

TRAFFIC CONTROL BOARD MINUTES

March 27, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brent Krueger, Walt Willett, Trina White, Sondra Baker, Todd Cormier

MEMBERS ABSENT: Capt Bedford, Eugene Wade

STAFF SUPPORT: Terry Smith, Lora Mattox, John Gibson, Erin Claunch, Zach Heid

GUESTS: None:

BUSINESS MEETING

Call to order: Terry Smith called the meeting to order at 12:20 pm in the conference room of the Public Works Building, 2224 Montana Avenue.

Minutes: Motion for approval of the February minutes by Sondra Baker, seconded by Todd Cormier. Motion approved on a voice vote.

Open Public Comment: None

STAFF REPORTS: NONE

Board Reports: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Election of a new Chair and Vice Chair was postponed to the April meeting.
2. **2nd Ave North and North 22nd Street.** Erin Claunch gave a presentation on potential traffic conflicts at the intersection of 2nd Ave. N and North 22nd Street with the recent change to two-way traffic on 2nd Avenue North between N. 22nd and N. 13th. He presented traffic data collected at the intersection showing westbound wrong way movements at about 10% and eastbound wrong way movements at about 4%. He presented several different options for installing islands at the intersection to preclude wrong way movements. The City is checking with BSEDA to see if some of the money left from the original 2-way conversion project can be used to construct the treatment finally selected.
3. **Recent Traffic Studies.** Terry gave presentations on the following:
 - a. **Country Manor and Avenue B.** Terry reported that stop signs were requested at the intersection of Avenue B and Country Manor Boulevard. Terry presented traffic volume and crash data for the intersection. The intersection is a little unusual in that the two highest volume legs are at right angles to each other (the northbound and

eastbound legs). Implementation of stop or yield control was found to be justified based on both traffic volumes and crash history. Volumes are near the upper end of the range for YIELD control, and there is undeveloped commercial property in the area giving a potential for additional traffic growth. Because traffic volumes on Avenue B are slightly higher than those on Country Manor, stop signs were installed for the Country Manor Boulevard traffic.

- b. **54th Street West.** There was no existing speed limit signing posted on 54th Street West between Grand Avenue and Rimrock Road. This was creating enforcement challenges for the police department and potential confusion for drivers. Terry presented speed study results, crash data, and information on development in the area. The speed study results show slightly lower speeds along the south end of the segment adjacent to the developed areas. Because the area is continuing to develop and become more urban in character, 45 MPH speed limit signing was posted for the entire segment from Grand to Rimrock.
- c. **25th Street West.** Staff received a complaint about parking along 25th Street West immediately south of Avenue B. The original request was to prohibit all parking on the street. The City can administratively prohibit parking on one side of streets narrower than 30 feet wide (24-408 BMCC). To prohibit parking on both sides, the street must be narrower than 20 feet. The segment of street in question is approximately 25 feet wide curb to curb. Residents along the east side of the street do park on the street. The north side is adjacent to the BBWA Canal. The area has been posted "NO PARKING ANY TIME" on just the side of the street adjacent to the Canal.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm.