked if deferring the item meant she was canceling it.

Ms. Dees stated Ms. Rook requested that this item be pulled at this time and not be put back on the agenda, but she would like a copy of the petition Ms. Hopkins was referring to.

- MOTION by Commissioner Miller and SECOND by Commissioner Clayton to REMOVE Item VI.E. from the agenda. MOTION was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners Burja, Miller, Harrell, Pittman, Ryan and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

- F. Joel Sheen, 434 NW 20th Street, 73103-1919. (Ward 6)
Consider the installation of "No Parking Anytime" signs on Harvey Avenue between NW 14th Street and NW 15th Street, east side.

Ms. Dees reported this item was deferred from the July 2003 meeting because the location was wrong. Staff would be reluctant to recommend NPAT at this location without the consent of St. Luke's United Methodist Church. She stated Commissioner Gonzales couldn't be there today due to illness, but recommended that this be denied unless the church was in favor of it and staff concurs with Commissioner Gonzales.

Joel Sheen, 434 NW 20th Street. He stated he leaves from the downtown area as well as a lot of fellow co-workers. He stated at the time they leave going northbound on Harvey Avenue there are people picking up their children. He stated this time of year isn't bad, but when school starts it is. He stated people double park and people don't always unload their children on the legal side.

He stated ladies place their babies in car seats on the side he has to pass and instead of endangering the ladies he stops and waits. He stated this only occurs during certain hours when they're unloading and loading their children. He stated on the NW 14th Street side they have a parking lot. He stated the parking is not set up favorably for that area. He stated there is no parking, it's just curb side for almost the whole block of Harvey Avenue at NW 14th and NW 15th Streets, and then there is a little pull off that accommodates about three cars. He stated what his recommendation was the church has a parking lot across the street and for the safety of automobile traffic install no parking signs and place a crosswalk there and make them park in the parking lot and everyone would be safe. He stated there are many people who would agree with him because it is really a danger. He stated whether St. Luke's is in favor or not they have ample parking. He stated they have parking in two areas, plus a big parking lot, they just need to change the plan of their daycare. He stated he would start taking digital photos and mail them in to the Commission because this occurs everyday during peak times when parents are dropping off and picking up their children. He stated it is not a good situation for motorists or the people dropping off their children.

Chairman Harrell asked if anyone had any questions.

Commissioner Burja asked Mr. Sheen whom he said he represented.

Mr. Sheen stated he is just a resident of the Heritage Hills area and he happens to work downtown. He stated a lot of people he knows who work downtown travel that same street.

Commissioner Burja stated he was familiar with the area and thanked Mr. Sheen.

Mr. Sheen stated people don't want to discuss danger in the area they live in, but many people do not abide by the speed limit so that makes it a more compounded situation. He stated he stops, but that is not to say everyone else will and wait for the people to unload and load their children.

Chairman Harrell asked if anyone had any questions.

Robert Long, Sr. Pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 222 NW 15th Street. He stated he was very sorry that Mr. Sheen never notified them of his concerns before he felt the need to file this complaint, had he done so one of the things they would have told him was that they're in the process of fixing this problem. He stated all of the parking lots are being re-done at this time. He stated the church is more than 50 years old and they're redoing all of the lots to try to improve the neighborhood. He stated there would be all new landscaping and lighting to make them safer.

He stated along NW 14th Street that Mr. Sheen was discussing they do have a cut out but it holds more than three cars and they are going to more than double the size of the cut out. He stated it would go almost to the corner of NW 14th Street and run almost to the corner of NW 15th Street. He stated that all along that side of the church the entire side is going to be cut back so that more people can drop off their children in safety. He stated Brian Timberlake, who is present with him today, is their contractor. He stated this has been scheduled to be torn up a week from today. He stated the parking lots are already torn up and a week from today they will begin tearing out that side of the church so there will be no parking for several weeks, but when they have completed they will have doubled the space so everyone can get off of the street. He stated the suggestion of taking the east side of the street and make it no parking anytime would be a tremendous detriment to the church in that when they have funerals that is where the hearse pulls up, where they have the handicap loading, where family cars all park for the entire time they are there until they leave to go to the cemetery. He stated they would have no way to move the hearse in or the families with no parking anytime. He stated handicapped persons and the elderly are dropped off there to come into the church, and also where children are dropped off. He stated they feel it is a very significant access to the church and they're trying to make it better for everyone. He stated they would be happy to speak to mothers to make sure they're not parking and weren't aware that it was creating a problem. He stated they are in the process of fixing it and believe they will do it in a very good way.

Chairman Harrell thanked Mr. Long.

Ms. Dees stated she viewed this location two years ago when she checked into the daycare for her son and saw no parking problems at that time. She stated she still recommends the same as Commissioner Gonzales that this item be denied.

