

City of Pacific Grove
Traffic Safety Commission
Minutes of – March 9, 2010

Present: Shayne, Wagner, Prock, Elstob, Roehl, Leinen & Terry
Staff: Chief Darius Engles & Malcolm Knisely, Traffic Engr.
Others: Council Member Ken Cuneo, Ms. Inge Daumer
Absent: None

The Public Safety 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 4:15 pm.**
2. **Oral Communications:**
3. **Minutes of meeting held February 9, 2010.**

MOTION was made by David Terry and seconded by Tony Prock to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2010 meeting as written. MOTION passed unanimously.

4. **Commission and Staff Announcements:**

Malcolm Knisely presented an updated summary of vehicle accidents during the last five (5) years in the City of Pacific Grove. The summary includes the year 2009. Malcolm noted that the number accidents in 2009 were similar with previous years. It was also noted that accidents involving either pedestrians or bicycles with motor vehicles appeared lower than previous years. The one statistic that increased significantly was motor vehicle involvement with parked vehicles. Forty-five (45) percent of the accidents involved collisions with parked motor vehicles.

A Crossroads Intersection High Incidence Summary indicated that the intersection of Forest Avenue and Laurel Avenue had five collisions in the year 2009. This was the highest intersection in the City in regards accidents in 2009.

Commissioner Terry also commented that he received an automated phone call informing him of the Tsunami warning and advised residents to stay away from the beach areas. He was impressed and several others commented that they also received calls. Chief Engles also reported on the activities of the emergency warning system.

5. **Correspondence:**

None

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

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

Malcolm reported that he reviewed the improvement plan of the intersection of Lighthouse Avenue and Forest Avenue and the plan is getting ready to be submitted to the Public Safety Commission and then to the City Council. Malcolm also noted that he will be preparing the work order to relocate the yellow curb (loading zone) on the east side of Forest Avenue at the crosswalk between Grove Market and PG Florist. The yellow curb (loading zone) that exists on the south side of the crosswalk will be moved to north of the crosswalk. The red curb that

currently exists on the south side of the crosswalk will be extended southerly to include the first parking space (prior loading zone). This will allow pedestrians to get a better view of northbound traffic as they attempt to cross Forest Avenue. This situation is one of the improvements recommended in the Pedestrian Safety Assessment completed in November 2008.

B. Stuart Avenue Area – Traffic Calming Measures to Control Vehicle Speeds – Update by Staff

Malcolm reported that the recently purchased radar speed sign that was installed on Stuart Avenue east of Bishop Way was returned to the manufacturer for repairs. The battery was not holding a charge. The last radar check taken by the sign indicated that the 85th speed percentile was 22 mph. The ADT for eastbound traffic was 173 vehicles per day. In previous counts the ADT was 1789 vehicles per day. It appears that the unit was recording traffic on Forest Avenue (Rte 68). City staff have been adjusting the settings and it appears from the last count of 173 Veh/per day that we are pretty close to the actual volume.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. A letter was received from Ms. Jeanne Lilly requesting a stop sign be installed at the northeast corner of the intersection of Central Avenue and Grand Avenue.

Malcolm explained that a request was made to install a stop sign for westbound traffic on Central Avenue at the intersection with Grand Avenue. The reason was that westbound vehicles on Central Avenue east of Grand Avenue cannot see pedestrians on the southwest corner (Museum) of the intersection as they attempt to cross Central Avenue.

Malcolm reported that he has requested traffic counts from Public Works. A discussion then took place regarding various solutions. One suggestion was for the City to install one of the in-street pedestrian warning signs at the crosswalk such as the ones installed on Lighthouse Avenue. It was decided to carry this item over to next month in order that the Commissioner's can continue to monitor the intersection.

B. A request has been received from Ms. Inge Daumer requesting the installation of one way signs on Sloat Avenue at 1st Street.

Malcolm reported that he reviewed the location and that no signing is appropriate at Sloat Avenue and 1st Street. Signs are normally installed to prevent vehicles from entering a one way street in the wrong direction. In this instance the travel on Sloat Avenue is eastbound only toward Dewey Avenue and entering is traffic is going eastbound.

It was also noted in the discussion that residents are usually the ones that travel the wrong way to avoid having to go eastbound to Eardley Avenue, a longer route, to access Central Avenue.

Malcolm recommends that the Public Works Department paint four (4) arrows on the pavement in an easterly direction to advise motorists in lieu of adding more signs that are not required..

Commissioner Terry noted that when he reviewed the area he noted on the northwest corner of Sloat Ave and Dewey Ave a one way sign posted on top of another sign indicating Dewey Avenue was one way northbound from Sloat Ave to Ocean View Blvd. Dewey Avenue from Sloat Avenue to Ocean View Avenue is two way not one way as the sign suggests, the sign indicating one way northbound should be removed.

Commissioner Terry also noticed the absence of a stop sign for northbound traffic on Dewey Avenue at Ocean View Blvd. The City of Pacific Grove's Municipal Code specifies Ocean View Boulevard as a through street which requires that vehicles on all streets entering Ocean View Blvd must stop and this would include Dewey Avenue. It would appear that this stop sign was never installed.

The Traffic Engineer recommends that the one way sign at the northeast Corner of Sloat Avenue and Dewey Avenue be removed and that a stop sign be installed for northbound traffic at Ocean View Boulevard. As noted above the Traffic Engineer recommends that four white one way arrows be painted on Sloat Avenue between First Avenue and Dewey Avenue.

MOTION was made by Henry Leinen and seconded by Jan Roehl that the recommendations of the Traffic Engineer be approved that include the painting of four (4) white arrows on Sloat Avenue, removing the one way sign on the northeast corner of Sloat Ave and Dewey Avenue and installing the stop sign on Dewey Ave at Ocean View Blvd.

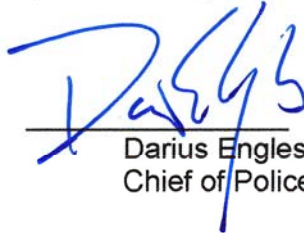
**MOTION Passed: Ayes: Shayne, Leinen, Wagner, Terry, Roehl & Prock
Noes: Elstob**

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.



Malcolm Knisely
Traffic Engineer



Darius Engles
Chief of Police