

# MINUTES

## CITY OF GROVER BEACH TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

August 11, 2011

9:30 a.m.

### City Hall Council Chambers

**ATTENDANCE:** Police Chief Jim Copsey, Fire Chief Mike Hubert, Public Works Superintendent Mike Ford and Citizen Representative Paul Brunner.

Also present was citizen, John Betz.

**ABSENT:** Community Development Director Bruce Buckingham

Chief Copsey called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Roll Call was then taken.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:** None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1) **Approval of Minutes** - Chief Copsey asked if all present had read the minutes for August 12, 2010. Paul Brunner made a motion that the minutes be approved. Mike Ford seconded the motion. All present were in favor of approval of the Minutes.

### 2) **254 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street**

Citizen has concerns regarding parking on the street outside of the complex on Monday evenings and Tuesday mornings due to trash cans on the street on trash day.

Mr. Betz was there representing the citizens at 254 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Betz explained what is happening in this area when it is trash day. The trash cans and cars are being placed or parked in front of the mail boxes. There is also a fire hydrant there that citizens are parking their cars in front of. After discussion it was agreed that for safety purposes the curb in front of the hydrant should be painted red to allow adequate access by fire personnel. Paul Brunner made a motion that we propose to City Council to paint this curb in front of the fire hydrant pursuant to the Vehicle Code and Fire Code 507.5.4 - Obstruction. Mike Ford seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

**3) North 12<sup>th</sup> Street and El Camino Real**

Citizen is requesting that the Traffic Committee look at traffic issues on North 12<sup>th</sup> going west from El Camino Real. The citizen represents the owners that live on San Diego Loop, Cabrillo Court and Balboa who access their homes from North 12<sup>th</sup> Street. North

12<sup>th</sup> Street curves out of sight making visibility for a turning driver to see oncoming traffic, traffic that is often going faster than the posted speed. Citizen believes possible remedies could be "Caution" signs for downhill traffic; trimming the tree that hangs over the fence blocking the curve in the road and/or police citations to remind motorists to slow down.

There were no Citizens from this area present at the meeting. There have been two accidents in this area in the past 5 years, both single vehicle accidents and both related to speed. Neither accident was related to the intersection of San Diego Loop. The engineer and the Chief measured the sight distance in both directions and found it to be more than adequate for the speed. Two speed surveys were done in the area, one in the 900 block above the intersection and one right at the intersection in the 1200 block. Both indicated an average speed of 23-24 miles per hour. The 85% speed in the 900 block was 31MPH, and the 85% in the 1200 block was 27MPH. At current surveyed speeds, vehicles exiting San Diego Loop had enough time to safely enter 12<sup>th</sup> Street. It was discussed that the current caution sign for the curve was faded and should be replaced, however the committee felt that the sight distances were safe and nothing else should be done. Chief Copsey agreed to continue to enforce the speeding in that area. After discussion, Paul Brunner motioned to replace the caution sign to a more reflective sign for vehicles traveling down 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Chief Hubert seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.