- MOTION by Commissioner Miller and SECOND by Commissioner Clayton to DENY Item VI.F. MOTION was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners Burja, Miller, Harrell, Pittman, Ryan and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

G. Gypsy Hogan, 4425 NE 63rd Street, 73121. (Ward 7)
Consider the installation of four-way stop signs at the intersection of Coltrane Road and NE 63rd Street.

Ms. Dees reported this location does not meet the MUTCD warrants for four-way stop signs. Staff recommends denial.

Gypsy Hogan, 4425 NE 63rd Street. She stated she has lived at this residence for 17 years. She stated in more recent years the traffic has built up with the development of Apple Valley and other additions further east. She stated at this time it's like living on I-35 except they don't have the fences and culverts, instead they have people driving out of their driveways every morning. She stated she lives on the down slope of a hill and she and her daughter almost get hit there once a month. She stated last fall they turned out of their driveway to make a left hand turn on Coltrane Road and were rear-ended by a car that came flying over the hill. She stated three weeks ago she had a repairman work on her gate and one of her dogs got out and was hit by a car that was going so fast there were no skid marks and her dog was knocked 100 feet up hill totally gutted. She stated she took a shovel and scraped her dog off the street for 25 feet. She stated the cars are going so fast and they have requested in the past lower speed limits. She stated in the 100 feet between Coltrane Road going east there is a deer crossing sign, a suggested 35 mph sign on both sides of the street, an intersection sign for a hilltop coming out onto that and a church sign going west for the church at NE 63rd Street and Coltrane Road. She stated they thought a four-way stop sign would at least stop motorists from having a free flow through there from Sooner Road to Bryant Road. She stated she couldn't think of another four-way intersection for miles in any direction that does not have some sort of four-way controlling device, such as a stoplight or stop signs. She stated there is a four-way stop at NE 50th Street and Coltrane Road, which is a two two-lane intersection. She stated NE 63rd Street is four lanes there. She stated there is not another intersection she could find that had a four-way intersection like that which didn't have some type of device. She stated she feels it is really needed at this intersection to keep people from a straight two-mile stretch through there.

Chairman Harrell asked if any of the Commissioners had any questions.

Commissioner Pittman stated she also lives on NE 63rd Street and this is her ward and agrees with Ms. Hogan totally. She stated the traffic on NE 63rd Street is very bad at this location and pulling out onto NE 63rd Street is bad. She stated she has also had dogs killed on this street. She stated her concern is if they place a four-way stop sign there it would cause problems for motorists coming up over the hill to have to stop immediately and also coming from the other way. She stated also since there are four lanes there to have to stop at that location would be a problem.

Ms. Hogan stated this area of NE 63rd Street is not straight but very hilly and she agrees with Commissioner Pittman that this is sort of a bad spot. She stated what they would really prefer would be some sort of stopping point in that two

mile stretch. She stated Amber Adamson is there with her today and she lives on Hilltop Drive. She stated about 20 years ago there was a newspaper carrier killed at that intersection. She stated if they could get a stop sign placed right before Hilltop Drive going east and then one before Rifle Range Drive going west that way people would see the stop sign coming. She stated it doesn't make as much sense as every mile you have some sort of intersection. She asked if the Traffic Commission could give them some other suggestion. She stated like she said earlier the suggested 35 mph speed limit does nothing, the deer crossing signs do nothing, and the intersection signs do nothing. She stated there was an increasing number of 18-wheelers that are using this for some reason. She stated they really have an interstate situation on NE 63rd Street as well as a number of residential streets, which are feeding onto NE 63rd Street. She stated there are some serious problems.

Commissioner Pittman stated she is going to recommend that they deny the four-way stop signs, but to have selective enforcement in this area.

Ms. Hogan stated Officer Carr of the Springlake Division requested that they have additional patrols there through August 7, but they can only do that as officers are free and she doesn't think they were free a lot during that two or three week period. She stated there is a problem with that type of enforcement also. She stated she would appreciate anything.

Ms. Dees stated Capt. Rhodes said he would try to get some of the motorcycle patrol out there also to help Officer Carr.

- MOTION by Commissioner Pittman and SECOND by Commissioner Clayton to DENY Item VI.G. with Selective Enforcement. MOTION was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners Burja, Miller, Harrell, Pittman, Ryan and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

H. Ralph McElroy, President, Warwick V/Heights Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 621062, 73132. (Ward 8)

Consider the installation of stop signs at the following intersections:

1. Richaven Road and NW 112th Street, installation of a southbound stop sign;
2. Rosehaven Road and NW 112th Street, installation of a southbound stop sign, and;

3. Queenswick Drive/Brockton Place and NW 112th Street, change existing north/south stop signs to four-way stop signs.

Ms. Dees reported Items #1 and #2 would meet the residential warrants for southbound stop signs. Item #3 does not meet the residential warrants for four-way stop signs. Staff recommends approval of Items #1 and #2 and denial of Item #3.

