

MINUTES

CITY OF GROVER BEACH TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

August 14, 2014

9:30 a.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

ATTENDANCE: Police Chief Jim Copsey, Public Works Director/Engineer Greg Ray, Planner Janet Reese, and Citizen Representative Paul Brunner.

Also present were Commander Tim Miller and Citizen Veronica Cota.

ABSENT: Fire Chief Rikki Heath

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 March 13, 2014. Paul Brunner made a motion that the minutes be approved. Greg Ray seconded the motion. All present were in favor of approval of the Minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

1) **The Pike near Fairgrove Elementary School**

Citizen who lives on The Pike near Fairgrove Elementary School requests speed bumps due to speeding vehicles traveling on The Pike.

Veronica Cota presented information regarding the speeding vehicles and the vehicles that don't stop for the posted stop sign at The Pike and 22nd street. Ms. Cota presented a video to highlight the problems that she has seen. Ms. Cota stated she has since studied the use of speed bumps and agrees that they may not be warranted in this area. After discussion the Committee agreed not to recommend any speed bumps. A survey of the speed of vehicles on The Pike that were traveling westbound from Arroyo Grande indicated that the average speed of the vehicles was 24.1 MPH and the 85 percentile was 32 MPH. The vehicles traveling eastbound from Grover Beach indicated that the average speed was 19 MPH and the 85 percentile was 25 MPH. Although there were a number of vehicles traveling above the posted speed of 25 MPH, the overall speed of the vehicles in the area were not significantly high.

After discussion, the Traffic Committee agreed not to take any further action and that the issues in this area regarding the speed of vehicles and the failing to stop for the stop sign were enforcement issues. The Police agreed review the presented video, to increase enforcement in this area and to work with Arroyo Grande Police Department to pass on to them the issues and to encourage them to also work enforcement in the area. The Police Department will conduct a speed survey again in the future after school in in session to review enforcement efforts.

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2) 924 Mentone Avenue

Citizen is requesting a handicap space be painted on Mentone Avenue in front of her home. See attached letter.

The Traffic Committee discussed the specific need presented from the Citizen. The Citizen has available parking on her private property and only states that she requests the parking because she is having difficulty in getting rid of two of her three vehicles and thus needs a designated handicap space in front of her home. If she removed the two vehicles she would not need to handicap space on the street. She stated in an earlier phone call that she will be working on getting rid of the vehicles and then won't need the designated space. The committee reviewed the specific need, the availability of any accommodations on site, the specific needs to have to meet ADA issues on the street, and the fact the even if approved, the citizen would not have sole rights to parking in the new handicap space.

After discussion the Traffic Committee agreed that no handicap space should be painted on the street in front of 924 Mentone. Paul Brunner made a motion to deny the request, seconded by Greg Ray, the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

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