

City of Pacific Grove
Traffic Safety Commission
Minutes of – FEBRUARY 10, 2009

Present: Shayne, Roehl, Terry, Leinen, Elstob & Prock
Staff: Commander John Nyunt & Council Member Carmelita Garcia
Others: none
Absent: Commissioner Lewis

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 4:03 pm.**

2. **Oral Communications:**
None

3. **Minutes of meeting held January 13, 2009.**
MOTION was made by Jan Roehl and seconded by David Terry to approve the minutes as written. MOTION passed unanimously.

Minutes of Special Meeting held January 22, 2009

MOTION was made by Jan Roehl and seconded by David Terry to approve the minutes as written except as amended to include reference to the discussion regarding a resident be appointed to the Rip Van Winkle Park sub committee with a knowledge of environmental issues and that it not be a staff member. MOTION passed unanimously

4. **Commission and Staff Announcements:**

Malcolm reported that Staff wants to wait until the construction is finished at Forest Hill Manor before painting the curb white on the north side of Gibson Avenue with passenger loading on top of the curb. With additional parking being provided to residents of the facility, there may not be a need for this additional parking restriction.

Malcolm also reported that the City will now post the Agenda's of the Traffic Safety Commission on the City's web site prior to the meetings.

It was also reported that City staff has painted the curb red on David Avenue east of Ransford Avenue as recommended by the Commission.

Commissioners who attended the City's appreciation night on Feb 9th were pleased with the opportunity to attend and meet and talk with Council members and other attendees.

5. **Correspondence:**

Malcolm reported that he received a letter from Mr. Steve Honegger requesting that the issue of pedestrian safety on Jewell Avenue in the vicinity of the Sally Griffin Center be placed on the agenda of the Traffic Safety Commission for its next meeting.

The Commission was informed of the upcoming meeting on February 13th regarding the Sub Committee the Traffic Safety Commission regarding parking concerns at Rip Van Winkle Park. A copy of the meeting agenda was provided to the Commissioners for their information.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Forrest Hill Manor Construction – Update by Staff

Malcolm reported that because construction is nearly completed at the building site that this item will be dropped from future Commission agendas.

B. Sunset Drive & 19th Street Flashing Crosswalk – Update by Staff

Malcolm reported that the City had a pre construction meeting with the Contractor on Friday February the 6th and the construction work should begin soon.

C. Pedestrian Safety Assessment for the City of Pacific Grove – Update by Staff

Malcolm as reported last month that Staff is in the process of preparing the Agenda Report for submitting the final Pedestrian Safety Assessment to the City Council. They would like to get it to the Council in March; February's City Council calendar is already filled. Malcolm also noted that he shortened the PowerPoint presentation that was prepared by the Consultant's in the event it is used at the Council meeting.

D. Traffic & Safety Commission's Sub Committee regarding the development of a parking plan for Rip Van Winkle Park – Update by Staff

As noted above, the first meeting is scheduled for this Friday (Feb 13th), at 4:00 pm in the Pacific Grove Police Conference Room. . Malcolm discussed the makeup of the Committee and he will provide a list of members to the Commissioners. The meeting agenda will also be posted on the bulletin board at the Park site.

Commissioner Elstob reported that he has visited Rip Van Winkle Park and he noted that the level of agitation among the users present was very high. They dislike the recent improvements and changes to the availability of parking.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Commissioners to select a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Traffic Safety Commission for the year 2009.

Malcolm noted that the function of the Chairperson has been modified by previous discussions with City Staff to include the responsibility of the Chairperson or one of the other Commissioners to present significant actions (MOTIONS) of the Commission to the City Council at its meetings. This was suggested in order that the City Council be kept up to date on concerns and actions of the Traffic Safety Commission.

The Chairman then asked for nominations for Chairperson and Vice chairperson.

MOTION was made by Tony Prock and seconded by David Terry that George Shayne be elected Chairperson of the Traffic Safety Commission.

MOTION passed unanimously

MOTION was made by Dave Terry and seconded Winston Elstob that Henry Leinen be elected Vice Chairperson of the Traffic Safety Commission.

MOTION Passed unanimously

B. A request was received from Commissioner David Terry that red curbs be painted on Lighthouse Avenue at the intersections of 14th And 13th Streets to prevent vehicles from partially blocking handicap ramps.

Commissioner Terry requested this item be placed on the agenda because he noted that that existing handicapped ramps were not placed on the corners of the intersection but were located several feet from the intersection (southerly direction).

At these intersections the ramps in question are located on the southeast corners. This was done because of the location of the existence of storm drain inlets that prohibited ramps from being placed in the normal location. As a result of their placement, vehicles parallel parked on both 14th and 13th Streets in front of the ramp which blocks wheelchair access.

It was noted in the field reviews, after the item was placed on the agenda, that 13th Street is a one way street and is signed with No Parking signs on the side of the street that is being proposed for red curbing. Therefore the only street being proposed to have red curb installed is 14th Street.

**MOTIONS was made by David Terry and seconded by Henry Leinen to have the Traffic Engineer review the Southeast corner of Lighthouse Avenue and 14th Street and paint whatever he deems is appropriate.
MOTION passed unanimously**

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Malcolm Knisely
Staff Person

Darius Engles
Chief of Police