Steve Hofener, 11207 Queenswick Drive. He stated he lives on the southwest corner of Queenswick Drive and NW 112th Street. He asked if there was anyone else there to speak on this item.

Chairman Harrell stated no.

Mr. Hofener stated he went to a neighborhood meeting last Tuesday and they spoke about this particular item. He stated a couple of residents requested this and it was given to Mr. McElroy on the Safety Committee. He stated the first two items on Richaven and Rosehaven are really just an assignment of right-of-way. He stated NW 112th Street is set up as a collector street with a few houses that front on it, but there are four or five houses to the west of him and four or five houses to the east. He stated as he understood there were also some speed studies taken in the location and the 85th percentile showed around 29 mph, which were taken in the summer months, which are fairly reasonable for neighborhood streets. He stated he believed the four-way stop location is being requested for speed control. He stated he and his wife's concern was that their bedroom was right next to NW 112th Street and having vehicles start and stop there all the time would be somewhat annoying. He stated what he was really there to ask was the approval of the first two items and denial of the third item. He stated if the neighborhood wants to go forward with speed control he would like to suggest that they look at it from an overall neighborhood standpoint and possibly come back to staff and ask for a complete review.

Commissioner Ryan stated she agreed with Mr. Hofener in approving the first two items and if the neighborhood wants to pursue the third item they might want to consider doing a neighborhood study and come back and present their validation for the stop signs.

Mr. Hofener stated he would be happy to take that back to the neighborhood association.

Commissioner Miller stated to Mr. Hofener that when he took Item #3 back to the neighborhood association he might let them know that stop signs are not used to

control speed and that's the last thing they want to do. He stated if they need some traffic enforcement in that area they could do that rather than install stop signs to control speed.

- MOTION by Commissioner Ryan and SECOND by Commissioner Miller to APPROVE Items VI.H.1 and VI.H.2 and DENY Item VI.H.3. MOTION was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners Burja, Miller, Harrell, Pittman, Ryan and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

- I. Deloris Crosswhite, 11337 Greenwood Avenue, Piedmont, 73078. (Ward 8)
Consider the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Mustang Road and NW Expressway and/or the removal of the approved traffic signal at Surrey Hills Boulevard and NW Expressway.

Ms. Dees reported this item was deferred from the July 2003 Traffic Commission meeting. This location meets warrants #1 and #3 of the 2000 MUTCD for traffic signals. There was a traffic signal at Surrey Hills Boulevard and NW Expressway approved in August 2002. Staff feels these two traffic signals would be too close together. Staff recommends consideration.

Don Crosswhite, 11337 Greenwood Drive. He stated his wife petitioned for this but she wasn't able to attend today. He stated he agrees with the decision to re-evaluate this or study this because these were too close together. He stated they have lived there for 25 years and it continues to grow larger with more traffic. He stated what he thinks precipitated the approval of the first light at Surrey Hills Boulevard was a traffic fatality that occurred there. He stated after further consideration he thinks the Commission wanted to relocate the traffic signal at Mustang Road and NW Expressway and that is what they would like to have. He stated he would like to see a traffic signal at Mustang Road because there is so much traffic at this time. He thanked the Commission for all of their work. He stated he had been to meetings before where they approved some items and denied some and he appreciated all the work the Commission does.

Betty Raines, 12201 Royal Coach Drive. She stated a year ago in August the Traffic Commission approved a traffic signal at Surrey Hills Boulevard and NW Expressway. She stated it has grown a lot out there. She stated someone from ODOT claimed to have made a survey, but they have never seen a traffic survey done out there.

She stated the cars are traveling 80 mph, past Mustang Road on past Surrey Hills Boulevard. She stated they would hate to give up the traffic signal at Surrey Hills Boulevard. She stated she thinks when they were able to get the signal a year ago, a fatality occurred about two weeks after. She stated at that time she asked for two signals; one at Mustang Road and NW Expressway and the other one at Surrey Hills Boulevard and NW Expressway. She stated the one signal was approved and they were happy to get that one. She stated that would be up to the Traffic Commission but hoped that if the other one was approved that they don't have to wait another year and have some more people killed there. She thanked the Commission.

Chairman Harrell asked if any of the Commissioners had any questions.

Commissioner Miller stated to Ms. Dees that this was a state highway and as a result where do they stand on the approval of those.

Ms. Dees stated after an action is taken in Traffic Commission they then send that to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, which is what they did last time, and they review the location and their study and they either concur or deny the request. She stated right now she has talked to them about the signal at Surrey Hills Boulevard, but she has not received anything back in writing from them on that.

