

City of Pacific Grove
Traffic Commission
Minutes of Meeting – MAY 9, 2006

Present: Shayne, Richards, Besag, Hardee, Fischer
Staff: Leiker, Uretsky
Absent: Renz

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 4:00 pm.

1. Minutes of meeting held April 11, 2006:

Frank Hardee pointed out two typographical errors in the May Minutes. Page two – Robert Down School not Robert Downs School and Page three – Benito Avenue not San Benito Avenue.

MOTION was made by Fred Hardee and seconded by John Fischer to approve the minutes as previously written except to include the two corrections. MOTION passed unanimously.

2. Commission Announcements:

None.

3. Oral Communications:

None

4. Correspondence:

None

5. Old Business:

A. Council Agenda Report –
No Traffic Commission issues

B. Sight distance problems at Jewell & Briggs Avenue – red curb and parking T painting by Public Works – Update by staff

In last months discussion it was decided that consideration be given to painting 4 parking spaces from 17th Street to the curve on the north side of Jewell and paint the remainder of the curb red from that last parking space westerly to the northeast corner of the intersection of Jewell Avenue and Briggs Avenue. The Commission moved that when this work and the work at the PG Senior Housing Project is completed that this item will be dropped from the Agenda.

Tom Uretsky suggested that he get together with Malcolm to develop a painting work order on Jewell Avenue and forward it to the Public Works Department for their action.

C. Commission to review Pacific Grove's Draft Ordinance regarding commercial vehicle parking in residential areas – Update by Staff

Malcolm reported that when he was researching the Pacific Grove Municipal Code he found a Section 16.40.570 entitled "Parking - Commercial Vehicles" which is exactly what ~~fit~~ **fits** our needs except that the description (Commercial vehicle) was not what we wanted (Commission wanted the CVC definition) and that the Section was for every street in Pacific Grove. So the Ordinance that was prepared by the City Attorney, just modified the existing Code with reference to the California Vehicle Code.

*Correction to 5C made at Traffic Commission meeting of 07/25/06 and indicated in **bold***

The Commission still desired that this Ordinance pertain to residential areas only, not the entire City.

MOTION was made by John Fischer and seconded by Fred Hardee to send the Ordinance back to the City Attorney for revision to include residential areas only. MOTION passed unanimously.

D. Robert H. Down Elementary School parking Ordinance on Pine Avenue Update – by Staff

Malcolm gave a brief description of the Ordinance and Tom Uretsky reported that it was on the City Councils Agenda for next Wednesday, May 17th.

E. Benito Avenue & Patterson Lane sight distance - Staff to give update.

Steve Leiker, Public Works Director reported on the following:

1. The vegetation on the Southwest corner has been trimmed but the parked vehicles still restrict sight distance.
2. The property owner on the northwest corner seems receptive to lowering the fence and trimming the bushes down to the required height.
3. The property owner on the northeast corner has done some trimming but he needs to do more.

F.. Ocean View Blvd. between 12th and 13th Streets – Staff to give update on curb painting & installation of parking T's.

It was reported that the modification to the painting of the red curbing has been completed.

G. Sunset Drive (Hwy 68) @ 19th Street – Staff to give update

As previously reported a letter was to be prepared and sent to CalTrans regarding the recent traffic fatality that occurred at the intersection of Sunset Drive (Rte 68) and 19th Street. The letter requests that CalTrans conduct the proper studies to determine if any other traffic control devices are warranted or needed at this location. The letter has been prepared and forwarded to the Mayor for his signature. Scheduled for the May 17th Council meeting.

New Business

- A. Letters have been received from Mr. Dean Germer, MD requesting that a "residential parking permit area" be installed on Ransford Avenue in the vicinity of Trader Joe's to alleviate the parking problems created by owners of vehicles that either shop or work @ Trader Joe's.

Mr. & Mrs. Germer were present at the Traffic Commission meeting along with several neighbors regarding the parking of vehicles along Ransford Avenue. They determined that the destination of the drivers of these vehicles was either Trader Joe's or Blockbuster. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the outcome of other meetings with the Traffic Commission regarding the same concerns of local residents. The discussion centered around the vacant lot with the access in the fence and what remedies if any were available.

The residents inquired about obtaining resident parking permits for vehicles parking in their immediate area. The Commission informed them that the City had previously developed a process for neighborhoods to follow regarding the establishment of residential permit parking. The Commission said the package was available and if they desired, they could pick up the papers and begin the process. When the paperwork was completed they could call Malcolm and he will place the item on the next meeting of the Traffic Commission.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

The next meeting of the Traffic Commission will be on June 13, 2006, at the Pacific Grove Police Conference Room, 580 Pine Avenue, Pacific Grove.

Malcolm Knisely
Staff Person

Carl Miller
Chief of Police