City of Rowlett
Traffic and Safety Commission
Official Minutes of June 18, 2009

1. Call meeting to order.

   Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Melvin Warren. Present were Chairman Melvin Warren, Vice-Chairman Bill Barber, James Moseley, John Collis, Leisa Peebles, Cel Ololo, Police Chief Matt Walling, Police Lieutenant Steve Ferrie, and Street Department Superintendant Robbin Webber.

2. Consider approving the minutes of the May 21, 2009 meeting.

   The minutes of the May 21, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

3. President George Bush Turnpike Eastern Extension Construction update (monthly).

   Robbin Webber briefed the commission concerning the status of the various projects.

   All projects are on schedule.

   Section 29 is 20% complete.

   Section 30 is 27% complete.

   Section 31 is 10% complete.

   Section 32 is 20% complete.

   Commission member Moseley was concerned about the condition of Liberty Grove Rd and asked about an approved truck route for the construction trucks.

   City staff has provided all contractors with the approved route for the trucks related to the construction project. The approved route for the construction truck traffic is Lakeview Pkwy to south bound Kirby Rd or north bound Liberty Grove Rd. Any street other than Lakeview Pkwy, Rowlett Rd, Kirby Rd from Lakeview Pkwy to Glistening Springs, Liberty Grove Rd from Lakeview Pkwy to Merritt Rd and Merritt Rd from Liberty Grove Rd to the 8500 Blk of Merritt Rd is prohibited to construction truck traffic. City staff advised commission members that the police department has already begun enforcement efforts to get compliance of this ordinance.

   Commission Vice-Chairman Barber was concerned about sound walls along the project. Robbin Webber stated there would be sound walls installed along the project, but not

the entire project. Depending on the distance and elevation of the roadway, some sections of the project will not have sound walls installed.

4. Review and discuss the intersection of Dexham Rd and Miller Rd.

   Commission member Moseley was concerned about the intersection of Miller Rd and Dexham Rd and stated it is very difficult to cross Miller Rd and turn west bound on Miller Rd during peak evening traffic hours. Robbin Webber stated city staff wanted to wait 6 months to establish traffic patterns on the roadway before conducting a warrant study of the intersection.

5. Discuss no parking on Yeager Rd.

   Robbin Webber stated he observed the area and spoke to the resident concerning the issue. According to the resident, patrons of the Ramblin Rose are parking their vehicles on both sides of the street, in the grass and are blocking their driveways. In addition, patrons are driving through their front yard.

   Commission members made a motion that the Director of Traffic Control consider posting no parking signs on the south side of Yeager Rd from Elm Grove Rd west to the dead end of Elm Grove Rd.

   The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Barber.

   Motioned passed.

6. Rowlett Rd construction project update.

   Robbin Webber briefed the commission concerning this project.

   Robbin stated the project is moving very fast. Guardrail, posts and almost the entire outside lane have been removed installed with new material on south bound Rowlett Rd along the lake. Water lines are currently being replaced in the medians. Construction continues on the north bound lanes of Rowlett Rd and within a week traffic should be switched.

   A question was asked about complaints in the area. The police department staff has received complaints concerning speeding vehicles and the amount of time it takes to turn on to Rowlett Rd from the side streets. Police officers are aware of the speeding issues and continue to conduct enforcement in the area. City staff met with the contractor of the project and he agreed to provide two flagmen during the peak morning traffic periods to assist with traffic moving in and out of the neighborhoods in the construction zone.

7. Discuss the results of the TxDOT Click It or Ticket and the Memorial Day weekend No Refusal DWI enforcement.

   Lt. Ferrie advised the commission of the TxDOT Click It or Ticket grant and the TxDOT Memorial Day Weekend No Refusal DWI grant.

   The TxDOT Click It or Ticket enforcement period began on May 11, 2009 and ended May 31, 2009. During that period of time Rowlett officers issued 470 citations to motorists for either not being secured by a safety belt or failing to secure a child with a child safety seat. In addition, officers assigned to the Click It or Ticket grant arrested two subjects for investigation of Driving While Intoxicated. The results of the two blood specimens were analyzed and showed that both subjects were legally intoxicated.

   In addition to the TxDOT Click It or Ticket enforcement, officer also worked Memorial Day Weekend No Refusal DWI grant enforcement. During this three day grant enforcement period, officers arrested three subjects for Driving While Intoxicated.

8. Discuss recent Burglaries of Motor Vehicles offenses.

   Chief Walling advised commission members that since January 1, 2009 there have been 186 Burglaries of Motor Vehicle offenses reported to the police department. Of those 186 offenses, 150 were involving unlocked vehicles.

   Chief Walling advised the commission members that signs are currently being printed and will be placed along the roadways to remind residents to lock their vehicles and secure their property. Chief Walling advised commission members that arrests have been made for some of the recent burglaries.

9. Report from Traffic & Safety Commission members concerning the Touch A Truck event.

   Commission Vice-Chairman Barber, members Moseley and Collis briefed the commission concerning their attendance of the Touch A Truck event. Attendees of the event stated they answered a question ~~of~~ on two from residents and thought the event was great.

10. Discuss work session presentation with Traffic and Safety Commission and City Council on 7/7/09.

    Chief Walling advise the commission that the work session will be immediately after the executive session which starts at 5:30 pm. Chief Walling stated the work session usually starts at approximately 6:00 pm and the presentation is limited to 10 minutes.

Future Agenda Items:

1. President George Bush Turnpike Eastern Extension Construction update (monthly).
2. Discuss the traffic light at Dalrock Rd and Lakeview Pkwy.
3. Discuss public awareness measures that have been taken and measures that can be taken to reduce crime and make Rowlett safer.

Adjourn

Chairman Warren adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:55 pm.

Melvin Warren, Chairman