

MINUTES

CITY OF GROVER BEACH TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

March 13, 2014

9:30 a.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

ATTENDANCE: Police Chief Jim Copsey, Public Works Director/Engineer Greg Ray, Community Development Director Bruce Buckingham and Citizen Representative Paul Brunner.

There were no Citizens present.

ABSENT: Fire Chief Mike Hubert

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 September 12, 2013. Paul Brunner made a motion that the minutes be approved. Bruce Buckingham seconded the motion. All present were in favor of approval of the Minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **Atlantic City Avenue at 9th Street**

We have a citizen complaint of site distance issues at the crosswalk on Atlantic City Avenue at 9th Street for traffic on Atlantic City Avenue. Vehicles do not see kids who are trying to cross the street and kids are unable to see the vehicles. Citizen would like to suggest that the curb along the north curb line of Atlantic City Avenue be painted red for better visibility.

After discussion the Traffic Committee agreed that the sight distance is adequate for pedestrians crossing the street at Atlantic City Avenue and 9th Street. The north curb line along Atlantic City Avenue is already painted red thus giving the westbound traffic enough of a safe sight distance. The eastbound traffic also has a stop at the intersection and it was agreed that the sight distance was adequate for the eastbound traffic and there is enough time for a car see pedestrians attempting to cross the street and to stop for those pedestrians, as well as the pedestrians to see oncoming cars. A motion by City Engineer Greg Ray was made to deny the request, second by Paul Brunner. All present were in favor of the motion.

- 2) **Grover Heights Elementary at Richie Road**

We have a concerned parent about one of the crosswalks we have located at the school. The crosswalk provides across Richie Road and is used on a daily basis. The concern is centered around the fact that vehicles are able to park on the North side of Richie Road, which can obstruct the view of pedestrians crossing the street (and cars seeing folks before they start across the road). The citizen would like to see the curb painted red on the north side of the road to prevent cars from parking near the crosswalk.

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After discussion the Traffic Committee agreed that there may be a sight distance issue for the westbound traffic to adequately see pedestrians crossing from the north side to the south side of Richie Road. Chief Copsey made a motion that the curb be painted red along the north curb line of Richie Road east of the crosswalk. Paul Brunner seconded the motion. All present were in favor of the motion. City Engineer Greg Ray will evaluate the sight distance to find the appropriate length for the red curb.

3) Atlantic City Avenue / North 4th Street

Citizens feel that this is a very dark area. Citizen would like to see a new light installed on the pole that is already in place in this area. PG&E referred them to the City to request installation of a new light to the right of 418 Atlantic City Avenue. The nearest street light is one-half block east of the corner on Atlantic City Avenue and the only other light is across the street on the northwest corner of N. 4th Street and Atlantic City Avenue. This intersection gets a lot of traffic at all times of the day and night. There have been flashing lights installed in the street as well as a pedestrian crossing request button.

Chief Copsey noted that there is no accident history in this area related to lighting. It was discussed that the lighting on N. 4th Street between the intersections is the same distance the entire stretch of N. 4th Street and is adequate for the lighting of the intersections. The expected cost for installation of a new light on an existing pole would be \$3,000 to \$4,000 with an annual upkeep of around \$300.

4) Atlantic City Avenue and 12th Street

After discussion by the Traffic Committee, Paul Brunner made a motion to deny the request to install a new light in this area. Greg Ray seconded the motion. All present were in favor of the motion.

Business (Turquoise Dental) would like to see a stop sign placed at this intersection to make this a 4-way stop sign. Drivers when coming from 12th Street toward Grand Avenue cannot see due to cars parking on Atlantic City Avenue. It is very difficult to see the cars when crossing the intersection most of the time.

After discussion the Traffic Committee decided that at this point it is not warranted. City Engineer Greg Ray stated that a stop sign at this intersection is not warranted based on traffic volume and accidents. Paul Brunner made a motion to deny the request for a stop sign at Atlantic City Avenue and 12th Street. Bruce Buckingham seconded the motion.

It is noted that the Traffic Committee will look at the sight distance at this intersection and bring any recommendations back to the Traffic Committee for review at a future date.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.