

# MINUTES

## CITY OF GROVER BEACH TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

July 11, 2013

9:30 a.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

**ATTENDANCE:** Police Chief Jim Copsey, Asst. Fire Chief Ricky Heath, Public Works Director/Engineer Greg Ray, and Community Development Director Bruce Buckingham.

Citizens present were Wayne Embrey

**ABSENT:** Citizen Representative Paul Brunner.

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 May 9, 2013. Greg Ray made a motion that the minutes be approved. Bruce Buckingham seconded the motion. All present were in favor of approval of the Minutes.

#### 2) **South 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Trouville Avenue**

Citizen is requesting a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Trouville Ave. due to traffic racing on S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street well over the speed limit.

Chief Copsey noted that there have not been any reported accidents at this intersection since 2007; only the past 6 years were checked. Mr. Embrey mentioned that he only remembers an accident in 2004 when a vehicle hit another vehicle which ended up crashing into his fence. The speed limit is 25 MPH and is a local residential street. There are 4-way stops along S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street at Longbranch Ave., at Mentone Ave., and at Nice Ave. The other local streets, including Trouville Ave., have 2-way stops.

Mr. Embrey expressed his concerns regarding the speed of the vehicles traveling on S.

16<sup>th</sup> Street and the inability of pedestrians to safely cross the street, especially his handicapped wife. He felt that the installation of a stop sign would make it safer for his wife and the children who use the park to cross the street. The committee discussed law enforcement options and their response to speeding vehicles and potential pedestrian vehicle conflicts. Discussed was held regarding the current circulation element and the goals of moving traffic through the City. Also discussed were the possible impacts to S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street when the new project on Farroll Rd. begins and S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street is opened up all the way to Farroll Rd. The Committee discussed the requirements necessary to meet a warrant for 4-way stop sign considerations. The Committee agreed that we did not have enough current information to move forward with any recommendation for a warrant study for a 4-way stop sign at this location.

Mr. Embrey stated he understands the constraints and requirements for the installation of a 4-way stop sign and want us to take his concerns and issues into consideration as we look at S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street and the traffic circulation. He wanted the committee to also consider the school bus stop and the safety of the kids as they use the park.

The Committee discussed the issues and it was agreed that the intersection at this time does not even come close to meeting the needs for a stop sign warrant. The Committee needed more information before any decision was made to move any recommendations forward. The police department will attempt to get better speed and vehicle volume data for both north and south directions. We will contact the school district when school begins the new school year and discuss the location of the bus stop and see if the school has any safety concerns regarding the intersection. The committee will re-evaluate the data obtained and compare it to new data after S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street is open to Farroll Rd. in the future. Staff will also keep Mr. Embrey informed as any information that can be passed on.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.