

**PENINSULA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
STOP SIGN COMMITTEE REPORT**

March 28, 2016

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Greg Petsch, Mike Kovar and Jackie Kiehm

STOP SIGN COMMITTEE PRESENT: Ralph Thompson, Bruce Fry and Kathy Kenton.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm, with intros by President Greg Petsch.

APPROVAL of MINUTES: The minutes from the January 4, 2016 were presented. It was moved and seconded to approve these minutes. They will be posted on our Website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ACC: Carla Petsch, Administrator for the ACC, presented a form that will now be signed by the Builder and Home Owner, at the preliminary meeting, stating they will “inform all employees and sub-contractors to observe and obey the speed limits, in the Peninsula.”

STOP SIGN COMMITTEE: Bruce Fry, spokesperson, reviewed the committees process for investigating the stop signs on Mystic Pkwy at Riddle Rd. and Placid Way. Input from residents was obtained. After his presentation the topic was opened for further questions and discussion. The Board recessed for a short Executive Session to review the committee’s findings.

CONCLUSION: The Board unanimously accepted the following Stop Sign Committee Recommendation: “The stop sign on southbound Mystic Pkwy should remain; the stop sign on northbound Mystic Pkwy should be removed. The following informational signs will be placed below stop signs: At Riddle Rd, the sign will read “Traffic from the Right Does Not Stop”, on the Placid stop sign,

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It will read "Traffic from the Left Does Not Stop". On southbound Mystic Parkway the sign will read "Oncoming Traffic Does Not Stop". These are in compliance with TX DOT recommendations. See the entire committee report in Attachment A to these minutes.

Gary Kasch discussed a proposed sign at the entrance that would be made by the same company that made The Peninsula monument at the guard house. This would eliminate signage currently attached to the entrance gate. Information will be sent to property owners for their input and this subject will be addressed at the next board meeting, post annual meeting

ANNOUNCEMENT: Annual Peninsula POA Meeting: Saturday, April 16, 2016. 10:00am. Mystic Shores Community Center

ADJOURNMENT: 7:19pm

Submitted by:
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Board of Directors

Attachment A

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Speed/Stop Sign Committee Findings Page 1 of 2

The Committee was charged with making recommendations regarding speeding and

the stop signs on Mystic Pkwy at Riddle Rd. and Placid Way. The Committee has endeavored to obtain feedback from Peninsula residents/owners.

Speeding:

- After polling residents, speeding does not seem to be a significant problem.
- Residents, with some possible exceptions, appear to be mindful of the speed limit.
- The ACC is undertaking steps (to be reported on separately) to make contractors more aware of the speed limit and to make contractors responsible for their subcontractors.
- Residents are urged to remind their service contractors to abide by the speed limit.
- Other service providers such as UPS, FEDEX, etc. may need to be contacted if their drivers are observed disobeying traffic laws.

Committee Recommendation: If speeding becomes an issue, the Committee believes that, in addition to continued community involvement, an effective tool speeding awareness is a radar sign that shows your speed and flashes if you are traveling above the limit. The sign would need to be placed on southbound Mystic Pkwy. just after the intersection of Serene St. and mounted on the same post as a speed limit sign.

Stop Signs:

- Cobb Fendley has recommended that the stop signs remain because the sight lines on both southbound Mystic Pkwy and Riddle Rd. are below AASHTO standards. TxDOT uses AASHTO.
- TxDOT guidelines state that stop signs should be placed based on an engineering study and that stop signs are not to be used for speed control.
- Questions that have arisen: ○ The stopping distances are way too long. I can stop a lot faster than that! ▪ Response: The distances are based on a variety of factors such as vehicle type, weather, road conditions, reaction time, etc. What is the stopping distance for a fully loaded truck with marginal brakes

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going downhill on a wet, foggy morning with the driver looking at his clipboard trying to read an address?

- Cobb Fendley recommends that the stop signs (plural) remain even if the sightlines on Placid Way are OK. Why? ■ Response: The intersections of Riddle Rd. and Placid Way are very close to each other, but do not align. This creates a rather awkward situation. Good engineering practice would have been to either align the streets or provide greater separation. A four way stop is a traditional solution recognized by all.
- There is not enough traffic on Riddle Rd. to warrant a stop sign on Mystic Parkway. ■ Response: The issue is not one of traffic volume. It is about sight lines as Cobb Fendley stated. If traffic volume was the determining factor, there would be no stop signs in Mystic Shores and it would default to the rules of the road to determine right of way. The stop signs in Mystic Shores are generally there to determine right of way.
- On-line research was done by the Committee. Among the findings: ○ www.stopspeeders.org “They (stop signs) are great at preventing crashes – not so good at getting drivers to reduce speeds.”
- Institute of Transportation Engineers: Speed Control in Residential Areas... “Numerous studies have shown that stop signs are relatively ineffective as a speed control measure, except within 150 feet of a stop sign.”
- What other measures were considered? ○ Yield Sign: Who should yield? Cobb Fendley states that sight distances for yield signs are greater than for stop signs.
- Informational sign showing the intersection configuration in conjunction with hidden intersection warning. This was deemed to be more confusing and less effective than a stop sign.

Committee Recommendation: The Committee recommends that, in the interest of safety, the stop sign on southbound Mystic Pkwy should remain; that the stop sign on northbound Mystic Pkwy. should be removed; and, that informational signs stating Oncoming Traffic Does Not Stop, Traffic From Left Does Not Stop and Traffic From Right Does Not Stop be appropriately placed in according to TxDOT reco