

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO**

On January 21, 2015, the Amarillo Traffic Commission met at 1:30 p.m. at City Hall, 509 S.E. 7th Avenue, in the Council Chamber on the third floor for a regular meeting.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
D J Stubben	Yes	31	31
Dean Downey	Yes	26	26
Charlie Graham	Yes	26	14
Mark Nair	Yes	22	20
Frank Nelson	No	17	12
Walt Kelley	Yes	16	13
Steve Rogers	Yes	16	11
Barbara Richardson	Yes	13	10

Also in attendance were:

Bob Cowell	Assistant City Manager, City of Amarillo
Jerry Bird	Traffic Engineer, City of Amarillo
David Szmagalski	Traffic Operations Technician, City of Amarillo
Judy Alexander	Recording Secretary, City of Amarillo

ITEM 1: Call to Order.

Commissioner Nair established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Mark Love, Central Church of Christ, gave the invocation, and Commissioner Nair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2: Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting held on November 19, 2014.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kelley, seconded by Commissioner Downey, and unanimously carried to approve such minutes as written.

ITEM 3: Consider Election of Chair and Vice Chair.

Motion was made by Commissioner Downey and seconded by Commissioner Stubben to nominate Commissioner Kelley for Chair. Motion unanimously carried. Motion was made by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner Stubben to nominate Commissioner Downey for Vice Chair. Commissioner Downey made a motion to nominate Commissioner Stubben for Vice Chair, but the motion was not seconded. Motion to elect Commission Downey for Vice Chair unanimously carried.

ITEM 4: Presentation and Discussion on the Pedestrian and Bicycle Mobility Subcommittee Progress Given by City Staff.

Pat Westbrook, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation Department, gave a presentation on the Rails to Trails project. She said the subcommittee has worked diligently on identifying possible improvements to the project, including converting it into a linear park as well as the original concept of a pedestrian and bicycle trail. She stated the committee will schedule a

public meeting later in the spring to receive input from the community. Commissioner Nair reported that Commissioner Gualtiere had resigned from the Traffic Commission, and a replacement for him on the subcommittee may need to be appointed.

ITEM 5: Presentation and Discussion on Citywide Accident Reports given by the Amarillo Police Department.

Lt. Ken Albright, Amarillo Police Department, presented an Amarillo Traffic Collision Study, 2012-2014. A copy of the report is attached. He stated the best way to ensure safety is for drivers to obey laws pertaining to speed limits and seat belts, as well as refraining from the use of drugs and alcohol while driving.

ITEM 6: Consider Speed Study: Farmers Ave. from Western St. to Georgia St.

Jerry Bird, Traffic Engineer, presented the results of a speed study taken on Farmers Ave. from Western Street eastward to the city limit. The Traffic Engineering Department recommends the City Council modify Section 16-3-1002 Schedule B, Maximum Speed Limit to reflect a speed limit of 55 mph on Farmers Ave. from Western St. to 550 feet west of S. Georgia St. Motion was made by Commissioner Stubben and seconded by Commissioner Richardson to make such a recommendation. Motion unanimously carried.

ITEM 7: Presentation and Discussion on the Traffic Study Results on Harmony St. at Emil Ave. given by the Traffic Engineering Department.

Jerry Bird presented the results of a traffic study taken on Harmony St. and Emil Ave., which is just east of the Olsen Park Elementary School. Staff recommendation is that no changes to the traffic control or intersection be made at this time. A copy of the report is attached.

ITEM 8: Public Forum.

Discussion was held on traffic safety for southbound vehicles on Wolflin Ave. at the Interstate 40 south frontal road. Issues were non-compliance of the traffic signal and bridge columns presenting a sight restriction. Mr. Bird stated the interstate highway system is under the control of the Texas Department of Transportation.

ITEM 9: Adjournment.

There being no further business, Commissioner Richardson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Graham and the meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City Traffic Engineering Department.



Mark Nair, Chairman

ATTEST:



Judy Alexander, Board Secretary