

City of Pacific Grove
Traffic Safety Commission
Minutes of Meeting – DECEMBER 11, 2007

Present: Shayne, Roehl, Terry, Garcia & Leinen
Staff: Commander Nyunt, & Robert Verwold
Others: Kathleen Adamson, Gateway center
Absent: Besag & 1 vacant position

The Traffic Commission meeting was recorded. Recordings are kept at the Police Department for review. Recordings are kept for a period of ninety days following the meeting.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Shayne at 4:00 pm.

2. Oral Communications:
None

3. Minutes of meeting held November 13, 2007.

MOTION was made by Carmelita Garcia and seconded by Henry Leinen to approve the minutes as written. MOTION passed unanimously.

4. Commission and Staff Announcements:
None

5. Correspondence:
Malcolm Knisely reported the City received a letter last month requesting that the existing red curb on the south side of Lighthouse Avenue west of Alder Street be painted out. This was an “old bus stop” that was not being used anymore. Malcolm stated that MST personnel painted the curb grey as requested on Tuesday December 11, 2007.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Forrest Hill Manor Construction – Update by Staff
No concerns were received.

B. Discuss a request to improve pedestrian safety on the streets surrounding the Gateway Center. (Continued from previous meeting)

As discussed last month a request was received from Commissioner George Shayne regarding the pedestrian activity on streets surrounding the Gateway Center. Residents from the Center use these streets to go for daily walks in the neighborhood. Most of the residents of the Center appear to be physically disabled, some in wheelchairs, etc. Some of the issues discussed at last months meeting included narrow streets, lack of sidewalks on some portions, vehicles parked on sidewalks, garbage cans and utility poles in the sidewalk area and roll over curbs instead of vertical curbs. The Commissioner’s at that meeting wanted to postpone the meeting until a representative from Gateway could be present to discuss the concerns.

Commander John Nyunt reported that he had previously met with Kathleen Adamson, President of Gateway Center, and discussed the Commission’s concerns. Ms Adamson was present at this meeting at the invitation of

Commander Nyunt and the Commissioners expressed concerns about the safety of the Gateway residents as they were taken on walks and field trips (by Gateway Staff) on streets around the Center.

Ms. Adamson stated that she would talk to staff about modifying the walking routes around the Center and that the Gateway Center is not concerned about the problem at this time.

Two Commissioners: Shayne and Garcia recused themselves from further discussions because they resided in the immediate area. The remaining Commissioners discussed the following issues:

- Could vehicles be prohibited from parking on the sidewalks?
- Could the Police Department enforce the parking?
- Are grants available to improve the streets: widening, vertical curbs, etc?
- The Commissioner's wanted to be proactive rather than reactive.
- Could "No Parking on Sidewalk" signs be installed on Rosemont Ave?
- Explore the possibility of a public education campaign utilizing the Hometown Bulletin and/or the Police Academy

Some responses by those in attendance and the Commissioner's to the above issues indicated;

- That the Police Department has been looking at ways to develop a public outreach for situations such as this.
- Install vertical curbs where driveways have been abandoned.
- Begin the process of obtaining a TAMC grant for the funds to install sidewalk where there isn't any, install vertical curbs, etc.

A suggestion was made to table this discussion until next month because of a lack of a quorum at this meeting and to determine if the Police Academy has interest in developing and supporting a Public Education Campaign regarding the concerns as discussed. Those present agreed to carry over this item until the January 8th, 2008 meeting of the Commission.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discuss a request to modify red curbing on 16th Street.

A request was received from a property owner at 148th 16th Street to paint a portion of the existing curb red on the east side of 16th street which is directly opposite their driveway. City staff looked at the situation and determined that the request was reasonable and City forces were directed to paint the curb red. A petition from local residents was then received by the City requesting that the red paint on this curb be removed. Some of the residents who signed the petition were present and claimed that because the street was narrow, that parking was prohibited on the west side and that parking spaces were a premium that they wanted the red paint removed.

A discussion indicated that approximately half of the residences do not have garages or driveways. Some of the driveways have red zones each side of varying lengths. Concerns were also noted in regards to the lack of uniformity of the existing red curbs especially in the length, location and the maintenance of the existing red paint.

MOTION was made by Carmelita Garcia and seconded by Jan Roehl to remove the recently painted red curbing on 16th Street opposite 148 16th St. It was also moved to shorten the existing red curb on the east side of 16th

**Street immediately north of Union Street to allow for another parking space.
MOTION passed unanimously**

It was noted that the resident who initiated the request was not present at the meeting. Malcolm was requested to inform the resident of the Commission's action and inquire if they desire to discuss the issue at the next meeting of the Traffic Commission.

8. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:18 pm.

The next meeting of the Traffic Commission will be on Tuesday, January 08, 2007, 4:00 PM at the Pacific Grove Police Conference Room, 580 Pine Avenue, Pacific Grove.

Malcolm Knisely
Staff Person

Darius Engles
Chief of Police