

City of Pacific Grove  
Traffic Safety Commission  
**Minutes of – SPECIAL Meeting**  
**January 22, 2009**

Present: Shayne, Roehl, Terry, Elstob, Prock & Lewis  
Staff: Chief Engles, Commander John Nyunt, Celia P. Martinez, & Heidi Quinn  
Others: Jean Anton and Thom Akeman of the Beautification & Nat'l Resources Committee  
and Gretchen Flesher  
Absent: Commissioner Leinen

1. **The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Shayne at 4:30 pm.**

2. **Oral Communications:**  
None

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

The Traffic and Safety Commission was requested by the City of Pacific Grove's City Council to establish a sub committee to develop a parking plan for the Rip Van Winkle Open space off Congress Avenue.

It was requested that the sub committee be made up of a member of the Traffic & Safety Commission, the Beautification & Natural Resources Committee, the Community that visits Rip Van Winkle Park, and a representative that can address environmental concerns. Staff members will consist of the Traffic Engineer and a representative of the Public Works Department.

Celia of the Public Works Department gave a brief review of the current situation and the improvements that have been made to provide and maintain permanent access to the park for fire fighting equipment and personnel. Prior to the improvements visitors to the park have been parking in fire access lanes which caused safety concerns and blocked emergency access.

A brief discussion was held in regard to various restrictions placed on the City by the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, which included maintaining the unimproved condition of the forest by restricting any buildings, no cutting of trees, etc. Other topics discussed included possible parking at the Forest Grove School and to keep vehicles from driving into the park because the park was never intended to be opened to vehicles.

**MOTION was made by George Shayne and seconded by Tony Prock that Henry Leinen be the Traffic and Safety Commission's representative on the Rip Van Winkle Park sub committee with David Terry as the alternate member. It was further moved that the subcommittee, if it is possible, to present their report at the Commission's April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. MOTION passed unanimously.**

The Beautification and Natural Resources Committee will designate a member and an alternate member at it's meeting on Tuesday, Jan 27<sup>th</sup>.

Gretchen Flesher volunteered to represent the group that uses the Park.

Celia will request someone from Community Development to attend the meetings that has an environmental background.

Celia or a representative from Public Works will attend the meetings

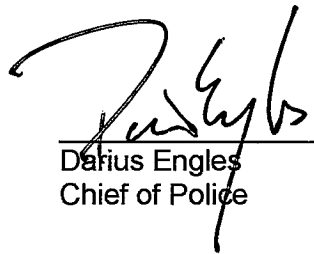
Malcolm Knisely, Traffic Engineer, will attend and also notice the meetings and make notes of the meetings.

**4. Meeting ended at 5:11 pm.**

The members will be advised of the time and day of the next meeting. The meetings of the sub committee will be held in the Pacific Grove Police Conference Room, 580 Pine Avenue, Pacific Grove. .



Malcolm Knisely  
Staff Person



Darius Engles  
Chief of Police