



CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE
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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Written Communications.

B. Oral Communications (*Comments from the audience will not receive Traffic Safety Commission action at this meeting. Comments must deal with matters subject to the jurisdiction of the Traffic Commission and will be limited to three minutes. Whenever possible, letters should be submitted to the Commission in advance of the meeting.*)

4. COMMISSIONER AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Announcements

1. Minutes for this meeting are scheduled to be prepared by Commissioner Petersen.

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

1. Reports from any relevant meetings that occurred between February 8, 2016 and April 12, 2016.

C. Ex-Parte Meetings and Communications

1. Meetings attended during this time-frame, if applicable.

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

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. The status of the Highway 68 Corridor Study will be presented by Niko Letunic. **Reference: Public Works Director Gho** **Recommended Action: Discuss and Take Appropriate Action as Necessary**

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. A copy of the request from one of the nearby residents is attached. **Reference: Commander Lakind. Recommended Action: Discuss and take appropriate action as necessary.**

3. Frances Jurnak 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. **Reference: Commander Lakind. Recommended Action: Discuss and take appropriate action as necessary.**

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. **Reference: Commander Lakind. Recommended Action: Discuss and take appropriate action as necessary.**

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. A copy of the email text is attached. **Reference: Commander**

Lakind. Recommended Action: Discuss and take appropriate action as necessary.

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. **Reference: Commander Lakind. Recommended Action: Discuss and take appropriate action as necessary.**

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. **Reference: Commander Lakind. Recommended Action: Discuss and take appropriate action as necessary.**

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. **Reference: Commander Lakind. Recommended Action: Discuss and take appropriate action as necessary.**

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

This meeting is open to the public and all interested persons are welcome to attend. The City of Pacific Grove does not discriminate against individuals with disabilities and meetings are held in accessible facilities.

ITEM 5.A



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Meeting Minutes of the February 9, 2016 Regular Meeting

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 17th Street, came in to discuss recent traffic deaths in PG (Forest/Pine), that there are 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 (actually it is 15mph starting at Lobos Avenue) 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.

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 landscaping will go in.

2. Councilman Cuneo advised the following: 1.) gave an update on the Highway 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 is 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.

Commissioner Petersen nominated and Commissioner Prock seconded, Commissioner Shayne for TSC Chair. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Petersen nominated and Commissioner Kubica seconded Commissioner Prock as Vice-Chair. Vote was unanimous. Commissioner

Prock nominated and Commissioner Shayne seconded, Commissioner Petersen for Secretary. Vote was unanimous.

2. Mr. Fred Hardee discussed 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 Sargeant, 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, Commissioner 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 Chairman 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 Commissioner Prock. Commissioner 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 Street 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. Commissioner Petersen made a motion to send this recommendation to the PG City Council for approval, it was seconded by Commissioner Prock, with Commissioner 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 Commissioner Prock to deny this request and was seconded by Commissioner 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.

Commissioner Petersen made a motion to make a recommendation to the PG City Council, to modify the Municipal Code to match the truck routes' signing. Commissioner 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. A recent copy of the 2016 Work Plan and Priority List is attached as a reference.

- 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.

ITEM 6.C.2

To: Pacific Grove Traffic Commission
From: Carolyn Hill and Eric Kawashima
308 Fountain Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950
Re: 300 block of Fountain Ave between Laurel and Pine
Date: April 6, 2016
Dear Members of the Pacific Grove Traffic Commission:

We are currently traveling outside the country, therefore unable to attend the meeting scheduled for April 12, 2016. We kindly request that this letter be made part of the official record for the meeting.

It is our understanding that a mixed use property, located on Laurel between Fountain and Grand, was recently approved to undergo significant renovations. The renovations will result in a total of 8 apartments and retail space. We are concerned about the additional traffic congestion on Fountain Ave from the new residents and share the concerns our neighbors Paul Marko and Heather Gregg. More specifically:

We are fortunate in that our house has a driveway and off-street parking. However, 8 new apartments in the neighborhood could result in upwards of 16 cars and will present a considerable increase in traffic and demand for parking on Fountain Ave, an already congested street.

