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Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2016

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

DATE & TIME: April 12, 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, Terry
Commissioners absent: Tope

Others present: Interim Chief of Police Steve Belcher, PG Councilman Ken Cuneo, Councilman Bill Peake, Traffic Engineer Silva, Public Works Director Daniel Gho, Vince Tumminello, Wendy Marrow, Heather Grant, Jim Colbert, Peter Skinner, Principal Roggeman, Mark Stotzer

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

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

A. Written Communications: None

B. Oral Communications: 1.) Vince Tuminello advised a.) his concern for pedestrian safety at intersection of Forest and Spruce, and b.) the terrible condition of Hiway 68 – Public Works Director Gho advised all citizens put a work ticket in at the CalTrans San Luis Obispo website; 2.) Wendy Marrow, whose mom lives at 19th/Jewell, is concerned about RV parking there- she was advised that this is an agenda item; 3.) Jim Colbert asked about a petition with 50 signatures regarding adding bike lanes to Pine Ave- he was advised that this will be added to the May agenda; 4.) Councilman Peake advised that the proprietors of DiMaggio's Cleaners are concerned with people parking so close to their driveway that they are unable to see cars coming as they are leaving their premises. He also, said that a lot of illegal u-turns are made in front of their business. Also, a safety issue of kids crossing at a cross street- he will get back to us with the

intersection; 5.) Councilman Cuneo reminded everyone to vote on April 19th and of the Volunteer Reception taking place that night. 6.) Mark Stotzer brought up closing the intersection of Marino Pines/Walnut, south of Maple- he was advised that this would be added to the May agenda.

4. COMMISSIONER AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

1. Commissioner Petersen attended the TAMC Bicycle and Pedestrian meeting on April 6, 2016. No update.

B. Ex-Parte Meetings and Communications

1. None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

Minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission Meeting of February 8, 2016.

Minutes were prepared by: **Commissioner Petersen**

Recommended Action: Approve Minutes: **Moved by Commissioner Prock and seconded by Commissioner Kubeca**

B. Approval of Minutes of Other Meetings, etc.

None.

6. REGULAR AGENDA:

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. None.

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. None.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. The status of the Highway 68 Corridor Study to be presented. In conjunction with CalTrans, Pacific Grove, and TAMC, Ariana Green (TAMC) presented the First Draft Conceptual Designs that showed several alternatives along the corridor that included intersections and road improvement configurations. The intersections reviewed were Forest/Piedmont, Forest/Prescott, Sunset/Congress, and Sunset/17 Mile Drive. These first drafts were based on community input from 1.) an online survey, 2.) an interactive map on which people could post comments, 3.) Stakeholder luncheon, 4.) a public workshop. These concepts are also, being presented for comments to the public at two workshops on April 19th in PG. These can also be reviewed as part of a brief survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/PGhwy68ideas which will be open through May 2, 2016. They can be also, picked up at Pacific Grove City Hall. The project website is www.PGhwy68.org to get the latest news. Ariana's email address is ariana@tamcmonterey.org for questions or comments.

2. Mr. Paul Marko of 304 Fountain Avenue is requesting unrestricted parking on Laurel Avenue between Grand and Fountain and/or parking permits on Fountain between Pine and Laurel. This request is made due to the addition of eight apartment units at 302 Fountain, which will add additional parked cars to the area. **Heather Gregg appeared to present her concerns for parking places to accommodate the 8 new apartments that will be renovated at Laurel/Fountain. Renovation will begin in September . It has already She suggested some parking options: 1.) have open parking on the stretch of Laurel from Grand to Foutain, and 2.) parking permits on Fountain. Safety in that area for children is also a concern. She questioned why the #2 bus was recently changed to come down Fountain Ave (which is a very narrow street) instead of no longer going down Grand Ave? Traffic Engineer Silva confirmed the MST change of route about a year ago and advised that we do have a parking permit process, the request can be made with the TSC, who can then make a recommendation to the City Council. Councilman Cuneo advised that Councilman Miller is our MST contact. Commissioner Shayne asked that staff look at this and bring back suggestions. Heather advised that this has been approved by the ARB and that Laurel has been assigned this project. Director Gho advised that he will review this with Laurel. It's too early in the procss for the TSC to be involved but we appreciated the heads up on this and will watch for it at a future date.**

3. Frances Journak is requesting that the parking on 18th Street between Laurel and Lighthouse be looked at due to multiple commercial users: Gosby House hotel guests, short-term rental users, long-term rental users; as well as residents. A copy of the email text is attached. The parking on one side of 18th is not allowed due to the street width, and it one-way in the northerly direction. Parking tees were recently added near Lighthouse to clearly mark individual spaces and delineate the driveways. **Ms. Journak was not present for discussion. This was discussed by the commission and moved by Commissioner Terry as No Action to be taken by the TSC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Prock. It was so moved by unanimous vote.**

