

City of Pacific Grove  
Traffic Safety Commission  
**Rip Van Winkle Community Park Open Space  
Minutes of February 13, 2009 Meeting**

Present: Leinen, Terry, Akeman, Travaille, March, Flesher & Cowan  
Staff: Chief Engles, Celia P. Martinez, & Malcolm Knisely  
Others: Council member Garcia, Bruce Obbink & Jan Roehl  
Absent: None

1. **The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Shayne at 4:02 pm.**

2. **Oral Communications:**  
None

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Election of a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson**

A discussion followed and Mark Travaille nominated David Terry as Chairperson and Henry Leinen as Vice Chairperson of this sub committee.

**MOTION was made by Lowell March and seconded by Mark Travaille that David Terry be the Chairperson and Henry Leinen be the Vice Chairperson of this Sub Committee of the Traffic Safety Commission.**

**MOTION passed Unanimously**

**B. Discuss Goals and Objectives of this Sub Committee**

A discussion took place regarding the name of this Committee as currently referenced as Rip Van Winkle Park Sub Committee. It was noted that the name listed on the website of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District is Rip Van Winkle Open Space. The members present also preferred that the name also contain reference to a Park. One of the options discussed was Rip Van Winkle Community Park - Open space.

The Committee then began discussions about the goals and objectives of this Committee and how they would pertain to the various parameters and restrictions that have been placed regarding the use of the Open Space. This included the parking of vehicles, access to the open space, who and what is allowed in the open space, how the foliage and trees are to be maintained and any other conditions that the Committee might not be aware of. Other topics were discussed that included fire access, parking situations, speed of vehicles on Congress Avenue and the current improvements that were made by Public Works.

In summary, this Committee has only one assignment and that is to recommend an alternative to the current parking situation in order to improve the safety for individuals using the park in regards to parking and access.

In order for this to happen, the Committee felt that the deed on the Open Space be available to them before making any recommendations in regards to parking, access, etc. Celia informed the Committee that this information will be available at the next meeting.

**C. Determine Dates and Times of Future Meetings**

The Committee decided to continue scheduling future meetings on Friday afternoon's beginning at 4:00 pm in the Pacific Grove Police Conference Room.

**4. Meeting ended at 4:50 pm.**

The next meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission's Sub Committee regarding Rip Van Winkle Open Space will be on Friday, February 20, 2009, 4:00 PM at the Pacific Grove Police Conference Room, 580 Pine Avenue, Pacific Grove.

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Malcolm Knisely  
Staff Person

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Darius Engles  
Chief of Police