There is currently unrestricted parking in the 300 block of Fountain Avenue between Laurel and Pine. The existing 16 unrestricted parking on spaces on Fountain are already in high demand by residents, the daycare center and church at top of the street, teachers and parents going to Robert Down School, and individuals who work on Grand, Forest and Lighthouse where parking is restricted. There is also considerable foot traffic on Fountain including children walking to and from school and parents taking infants and toddlers to daycare. In addition, the number 2 bus now goes both up and down the street. We are concerned that the increased traffic and additional demand for parking from the new apartments will increase the hazards to toddlers, school children and residents on a block already congested with traffic. (I personally saw one accident last fall involving a mother taking her infant to daycare and was told of 2 other accidents).

We kindly ask that Traffic Commission consider making the following changes to The 300 block of Fountain Avenue:

1. Move the number 2 bus route to Grand Avenue which is wider and less busy than Fountain Avenue.
2. Install additional signage indicating children in the area.
3. Paint speed limit and/or cautions directly on pavement where it is clearly visible to drivers.
4. Consider installing a speed bump at top of hill to slow traffic near day care and school.
5. Issue parking permits for residents of Fountain Ave, limiting parking spaces available to non-residents to reduce traffic congestion.

6. Make parking unrestricted on Laurel between Grand and Fountain freeing up spaces near entrance to the new apartments.

We thank you for your time and consideration and appreciate having the opportunity to express our concerns. Please contact us if you have any questions or need further clarification on any of the points raised.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Hill and Eric Kawashima

ITEM 6.C.3

Mr. Lakind,

One of the city council members suggested I e-mail you regarding the parking situation on 18th street, PG. I am an owner/renter on 18th street. I am unable to attend the special meeting tonight, but wanted my voice heard. Parking is a problem on 18th street but it is not caused by short term rentals, but rather by the lack of private parking for Gosby House Inn guests. The parking problem is not caused by renters at all. If I am not renting my house, then I use a parking space on the street, so the net change in parking space availability is zero. If the people want to increase parking spaces on the street, it is better to allow weekend renters, who don't require parking spaces during the week. Longer term renters require space all week long. But perhaps a fairer way to resolve the parking problems, is to issue one free parking permit for each household on the street, to be used as they see fit. If a household wants more than one parking permit, then charge money for extra parking permits, including those for the Gosby House Inn guests. Also, in many cities, parking in entire neighborhoods is limited to only the residents of the area, with properly marked signs. I have noticed a decrease in the available parking on 18th street when PG decreased the parking time limits on Lighthouse Ave, thus causing more people to seek longer term parking elsewhere, i.e. on the side streets. Whatever the solution, limiting short term rentals is definitely not the solution to the parking problem. Moreover, as I state in my e-mail below, limiting short term rentals would impact the economy of PG because short term renters patronize the businesses of PG more than longer term renters. I am posting the e-mail that I sent below:

Fran Jurnak

City Council Members,

I am a PG home owner, who also rents the property from time to time. I am unable to attend the next meeting on March 24, 2016 but I want my voice to be heard.

1. My property is in a high density rental area. Restricting the rental to a specific period of time

does not affect the major problem that occurs on 18th Street, specifically in regards to parking. There is not enough parking on 18th Street to accommodate one car per household on 18th Street, primarily because the off street public parking is used by the Gosby House Inn guests. Gosby House does not provide private parking as some B&Bs do. If my property is not being rented and taking up one public parking space, I would be living at the house, taking up one public parking space. The parking space situation is the same whether I am renting for 2 nights, 150 nights, or living there myself. Thus there is nothing to be gained in terms of parking spaces by limiting the rental period.

2. I would like to make it very clear that the renters of my property, particularly the weekend or week-long visitors, contribute much to the economy of Pacific Grove. We have noticed that the shorter-term renters (7- days or less) rarely use the kitchen and other home facilities, so they must be eating out a lot or spending time away from the property. In contrast to the short-term renters, the month-long renters use the house much more, causing a greater amount of wear and tear on the house, suggesting that they are not contributing as much per day to the PG economy. We definitely prefer the short term renters for this reason. Moreover, weekend visitors using the parking only during the weekend, not during the week, whereas monthly renters use the parking all the time. It would be quite a mistake for PG to attempt to limit the rental period.

