

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

Present: Shayne, Terry, Elstob & Lewis  
Staff: Commander John Nyunt, Council Member Carmelita Garcia & Malcolm Knisely  
Others: City residents with crosswalk concerns  
Absent: Commissioner's Leinen, Roehl & Prock

*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:**

Six (6) Pacific Grove residents attended the meeting because they have concerns about crosswalks on Central Avenue. They thought the issue was going to be discussed at today's meeting. Their concerns were in regards to the faded crosswalks on Central Avenue and when the City planned to repaint them. They were also concerned with vehicle speeds on Central Avenue. Malcolm explained that he had received a request to place the item on today's agenda but it had been received too late and will be placed on next month's agenda which will be on April 14th.

**3. Minutes of meeting held February 10, 2009.**

**MOTION was made by Winston Elstob and seconded by David Terry to approve the minutes as written. MOTION passed unanimously.**

**4. Commission and Staff Announcements:**

Commissioner Elstob spoke on the subject of pedestrian's and his concerns regarding their safety. He also noted all of the recent newspaper articles, especially letters pertaining to pedestrian safety. He would like to see agencies get together to support and promote safety programs in respect to pedestrians.

Chief Engles stated that talks are going on with various agencies in regards to a multidisciplinary task force for traffic enforcement. Darius also reported on a conference he attended which displayed various types of new devices that display vehicle speeds which could be effective in controlling speeds of vehicles.

**5. Correspondence:**

None

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Sunset Drive & 19<sup>th</sup> Street Flashing Crosswalk – Update by Staff**

Malcolm reported that construction work should begin probably within the week.

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

Malcolm stated that the Pedestrian Assessment will be presented to the City Council for their information in the near future.

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

Sub Committee:

Commissioner David Terry gave a brief report on the progress of the Rip Van Winkle Open Space Community Park Sub Committee. The Committee started with three (3) alternatives that they originally developed and the number of options is now narrowed down to one, alternative #2. It appears that the number of available parking spaces will be increased with the proposal. This will include the removal of several small trees and a large tree branch.

The Committee hopes to have the alternative finalized at the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Sub Committee.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. A request has been received from Mr. Steve Honegger regarding improving the safety for pedestrians on Jewell Avenue in the vicinity of the Sally Griffin Center.

Mr. Steve Honegger did not appear at this meeting to present his suggestions for improving conditions to make it safer for pedestrians to cross Jewell Avenue at this location. In addition, Celia Martinez of the Public Works Department would like to present the Public Works proposal for improving conditions for pedestrians at this location at next month's meeting.

For these reasons members of the Traffic Safety Commission agreed to continue this item to the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of this Commission.

- B. A request has been received from Carmelita Garcia to paint red curbing in front of the mailbox at 540 Evergreen Road.

Carmelita informed the Commission that the reason for her request was that some residents parked their vehicles in front of the mailbox across the street from her residence. Some of the vehicles have been observed being parked for periods of up to four days. The parked vehicles restrict her ability to back out of her driveway which is immediately opposite the mailbox area. For this reason she is requesting that the curb be painted red. One portion of the curb is AC dike and the other portion is concrete curb & gutter. The length of the red curb would probably be 15' to 20' feet.

The Commissioners discussed the issue and agreed to continue this item to the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting in order to allow time for the commissioners to revisit the site.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.**

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Malcolm Knisely  
Staff Person

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Darius Engles  
Chief of Police