Commissioner Burja asked Ms. Dees what the distance was between Surrey Hills Boulevard and Mustang Road.

Ms. Dees stated less than a mile, close to half a mile.

Bob Raines, 12201 Royal Coach Drive. He stated they have been working on this for over a year. He stated the decision of the two locations they are referring to today was brought up at that time and the decision to place it at Surrey Hills Boulevard was made by this committee after a study was done. He stated Commissioner Freeman went out and looked at it and that's how the decision was made. He stated he doesn't care which location they choose as long as they get one up there and stop the traffic flow that's going through there at high rates of speed. He stated they would be happy to have it at either place, but he would be against changing the location if it is going to delay it another year before they're able to get this. He stated that is the position of most of the people out there. He stated they just need it and they want it.

Chris Nuttall, 929 Mustang Road. She stated her biggest concern was the businesses on NW Expressway. She stated the traffic getting off NW Expressway is getting horrendous. She stated rush hour in the morning and evening is terrible.

She stated this is really dangerous, especially for the elderly and young drivers. She stated she has teenage drivers in her home and has spoken to other parents who have the same concern. She stated they would rather have their kids go from Mustang Road to Piedmont Road and out to the light there before they come up the NW Expressway because it is a much safer entrance onto the NW Expressway.

She stated people exceed 65 mph and she would like to see the speed limit lowered from Morgan Road to Piedmont Road to 55 mph because there is so much traffic there and so many people getting on and off the Expressway.

Ms. Dees stated the speed limit requested was presented to ODOT by Mrs. Raines and they did write her back based on Traffic Management's speed studies. She stated that was not approved at this time but ODOT would continue to monitor the location.

Commissioner Ryan stated both of these locations concern her. She stated she has driven out there herself and most people do not go 65 mph. She stated once people get past that particular point on NW Expressway they do tend to go a lot faster, and the fact that there was a fatality accident is concerning. She stated she would like to defer this for further study. She stated at NW 150th and NW Expressway there are stop signs already and asked Ms. Dees if that was correct.

Ms. Dees stated there were no stop signs on NW Expressway, which is the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's responsibility. She stated there are signals at other locations.

Mrs. Raines stated after the traffic signal was approved last year she had requested the speed limit be reduced to match when you're approaching the Turnpike and she was turned down. She stated it is awful the way they come through there. She stated if they did reduce the speed limit it would probably help even though there would still be some that would speed, but she thinks it would be a great help. She stated it is only a mile until you get to the Turnpike and it wouldn't hurt anybody to change it to 45 or 50 mph.

Ms. Dees stated they couldn't vote on the speed limit today because it is not on the agenda. She stated Mrs. Raines presented that to ODOT last year and they wrote her back with a denial. She stated that would be in ODOT's jurisdiction.

Commissioner Burja asked Ms. Dees if that was still in the City limits.

Ms. Dees stated yes.

Commissioner Burja pointed out that they do not install stop signs or traffic signals to control speed so maybe they should get some selective enforcement out there from time to time to try to slow them down.

Mrs. Raines stated they definitely need some enforcement. She stated they could do very well in an hour.

Don Crosswhite stated he knows there was a motion on the floor that hasn't had a second yet to delay it, but before the Commission does that please consider that it has already been a year. He stated what everybody would like is to place the signal some where and then reconsider it. He stated he would like them to make a motion to install the signal, which was already decided once, but to make the motion to place it at Mustang Road and NW Expressway and then if it needs to be reconsidered they can do it because it may still take a year. He thanked the Commission.

Ms. Dees stated once a traffic signal is approved they present it to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for their review. She stated if it were approved at their Commission, then they would look at funding available for this location. She stated they have not looked at funding available at this time.

Chairman Harrell stated they had a motion on the floor to defer it and asked for a second.

- MOTION by Commissioner Ryan and SECOND by Commissioner Burja to DEFER Item VI.I. MOTION was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners Burja, Miller, Harrell, Pittman, Ryan and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.

VII. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

VIII. REPORTS FROM TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION COMMITTEES

Commissioner Burja had no report and welcomed Commissioner Ryan.

Commissioner Miller had no report and welcomed Commissioner Ryan.

Commissioner Clayton had no report and stated he looked forward to working with Commissioner Ryan.

Ms. Dees had no report.

Commissioner Pittman had no report.

Commissioner Ryan had no report.

Chairman Harrell welcomed Commissioner Ryan and Captain Larry Rhodes.

IX. ADJOURNMENT.

- MOTION by Commissioner Clayton and SECOND by Commissioner Burja to Adjourn. MOTION was APPROVED by the following votes: Ayes, Commissioners Burja, Miller, Harrell, Pittman, Ryan and Clayton.
- MOTION CARRIES.