

City of Pacific Grove  
Traffic Safety Commission  
**Minutes of Meeting – MAY 8, 2007**

Present: Shayne, Garcia, Hardee & Besag  
Staff: Verwold  
Others: none  
Absent: Leinen & two 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 April 10, 2007:**

**MOTION was made by Carmelita Garcia and seconded by Kathy Besag to approve the minutes as written. MOTION passed unanimously.**

**4. Commission and Staff Announcements:**

It was reported that Commissioner Henry Leinen had surgery and his absence is excused.

Malcolm Knisely, Traffic Engineer reported on the following:

1. CalTrans has reported that they will restripe Sunset Avenue from Forest Avenue to Congress Avenue beginning Monday May 14<sup>th</sup>. Project should take approximately 2 days.

2. CalTrans has completed the speed survey on Sunset Avenue (Hwy 68) from Asilomar Avenue to State Highway Route 1. The speed limits will all remain the same.

Commissioner Garcia inquired if the Traffic Commission will get involved in parking conditions in regards to the future tenants in the former Cinema complex building in downtown Pacific Grove? The conditions will probably include reconfiguring the rear parking lot in regards to layout, timed parking, truck loading areas and tenant parking. It was thought that the Traffic Commission would not get involved unless the item was specifically referred to the Commission for comment.

**5. Correspondence:  
None**

**6. OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Forrest Hill Manor Construction – Update by Staff  
Nothing to report at this time

B. Sunset Drive at 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Flashing Crosswalk – Update by Staff

Malcolm Knisely reported that the City Attorney told him to go ahead with preparations to accept the contribution of \$87,500 from the Pacific Grove Unified School District toward the installation of a flashing lighted crosswalk. The first step will be to take the contract between the School District and the City to the City

Council for its approval and the Mayor's signature regarding the City's acceptance of the funds. The City can then award a contract to a traffic engineering firm for the preparation of the construction documents.

C. Discuss a Request from Mr. Steve Kane – Update by Staff

The application for the street light modification at the intersection of Lighthouse Avenue and Jewell Avenue has been mailed to PG&E to change the street light from 70 watts hpsv to 400 watts hpsv and the arm length from 4 feet to 12 feet. Bob Verwold reported that all the pavement markings except the centerline have been repainted at the intersection of Lighthouse Avenue and Grove Acre Avenue.

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Discuss a request from Ms. Elizabeth Bathora – It concerns the installation of red curbing each side of the driveway located at 138 Monterey Avenue. Malcolm Knisely gave a summary of the attached report in which he stated that most properties that had previously requested red markings at their driveways were located on narrow streets with parking on both sides and some instances one side only and many streets were designated one way. Monterey Street at this location is 34' wide with parking on both sides and two through lanes. The driveway at 138 Monterey is barely 11' wide. Malcolm explained that this was not the typical narrow street that was associated with prior requests for red curbing at driveways.

A lengthy discussion followed with several Motions being made:

**MOTION was made by Fred Hardee and seconded by Carmelita Garcia that the installation of red curbs be denied. MOTION Failed, AYES: Garcia, Hardee & Shayne NOES: Besag**

**MOTION was made by Carmelita Garcia and seconded by Kathy Besag that the issue be tabled for one month and allow Malcolm to recheck the traffic and parking conditions. MOTION Failed, AYES: Garcia, Besag NOES: Hardee & Shayne**

**MOTION was made by George Shayne and seconded by Fred Hardee that the issue of red curbs be denied. MOTION Failed, AYES: Garcia, Hardee & Shayne NOES: Besag**

*NOTE: It should be noted that a majority of the Traffic Commissioners required to pass a motion is four (4) Commissioners regardless of how many Commissioners are present. In this instance only four Commissions were present therefore all four had to vote the same way. In the motions voted on above, all motions failed.*

**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, June 12, 2007, 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