

City of Pacific Grove  
Traffic Commission  
**Minutes of Meeting – JANUARY 10, 2006**

Present: Shayne, Richards, Besag, Renz, Hardee, Fischer  
Staff: Miller, Uretsky, Verwold  
Absent: None

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

**The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Shayne at 4:03 pm.**

**1. Minutes of meeting held November 08, 2005:**

The minutes of the November 08, 2005 meeting of the Traffic commission were unavailable so their approval will be held over until the February 14, 2006 meeting.

**2. Commission Announcements:**

Chief Miller commented on the following:

Emergency Evacuation Plan - Chief Miller advised the Commission he had met with representatives of the City of Monterey Police Department and the Defense Language Institute regarding an evacuation route that could be used by residents of the City of Pacific Grove if an emergency required the evacuation of our residents. He reported that an agreement is on the table which would allow the use of the Pine Street access in the event of an emergency evacuation which would allow access through D.L.I to High Street in Monterey. This will involve using personnel to supervise vehicle routings as they exit through the base. A “run-through” of the plan is scheduled for February to determine the workability of the proposal.

**3. Oral Communications:**

None

**4. Correspondence:**

None.

**5. Old Business:**

A. Council Agenda Report –

Chief Miller reported that no regular Council meetings are scheduled in Jan 2006.

B. On-going monitoring of traffic conditions regarding sight distance, truck parking and construction activity at Jewell & Briggs Avenue where the new PG Senior Housing Project is located.

It was reported that the concerns regarding trucks and sight distance will be on-going until construction is complete. The Police Department will continue to monitor conditions as time and available personnel allow.

C. Presidio Boulevard Curve Signing

Mary Craft, of 1147 Presidio Blvd, made a presentation with a full size model of the curve signing recently installed on Presidio Boulevard. She thought the signs were too large (30"). She requested the signs be eliminated or relocated. She also requested that the markings be stenciled on the street in lieu of the signs.

A discussion followed regarding the various issues presented. Staff prepared a Traffic Summary indicating the current conditions. It was felt that the signing, and location was installed as per the uniform standards as developed by the State of California and the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Due to the sharp curve, parked vehicles and narrow width of the roadway the Commission felt the signs and location were appropriate. It was also felt that maybe the signs could be made smaller. Robert Verwold of Public works said making the signs smaller would not be a problem.

**MOTION was made by Sue Renz and seconded by George Shayne that the signing be made smaller and put back in the same location. MOTION passed unanimously.**

D. 16<sup>th</sup> Street mid-block crosswalk/handicapped space by Chautauqua Hall

Commissioner George Shayne reported that he personally observed the following three illegal vehicle turns made into/out-of the parking lot opposite Chautauqua Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> Street via the newly installed handicap ramp:

1. Illegal left turn
2. Illegal "U" turn
3. Illegal right turn

A discussion followed and it was decided that if another "wheel stop" was installed in the parking lot, it could restrict vehicular access and solve the concerns. It could be installed so as not to restrict handicap access.

**MOTION was made by John Fischer and seconded by Fred Hardee that another wheel stop be installed in the parking lot to restrict vehicular access to 16<sup>th</sup> Street. MOTION passed unanimously.**

## 6. New Business:

- A. Roger & Rochelle Dolan and Tom & Lori Rolander are requesting that a large commercial vehicle (Wilson's Plumbing) not be allowed to park in their residential neighborhood.

Two letters were received from the residents, as noted above; relating their concerns about a large Wilson's plumbing truck being parked in their neighborhood. Jan Roehl, a local resident on Granite Street explained the situation to the Commission regarding the situation. Some of the residents contacted Wilson Plumbing and the vehicle is no longer being parked in the area. Several other residents were present and they informed the Commission that Wilson Plumbing was very cooperative in solving this problem.

A discussion followed, and Jan Roehl presented a copy of an outdated Pacific Grove Ordinance prohibiting the parking of commercial vehicles in residential areas. It has been determined that this Ordinance is out of date and needs to be re-written and adopted by Council in order to be effective.

**MOTION was made by Fred Hardee and seconded by John Fischer that City Staff bring back to the Traffic Commission a revised Ordinance as it pertains to the parking of commercial vehicles in residential areas, that specifies among other things, vehicle weight, height and length. MOTION passed unanimously.**

- B. Jane Sullivan is requesting that the Traffic Commission address speeding problems on Forest Lodge Road.

A letter was received from Jane Sullivan expressing her concerns. She was present at the meeting and gave a brief history of the speeding concerns. Jane was a former member of the Commission during previous discussions. She thought traffic calming measures could be used, and that vehicular speeds are increasing.

A Traffic summary was prepared by Staff that noted existing conditions, and indicated the results of a recent speed survey. The current conditions of speed, volume of traffic, accident data and sight distance appear to be reasonably the same as data obtained several years ago in prior studies indicates. A discussion followed regarding traffic calming measures, funding available, enforcement capability and other possible means of addressing the issues.

**MOTION was made by Richard Richards and seconded by Fred Hardee that the City Police Department utilize the speed trailer on almost a daily basis and occasionally have Police Officers issue citations with the trailer. The City was also requested to determine if School signing was needed on Forest Lodge Road. MOTION passed unanimously.**

- C. Sean Reeves is requesting that the Traffic Commission address parking problems on Pine Avenue in front of Robert Down School.

Mr. Reeves has written a letter regarding his concerns and he presented those concerns to the Traffic Commission. He is particularly concerned with the double parking, parking in designated parking spaces and vehicles parking in the #2 Lane (lane closest to the parked vehicles). He stated the last time he checked, he counted 32 vehicles stopped in the #2 lane waiting to pick-up or drop-off students. Vehicles even park on the curve radius @ 12<sup>th</sup> and Spruce and block the crosswalk.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding: traffic history at the site, and various actions taken to address traffic concerns over the years. It was noted that these actions did not have any lasting effect.

Staff informed the Commission of a discussion recently held with the school principal and the school expressed a willingness to cooperate to help alleviate the concerns and problems. Several possible remedies were discussed and one alternative mentioned was to make the entire school frontage on Pine Street a loading zone ONLY. The only exception was to allow the existing bus loading zone to remain along with the handicap parking space. The Commissioners also inquired if school personnel could assist in directing traffic to properly utilize the loading zone. The Police Department will also be asked to maximize traffic enforcement during these periods. Also mentioned was the possibility of the School and the Police Department jointly preparing a letter to be sent home with students expressing our concerns regarding traffic conditions.

**MOTION was made by George Shayne and seconded by Richard Richards that City Staff start action to establish the loading zone on Pine Street and installing a red zone on the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> Ave and Spruce Street. MOTION passed:**

**AYES: Hardee, Richards, Besag, Renz, Shayne**  
**Noes: Fischer**  
**Abstain: None**

- D. City Manager, Jim Colangelo, is requesting the Traffic Commission review and offer recommendation for limiting Segways and other electric personal assistive mobility devices on the Rec Trail and possibly other locations.

It was decided to postpone this item until next month's meeting.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.**

The next meeting of the Traffic Commission will be on Tuesday, February 14, 2006, at the Pacific Grove Police Conference Room, 580 Pine Avenue, Pacific Grove.

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Staff Person

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Carl Miller  
Chief of Police