Minutes

Traffic and Safety Committee

February 21, 2008

1. Call the meeting to order. Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Vice Chairman Melvin Warren. Present were Bill Barber, Cel Ololo, John Collis, Doug Phillips, James Moseley, Leisa Peebles, Matt Walling, Melvin Warren, Robbin Webber and Steve Ferrie.

2. Approve the minutes of the December 20, 2007 meeting. Motion to approve Minutes of December 20, 2007 meeting as corrected by Leisa Peebles. Motion seconded by Bill Barber. Approved unanimously.

3. Discuss Chairmanship of the Committee. Discussion of filling Chairmanship position left vacant by the passing of Terry Hauck. Floor opened for nominations. John Collis nominated Melvin Warren. Leisa Peebles seconded. No other nominations. Melvin Warren appointed by unanimous decision. Floor opened for nominations for Vice Chairman. John Collis nominated Bill Barber. Leisa Peebles seconded nomination. No other nominations. Bill Barber appointed by unanimous decision. Staff is to advise City Council of open position that needs to be filled.

4. Discuss Cell Phone usage and use of fog lights in conjunction with regular headlights while driving. Mr. Stan Grubaugh has requested this and will be the meeting. Mr. Grubaugh was not in attendance. Lt. Steve Ferrie briefed Committee on state laws concerning use of fog lamps in conjunction with headlamps. State law prohibits the use of fog lights when high beam lights are in use but does and regulates the installation height of the lights when in use. There are no other prohibitions regarding their use by state law. Committee took no action.

   Chief Walling briefed committee regarding specific ordinances that had been passed recently by other cities in the DFW area prohibiting the use of cellular telephones in active school zones. A motion was made by Doug Phillips and seconded by Bill Barber to recommend to City Council to pass an ordinance prohibiting drivers from using a hands-on Cellular Telephone or text messaging devise while in an active school zone. Motion passed unanimously. Chief Walling will work with the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for presentation to the City Council.

5. Discuss "One Way" on Carla in front of Rowlett Elementary School. Bill Barber brought up and led the discussion of one-way traffic on Carla Drive. Neighbors have approached him with their concerns after hearing that the City was considering keeping Carla traffic restricted to one-way after the construction on Miller Road was complete. He requested that citizen input be allowed to comment on the possible continuance of a one-way requirement. The consensus of the Committee was to bring the issue back before them in May or June 2008 prior to the completion of the construction so it can be studied further.
6. Security at Public Meetings. James Moseley had concerns regarding the security at public meetings since the recent shootings at a Council Meeting in Missouri. Chie f Walling briefed the

Committee on current security measures and informed them that the police department was evaluating current measures to see if any changes needed to be made.

7. Goals for Traffic and Safety Committee. Chairman Melvin Warren led a discussion about submitted goals for the committee. Consensus was made that the proposed goals discussed should be refined and brought back before the committee for possible adoption at the next meeting.

8. Agenda Items for next meeting:

    - Discussion of Child Safe Program
    - Code Red Demonstration by Chief Walling and Chief Wright
    - Discussion of Goals
    - Update from Traffic Engineer at TXDOT concerning Highway 66 issues

9. Motion to adjourn by Doug Phillips. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

Melvin Warren