



CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE
300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, California 93950

AGENDA REPORT

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL
FROM: Police Chief Darius E. Engles
MEETING DATE: May 21, 2008
SUBJECT: Minutes of the March 11, 2008 – Traffic Commission

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive.

DISCUSSION:

Receive the minutes of the regularly scheduled Traffic Commission meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

Minutes of the Traffic Commission – March 11, 2008 (3 pages)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Darius E. Engles

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POLICE CHIEF

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CITY MANAGER

City of Pacific Grove
Traffic Safety Commission
Minutes of Meeting – MARCH 11, 2008

Present: Shayne, Roehl, Terry, Garcia & Leinen
Staff: Commander Nyunt
Others: Winston Elstob, resident
Absent: 2 - vacant positions

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 February 12, 2008.**
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:**
Malcolm Knisely explained that item 7-C, pertaining to the conceptual parking plan at Rip Van Winkle Park is being cancelled until the April 8th, 2008 meeting in order that a representative from Public Works will be able to attend.

Commissioner Garcia noted that Malcolm had forwarded to her the new “Amendment to the Handicap Parking Signs and Striping” as per AB 1531. Commissioner Garcia requested that Handicap Parking and Signs be added to next months agenda of the Traffic Commission and include the Amendment as an attachment.

5. **Correspondence:**
None
6. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. Forrest Hill Manor Construction – Update by Staff
It was reported that the Contractor contacted the City and informed the City that Sinex Avenue between Forest Avenue and Fountain Avenue would be closed in order that a crane could move materials to the top of the structure. The closure probably lasted one day. City Staff noted that the Contractor has kept the City fully informed of any conditions that would cause concerns to motorists or to adjacent residents.
 - B. Pedestrian Awareness Month – The Commission will receive periodic updates as to Staff’s progress in developing plans for a “Pedestrian Awareness Month” to promote safety in our City. – Update by Staff
Mr. Winston Elstob was present and discussed his concerns and issues with pedestrians in the City. It was his request that the City take steps to improve pedestrian safety in our City especially on Lighthouse Avenue. Malcolm explained the staff report and the diagram associated with the report. The diagram notes the following improvements proposed to be made:

1. Install 3 pedestrian warning signs at crosswalks on Lighthouse Avenue: 1 at Congress Ave, 2 at Park St, 2 at Fountain Ave and 1 at 13th St.
2. Replace 2 - 24" x 30" 15 MPH Speed signs with 2 - 30" x 36" 15 MPH signs.
3. Repaint or paint 9 – 15 MPH pavement markings.
4. Allow 5 existing 15 MPH pavement markings to fade out.
5. Paint SLOW PED XINGS pavement markings, 1 set between Cypress & Lobos for e/Bd and 1 set between 13th & 14th w/Bd.

The Commissioners also wanted the existing rumble strips with botts dots updated with missing markers on Lighthouse Avenue.. They are located at:

Lighthouse Avenue, westbound w/o Carmel Avenue
Lighthouse Avenue, westbound e/o 13th street
Lighthouse Avenue, eastbound e/o Wood Street
Lighthouse Avenue, eastbound w/o Lobos Avenue

MOTION was made by Henry Leinen and seconded by Carmelita Garcia that the staff report and diagram with improvements as noted and the rumble strip replacements as indicated be approved.

MOTION passed unanimously.

- C. A request was received from Mr. David Osborne, 1272 Stuart Avenue, to discuss issues with vehicles running stop signs at Stuart Avenue and Seaview Avenue. (Continued from last months meeting)

Malcolm explained that Public Works Department set traffic counters on Stuart Avenue thirty feet (30') back from the stop bars at Sea View Avenue. The 85th percentile speeds eastbound was 19.64 mph and westbound 18.50 mph. It appears from the data collected that most vehicles "roll through" the intersection and some vehicles are in the 64 to 74 mph range. A discussion followed and a consensus was reached that the only viable solution was increased enforcement.

MOTION was made by Henry Leinen and seconded by Jan Roehl that the City of Pacific Grove Police Department monitor and enforce vehicle speeds on Stuart Avenue as time and availability of personnel permits.

MOTION passed unanimously.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. The Traffic Commission requested that staff prepare a report regarding the painting of red curbs at driveways in the City of Pacific Grove

At last months meeting, the Traffic Commission requested staff to return with a policy regarding the length of red curbing that was required at either side of driveways. As previously noted, at past Commission meetings, many requests have been received to paint curbing red adjacent to residential driveways to improve sight distance to approaching vehicles and improve access to the driveways. Staff had also noted that there are varying lengths of red curbs throughout the City.

Staff has prepared a report and accompanying sketch, see attachments, which indicates the recommended length is three feet (3") beginning at the expansion joint where the driveway slopes down and running three feet away from the driveway. The Slope of the curb down to the driveway access is not to be painted.

In some cases adjoining driveways are close together. If possible a twenty foot (20") clear parking space should be left between the driveways. In instances

something less than 3' feet of red curbing would be required to maintain the 20' space.

MOTION was made by Dave Terry and seconded by Henry Leinen to forward the report to public works. MOTION passed unanimously.

- B. Request received from Commissioner Garcia to have staff investigate the difficulty vehicles experience in exiting the parking lot (Between Fountain Ave & 15th Street) adjacent to the Monterey Credit Union.

Malcolm advised the Commission that the City has received two requests for red curbing and whatever other measures would be necessary to improve conditions for vehicles exiting the parking lot adjacent to the Monterey Credit Union onto 15th Street.

The Commissioner discussed the following issues:

1. Red curbing was requested on the east side of 15th Street in order to make left turns onto 15th Street easier. 15th Street at this location is one way northbound.
2. The parking lot is private and three large vans park at the east end and block a portion of the driveway.
3. The owner of the lot is charging these truck owners rates for parking in the lot and assigns parking spaces.
4. Could the driveway be widened on the north end to provide more room for egress?
5. Could the owner of the lot be approached in widening the driveway?

MOTION was made by Henry Leinen and seconded by David Terry to refer the matter to the City Attorney and request that his office investigate the situation and widening of the driveway in regards to encroachment law.

MOTION passed, AYES: Shayne, Leinen, Garcia & Terry NOES: Roehl

- C. Receive report from the Public Works Department and approve the conceptual parking plan for Rip Van Winkle Park.

This item was postponed at the March 11, 2008 meeting. It will be carried over to the April 8th meeting of the Traffic Commission.

8. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

The next meeting of the Traffic Commission will be on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, 4:00 PM at the Pacific Grove Police Conference Room, 580 Pine Avenue, Pacific Grove.

Malcolm Knisely
Staff Person

Darius Engles
Chief of Police