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## **Meeting Minutes of the February 9, 2016**

### ***TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION***

**DATE & TIME:** February 9, 2016: 4:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** PACIFIC GROVE POLICE CONFERENCE ROOM - 580 PINE AVENUE

#### **MEETING AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm.  
Commissioners present: Shayne, Prock, Petersen, Kubica.  
Commissioners absent: Terry, Tope

Others present: Interim Chief of Police Steve Belcher, Commander Lakind, PG Councilman Ken Cuneo, Traffic Engineer Silva, Public Works Director Daniel Gho

- 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Prock and seconded by Commissioner Petersen. Vote to approve was unanimous.

#### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**A. Written Communications. None**

- B. Oral Communications:** 1.) Mr. Vince Tuminello from 17<sup>th</sup> Street, came in to discuss recent traffic deaths in PG (Forest/Pine), that there's no white lines on Forest and Lighthouse, that there is a lack of courtesy to bicyclists and pedestrians from drivers on Lighthouse (drivers going too fast) by Pier One, and that the speed limit is 25mph in front of the Post Office on Lighthouse. 2.) Mr. Don Nance advised that he has a petition signed by 50 people changing Pine to a 2-lane street. These items were moved to discussion at next month's agenda.

#### **4. COMMISSIONER AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Announcements**

1. Dan Gho, Public Works Director, advised that the speed surveys had their first readings at the City Council meeting and were accepted; he also advised that the work on Central Avenue should be done in the next two weeks, then the landscape will go in.

2. Councilman Cuneo advised the following: 1.) gave an update on the Hiway 68 Roundabout. He said it will be a long, difficult process and all should be patient, 2.) on April 19, PG will have a special election for Measure X regarding Project Bella, and 3.) it's dangerous when pedestrians use headphones – this should be discussed at all pedestrian safety talks.

**B. Staff and Commissioner's meeting attendance of interest to this Commission**

1. Commissioner Petersen attended the TAMC Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee meeting on February 3, 2016. She handed out an updated status of the PG Highway 68 Corridor Study that is currently in progress.

**C. Ex-Parte Meetings and Communications**

1. None.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings**

Commissioner Prock made a motion to approve the minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission Meeting of January 12, 2016. This was seconded by Commissioner Petersen and approved by unanimous vote.

**B. Approval of Minutes of Other Meetings, etc.**

1. None.

**6. REGULAR AGENDA:**

**A. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

1. None.

**B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. None.

**C. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Nominate and select Traffic Safety Commission Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2016 (February 2016 – January 2017). Nominate and select Secretary for 2016, or continue the monthly Commissioner rotation for minutes preparation.

**Comm Petersen nominated and Comm Prock seconded, Commissioner Shayne for TSC Chair. Vote was unanimous. Comm Petersen nominated and Comm Kubica seconded Comm Prock as Vice-Chair. Vote was unanimous. Comm Prock nominated and Comm Shayne seconded, Comm Petersen for Secretary. Vote was unanimous.**

2. Mr. Fred Hardee would like to discuss traffic safety concerns on Pine Avenue, including the intersection with Congress Avenue (his office is at that intersection).

**Mr. Fred Hardee attended the meeting to discuss the intersection of Pine and Congress. Mr. Hardee's office is located on the 675 Pine Suite 2 at Pine/Congress. He also, distributed a hand drawn map of the intersection that depicted proposed a 4-way stop and ladder crosswalks. Additional discussion and support came from Dr. Arlen Lackey, who's office is also, at 675 Pine St. (the Lackey Dental Building at the same NW corner of Pine/Congress); Wendy Burkes, retired Police Sergeant, who works with Mr. Hardee; Oliver, a student who rides his bike back/forth to school on Congress and Pine; and Mr. Vince Tuminello, who validated the information provided by the others.**

**After much discussion, Comm Petersen made a motion to initiate improvements by TE Silva and City of PG PW Director Mr. Gho : 1.) Trim the trees up/down Pine for better visibility, 2.) Extend the red paint on the curbs as needed, 3.) Have Mr. Gho send a report regarding Capital Improvements to TSC Chair Shayne as it has some good suggestions for review of this issue, 4.) Mr. Gho will also submit to the TSC some alternative options, 5.) Add to current stop signs: 'Cross traffic does not stop'- this will be done in April per Mr. Silva, 6.) Chief Belcher will review/increase enforcement and education of this intersection and advise. This motion was seconded by Comm Prock. Comm Kubica advised that he is in favor of a 4-way stop at this intersection.**

3. Mr. John Costandi of 231 Park Street has requested a handicapped parking space at that location. He was present at the January meeting and initiated the request during public comments. The January agenda was modified to add this request as item 6.C.2. A staff report has been prepared which will be provided separately due to its size.

**Mr. Costandi of 231 Park St, came to TSC to ask if the curb in front of his home could be painted blue and made into a Handicapped parking place. TSC advised that while we cannot paint a blue handicapped curb there, we can recommend that City Council approve the one parking space in front of his home to be Permit Parking. Mr. Costandi advised that he is willing to pay for the Parking Permit sign as well as for the permitted parking. Comm Petersen made a motion to send this recommendation to the PG City Council for approval, it was seconded by Comm Prock, with Comm Kubica dissenting. It passed by majority vote as advised by Councilman Cuneo.**

4. Ms. Caron Pearce is requesting a blinking yellow light, additional lighting and/or in-ground crosswalk lighting crossing David Avenue at the Savemart location. This particular location is a mid-block crosswalk, with no nearby stop signs in either direction. The area is also dimly lit at night. **After discussion, it was moved by Comm Prock to deny this request and was seconded by Comm Kubica. The vote was unanimous.**

5. The staff report which discusses the truck routes within the city was presented. The signs which define these truck routes have several gaps as defined

in the Municipal Code. T.E. Silva distributed a map of the PG truck routes as well as the City of Monterey Truck Route, along with Municipal Code Chapter 16.56.100, Truck Routes. He advised that the signed truck routes were missing two spots and requested direction from TSC to fix the missing gaps. Comm Petersen made a motion to make a recommendation to the PG City Council, to modify the Municipal Code to match the truck routes' signing. Comm Kubica seconded. This motion carried unanimously.

6. The table of high accident street intersections for the last five years was presented. Traffic Engineer Silva presented the 'City of PG, High Accident Intersections of 2015' to the TSC. He advised that he updates this each year for review and discussion. No action necessary.

**D. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES:**

1. Monthly status reports (as available)
  - a. Traffic Safety Commission 2016 Work Plan and Priority List.
    - Public Works Director Gho advised that we can remove the last two crosswalk improvement projects on this list: Central Ave @ Eardley Avenue and Dewey Avenue @ Central Avenue. These are currently in progress.

7. **ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.**

Respectfully Submitted:

  
George R. Shayne, Chairman Approved by Commission 4/12/2016

  
City Staff Date 4/18/2016