

City of Pacific Grove
Traffic Safety Commission
Minutes of Meeting – FEBRUARY 12, 2008

Present: Shayne, Roehl, Terry, Garcia & Leinen
Staff: Chief Engles, & Commander Nyunt
Others: None
Absent: Kathy Besag & 1 vacant position

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 4:05 pm.**
2. **Oral Communications:**
None
3. **Minutes of meeting held January 08, 2008.**
MOTION was made by Henry Leinen and seconded by David Terry to approve the minutes as written. MOTION passed unanimously.
4. **Commission and Staff Announcements:**
Malcolm Knisely reported that he and Commissioner George Shayne attended a David Avenue and Prescott Avenue Traffic Solutions Meeting #1 at the Hilltop Park Center in Monterey on Thursday February 7th. The City of Monterey sponsored the meeting in conjunction with the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program. The purpose of the meeting was to solicit the concerns of residents in this neighborhood area with the idea of making improvements to traffic conditions on Davis Avenue and on Prescott Avenue. A handout was presented to the Traffic Commissioners summarizing the concerns as presented at the meeting.
5. **Correspondence:**
None
6. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. Forrest Hill Manor Construction – Update by Staff
No concerns were received.
 - B. Discuss a request to improve pedestrian safety on the streets surrounding the Gateway Center (Continued from previous meeting)
Due to the fact that a quorum would not be present because Commissioners Shayne and Garcia who live in close proximity to this area and are removing themselves from discussing and voting on this item, it was discussed whether this issue should be tabled until a future meeting. (NOTE: Until the existing two vacancies on the Commission are filled, it does not appear that this item will be resolved)

MOTION was made by Henry Leinen and seconded by Carmelita Garcia that this item be dropped from further consideration at this time.
MOTION passed unanimously.

- C. Crosswalk Awareness Month – The Commission will receive periodic updates as to Staff’s progress in developing plans for a “Crosswalk Awareness Month” to promote safety in our City. (Continued from previous meeting)

Chief Darius Engles presented a draft flyer that he prepared regarding “Pedestrian Safety” along with a draft memo to start the process to develop plans for the “Crosswalk Awareness Month”. Some of the ideas presented were to solicit funds from local service groups and available grants to help defray costs of pamphlets (approximately 5,000 copies), pedestrian signing, pavement markings and other related costs. The associated traffic enforcement would involve issuing warning situations the first half of the month and actual situations the remainder of the month and hopefully the enforcement will continue. It was decided to continue agendaizing this item in order that the Traffic Commission can be kept up to date of staff’s progress.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. A request was received from the ADA Committee to discuss compiling a sidewalk survey in Pacific Grove.

Commissioner Garcia reported that the ADA Committee is requesting the Traffic Commissioners assistance in compiling an inventory of all existing sidewalks within the City Limits of the City of Pacific Grove. Surveying the Downtown area is the first priority of the sidewalk survey.

MOTION was made by Henry Leinen and seconded by Jan Roehl that members of the City of Pacific Grove’s Traffic Commission support the ADA Committee’s proposal and will provide two Commissioners at this time to assist in the data gathering. MOTION passed unanimously.

- B. Discuss a request from the ADA Committee for the Traffic Commission to discuss the parking lot lighting at the golf course parking lot from dawn to dusk.

The Commission was informed that the golf course clubhouse facility will now be allowed to hold functions in the facility from dawn to dusk. It was noted that functions could now go until it gets dark. At the least it is assumed that some participants would be leaving after dark, finishing meals, cleaning up, etc. The Commissioners thought the lights are necessary for public safety. The Commission was informed that access to the lot is never chained or locked with gates, etc. after dark. The lot is also prewired for lights. Maybe fees could be attached for uses to the facility by private parties to help defray costs? Another thought was that if the lot was made totally secure before it gets dark, then it would appear to be OK not to have lights.

MOTION was made by Jan Roehl and seconded by Henry Leinen that the Traffic Commission supports the installation of lighting to provide public safety in the golf course parking lot. 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. (This was previously discussed at the March 13, 2007 meeting).

Malcolm gave a brief review of the prior request. At the March 13, 2007 meeting of the Commission, a discussion was held about vehicles running the stop signs and the Public Works Department offered to look at the intersection and freshen up the stop pavement markings and possibly install stop ahead signs. The Police Department also offered to provide additional enforcement as time and personnel

permitted. The pavement markings were repainted and enforcement was stepped up. The current request concerned that vehicles were still running the stop signs.

Malcolm stated that he has requested the Public Works Department to set two traffic counters on Stuart Avenue about 20 feet in advance of the Seaview Avenue intersection. These counters will measure speed of the vehicles and should indicate the extent of the "the running of the signs". It might also indicate the time of the occurrences. The Commissioners also asked if unoccupied patrol vehicles could be parked in the vicinity.

MOTION was made by Henry Leinen and seconded by Carmelita Garcia that this item be postponed until next month when the traffic counts will be available. MOTION passed unanimously.

- D. Traffic Commissioner Henry Leinen requested that the Sunset Drive bicycle lane be agendized in order that a discussion be held in regards to locating funds for a restriping of the bicycle lanes and pavement markings.

Commissioner Leinen has become aware that the bicycle lane striping and pavement markings need to be replaced on Ocean View Boulevard / Sunset Drive between Asilomar Avenue (near PG Golf Course) and Asilomar Avenue (at Asilomar Conference Center). The Commission was advised by the Public Works Department that funds are available for this restriping project and that the scheduling of the completion of this project is currently being formalized.

No further action is needed by the Traffic Commission.

- E. A request was received from Ms. Adele Negro, 206 Cypress Avenue, requesting a red curb be painted to the right of her driveway to allow sight distance to approaching vehicles.

Ms. Negro requested the red curb because as she exits her driveway and looks to her left toward Lighthouse Avenue, vehicles park up to her driveway which restricts her view to approaching southbound vehicles on Cypress Avenue. It was also noted by the Commissioners that parking "T"s exist on that portion of Cypress Avenue which controls the parking of vehicles to designated spaces.

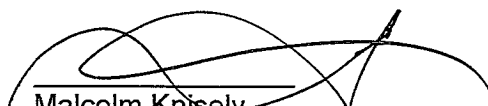
Staff and the Commissioner have noted that a lot of red zones exist in the City of Pacific Grove. There does not appear to be a standard length of red curbing for these situations.

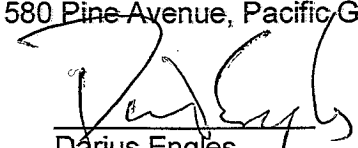
MOTION was made by David Terry and seconded by Jan Roehl to deny the request. MOTION passed unanimously.

The Commissioners requested staff to come back to next month's Traffic Commission meeting with recommendations as to the length and placement of red curbing in situations such as this.

8. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

The next meeting of the Traffic Commission will be on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, 4:00 PM at the Pacific Grove Police Conference Room, 580 Pine Avenue, Pacific Grove.


Malcolm Knisely
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Darius Engles
Chief of Police