3. Because parking is the major problem in high density areas, perhaps parking permits, allowing one vehicle permit per household, would be a better way to handle the problems than to limit the rentals. If you want to make additional money, then charge for parking permits exceeding the one vehicle per household. Also charge the Gosby House for parking by their visitors.

Frances Jurnak
205 18th Street, PG

ITEM 6.C.5

Please contact me concerning the unmarked, extremely unsafe corner where Lighthouse Ave. dead ends at Asilomar, right where the cemetery corner is. This sweeping curve to the right has NO STOP SIGN, NO YIELD SIGN, NO CURVE SIGN, and worse of all... NO SIDEWALK to walk, especially when you have dogs! There is NO SIGN for Asilomar going N. either, so an incident involving NEITHER DRIVER YIELDING will be partially the City of Pacific Grove's LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY should it get to the court system. (Especially for a pedestrian). I lived in Las Vegas for the last 9 years and they get nailed A LOT, so I am sensitive to safety issues which can be EASILY remedied. Here's how I would suggest. Just use paint and rubber posts (like the one protecting the storm drain dip nearby) to direct traffic on Lighthouse to go straight forward to 2 lanes (R. & L. of course) TEE, which would stop ALL issues. Cones would keep traffic turning N. on Lighthouse going forward off to their right, thus making it squared off, and keeping the rounded & (BLIND for pedestrians) corner much safer. And a STOP SIGN, of course. Ha. Thank you. [702-684-1116](tel:702-684-1116). Rich. Peace

ITEM 6.D.1

Traffic Safety Commission 2016 Work Plan

The following 2016 Work Plan for the Traffic Safety Commission is respectfully submitted (The 2015 Work Plan was used as the start point):

1. Receive and respond to citizen complaints and issues concerning traffic safety.
2. Work toward better communication between the Traffic Safety Commission and other City boards, commissions, and committees working on items of mutual concern (e.g., the Trolley, parking regulations, parking meters, etc).
3. Receive and review current data on vehicle-to-vehicle collisions, bike and pedestrian-to-vehicle collisions, and moving violations at the January and July meetings, and select at least one priority project to work on in the subsequent six month periods.
4. In accordance with Pacific Grove's portion of the 2010 Monterey County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan:
 - (a) Review and update our list of pedestrian safety hotspots developed several years ago and select at least one priority project for completion.
 - (b) Review the use of sharrows ("share the road" pavement markings to inform bicyclists and motorists that they share the road) in Pacific Grove.
 - (c) Recommend that the Class II bike lane on Sunset Drive be regularly maintained to enable use of the full lane.
5. Implement a pedestrian safety education campaign. An example of a free, well-developed campaign is "It's Up to All of Us" from the California Office of Traffic Safety and the Pedestrian Safety Program of the California Department of Public Health (www.cdph.ca.gov/AllofUs).

Traffic Safety Commission Project Priority List

Pine Avenue - green medians, bulbouts

Forest Grove School - Congress Ave Sidewalk

Lighthouse Ave @ Congress Avenue - bulbouts, crosswalk and pavement treatments

Jewell, Pacific & Caledonia - pedestrian crossing across Jewell, stop sign

Fountain Avenue & Central Avenue - intersection changes, perhaps a roundabout

Improve Ocean View Ave Access to Rec Trail - at Fountain, Grand, & Forest
Forest Avenue @ Forest Hill Blvd -- median, flashing crosswalk, other
recommendations

Fountain @ Lighthouse Avenue - bulbouts, crosswalk and pavement treatments

David Avenue - SaveMart driveway westerly to end - Sidewalks

Central Avenue @ Grand Avenue -- bulbouts, other recommendations

Lighthouse Avenue @ 17th Street - bulbouts, crosswalk and pavement
treatments

Lighthouse Avenue @ Grand Avenue - bulbouts, crosswalk and pavement
treatments

Recreation Trail - safety improvements

Other intersections with Lighthouse -- bulbouts, crosswalk and pavement
treatments

Sidewalk gap construction all over town