

City of Pacific Grove
Traffic Safety Commission
Minutes of – May 11, 2010

Present: Commissioners Shayne, Prock, Elstob, Roehl, Wagner, Leinen & Terry
Staff: Malcolm Knisely, Traffic Engineer
Others: Cameron Douglas
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 4:00 pm.

2. Oral Communications:
None

3. Minutes of the regular meeting held April 13, 2010.

Commissioner Jan Roehl wanted the minutes changed under Correspondence to indicate that it has been heard that the portion of funding in the Air Pollution Control District Grant program being used for bicycle lane improvements might be cut off because bicycle routes are not being used by bicyclists to the extent they should be. It was noted that the Grant Program will continue to fund other areas.

MOTION was made by Winston Elstob and seconded by Tony Prock to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 13, 2010 as written except as amended to indicate that the Air Pollution Control District Grant program will continue to fund other areas. MOTION passed unanimously.

4. Commission and Staff Announcements:

Commissioner Winston Elstob inquired as to why the Traffic Safety Commission did not have an opportunity to discuss the proposed relocation of the Farmers Market from Lighthouse Avenue to Central Avenue and the impacts that would be created by diverting traffic from Central Avenue to other City streets. The proposed closure made no reference to traffic safety in the City Council Agenda package on the May 19th 2010 Agenda.

Malcolm reported that Central Avenue has been restriped with a double yellow center line from Fountain Avenue westerly to Forest Avenue. Malcolm also reviewed the recent traffic counts and vehicle turning movements on Central Avenue and Grand Avenue. A concern was raised that if portions of Central Avenue and Grand Avenue were closed, where and how would the traffic be diverted to other streets? Traffic counts have indicated that the majority of traffic in the afternoon use Central Avenue in returning to Pacific Grove. In the morning more traffic utilizes Lighthouse Avenue to leave Pacific Grove.

5. Correspondence

None

6. OLD BUSINESS

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

The Commissioners inquired when the work was going to begin at the intersection of Lighthouse Avenue and Forest Avenue to improve conditions for pedestrians. Malcolm reported that the plan for this intersection is being completed. Some thought exists among staff that maybe the City can find the funds to accomplish the other two intersections at the same time. These intersections are Lighthouse Avenue at Fountain Avenue and Lighthouse Avenue at Congress Avenue. Inasmuch as Public Works or Police Department Staff were not present at this meeting we do not have an answer to this question.

B. Continue discussion on the reorganization and duties of the Public Safety Commission.

Malcolm reported that he was informed that the City Council had not approved the proposed renaming of the Traffic Safety Commission to the Public Safety Commission. For the present time the Traffic Safety Commission would retain its present name and there would be no change in the duties of the Commission.

C. Continue discussion of TAMC's New 2010 Monterey County Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan as it pertains to the City of Pacific Grove – Update by Staff

Commissioner Leinen reported that the Air Quality Control Board has provided funds for improving air quality. This money will be available to local agencies in this area and will be distributed through TAMC. The Commissioners discussed the various construction projects ongoing in our City. The Commissioners have noted that some projects involve sidewalks, curb & gutters and handicap ramps. Many of these projects involve making conditions safer for pedestrians. Commissioner Roehl also noted that TAMC has funds available for "shovel ready" projects.

The Commissioners talked about various funding measures, and Malcolm explained what "shovel ready" implied. The City would have to hire a consultant to prepare the Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PS&E) and pay the Consultant. So when the City receives notice that they received funds for the project, all the City has to do is advertise the project, award the bid and begin construction.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Commissioner George Shayne requested the Commissioners look at the current loading zone on Lighthouse Avenue, east of 17th Street, in front of 614 Lighthouse Avenue.

Malcolm reported that he received this request from Commissioner George Shayne. George suggested removing the yellow loading zone and painting two (2) additional parallel parking spaces in this area. George recalled that there was a former copy business at 412 Lighthouse Avenue. It seems there were many large mail trucks picking up and dropping off at this store

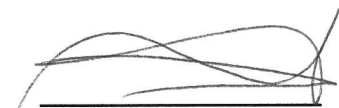
at various times of the day. It should also be noted that this is the only yellow loading zone that was observed on Lighthouse Avenue between Congress Avenue and 13th Street.

It is recommended by the Traffic Safety Commission that City Staff remove the existing loading on the north side of Lighthouse Avenue east of 17th Street and paint two (2) additional parallel parking spaces.

MOTION was made by Henry Leinen and seconded by David Terry to approve the recommendation of Staff to remove the loading zone and paint an additional two (2) parallel parking spaces. MOTION passed unanimously.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.



Malcolm Knisely
Traffic Engineer



Darius Engles
Chief of Police