4. Mr. Jeff Lewis of the Workman Place cul-de-sac is having a tough time navigating the circle due to parked cars. He is requesting 'No Parking' signs to be installed so that delivery and garbage trucks can navigate the circle. **Mr. Lewis was not in attendance. This was discussed by the commission and moved by Commissioner Prock to deny the request for No Parking signs at the end of Workman Place. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry. It was so moved by unanimous vote.**

5. Mr. Rich Kovatch is requesting that where Lighthouse Avenue ends at Asilomar Boulevard, there should be some form of traffic control, such as a yield or stop. Currently, there are left and right-hand turn lanes marked with no other signed controls. **Traffic Engineer Silva advised that it is required to come to a stop at a T intersection – which this is. Also, that there had been 2 accidents here in the past 5 years (neither one at the T), that it was re-striped/ refreshed last year, that it is a low volume intersection, and lastly that the speed at that segment was lowered to 25mph on 3/19/16. This was discussed**

by the commission and moved by Commissioner Prock to deny this request—no further action is required. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry. It was so moved by unanimous vote. Public Works Director Gho said that he would have the trees trimmed at the cemetery corner for better visibility.

6. In an anonymous email to the Police Department, a resident reported that she would like the 72-hour law for parking shortened for the area by her family's house by Caledonia Park. She is upset that two RVs are blocking the view and making it difficult to drive through the area. They do move the vehicles every 72 hours but would like the area to be reconsidered for shorter term parking. She also believes that garbage trucks have a tough time navigating the street around the park. Wendy Marrow was here to discuss this issue. She brought pictures and said that she's concerned for the safety of children and seniors. These RVs are being stored there, are not vacationers. These RVs take up 4 parking spaces so seniors have to walk farther to get to lunch at Sally Griffin's. Also, as children are playing at Caledonia Park, visibility is less due to the Airstream, if they try to cross Caledonia, it creates a possible safety issue. Chief Belcher said he gets calls on these everyday. Comm Shayne suggested a possible red zone in that space? This is a problem all over town. Traffic Engineer Silva will review the neighborhood and get back to the commission to advise of his findings – seems to be an enforcement issue. Commissioner Prock moved that we forward this issue to TE Silva for review. It was seconded by Commissioner Terry, and passed unanimously.

7. Principal Buck Roggeman of Forest Grove Elementary School would like to have the Commission consider putting up 'no overnight parking' signs around streets of the different schools. Principal Roggeman was in attendance to ask if we could give PGPD more authority to cite vehicles parked adjacent to schools and to not allow overnight parking next to the schools. Is it possible to add this for all schools? Commissioner Shayne asked if it might be possible to bring in homeland security for a grant? TE Silva advised his only opportunities would be to designate parking/no parking – can sign and mark for all times – but would not do that. Can the Commission propose something – this is beyond the scope of our traffic engineer. He recommends that we do a study, identify issues/needs, draft ordinance for community to review and make a recommendation to council. Bring in consulting engineer, This is a significant effort and would be a good idea that would provide the PGPD the enforcement tools they would need. Council Cuneo advised that this would be good to do for all the schools and to do the following; make sure it's coordinated with the school district and all are in agreement, put together and send a well-thought out package to City Council for review. Commissioner Shayne suggested we establish task force/sub-committee for a starting point. Principal Roggeman said he will bring this up with school administrators and that he would be willing to be our point of contact. We will defer to next meeting to establish a sub-committee. If possible, Principal Roggeman will provide additional information prior to next meeting.

8. Mr. Peter Skinner is requesting to discuss the addition of secure bike parking within the city. He would like to present the feasibility of the concept to the Commission. Mr. Skinner became aware of the PG bicycle parking issue when he first moved to PG a few months ago. He heard about the grant program through TAMC. He was put in touch with Caleb Schneider to create the grant that awarded bicycle parking at Lovers Point, for which we are all grateful. He presented the Commission with handouts of suggestions for possible bicycle parking downtown. Mr. Skinner would like to create some type of bicycle parking in PG without cost to the City or the public. He is asking the commission for feedback. Public Works Director Gho advised that there would be funding for this going forward but the best next step would be to take this to the Chamber of Commerce and speak with Moe Ammar. Director Gho also suggested he speak with Virginia Murillo at TAMC. Mr. Skinner said he would follow up with them.

D. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES:

1. Monthly status reports (as available)
 - a. Traffic Safety Commission 2016 Work Plan and Priority List. A recent copy of the 2016 Work Plan and Priority List is attached as a reference.

7. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm

Respectfully Submitted: Commissioner Linda Petersen

George R. Shayne Approved by Commission 5/11/2016
George R. Shayne, Chairman

STEVE BELTER Date: 5-12-2016
City Staff