

TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CITIZEN MEMBERS

Ann Blue, Chairperson
Vicki Cole, Co-Chair
Wally Cox
Steve Jones
Kermit Knudson
Suzanne Russell



STAFF MEMBERS

Scott Harter, City Engineer
Brad Rasmussen, Police Chief
Janel Chapman, City Clerk
Brian Everhart, Engineering Technician

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING Wednesday, July 17, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Ann Blue called the meeting to order at: 9:04 a.m.

Committee Members present were: Vicki Cole, Kermit Knudsen, Suzanne Russell, Wally Cox, and Steve Jones. Staff present included City Engineer Harter, Engineering Tech Everhart, Police Chief Rasmussen, and Acting Deputy City Clerk Britton.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Committee Member Knudson, seconded by Committee Member Jones, and unanimously carried to approve the March 20, 2013, TSAC minutes as presented.

3. EMERGENCY ITEMS:

There were no emergency items.

4. CITIZEN INPUT:

There was no citizen input.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Request for Twenty Minute Parking on Main Street adjacent to Main Street Pizza. Scott met with Laura of Cheese's Main Street Pizza on July 11th to review the possible location of a green zone and briefly discuss the process for its approval. There is a 23' long parallel parking space almost directly in front of the building which can accommodate the requested 20 minute zone. Staff has taken the requisite measurements to make the needed modifications to the Resolution for City Council and is supportive of the requested 20 minute parking zone.
- City Engineer Harter further explained in response to questions from Committee members that the "green zone" designation is identified with the business, i.e. if the business moves, the zone reverts back to normal parking rules for that area.

Chief Rasmussen advised that enforcement would be handled by normal parking enforcement procedures and/or in response to complaints.

Committee member Russell suggested that this type of 20 minute parking zone could be offered to other businesses on Main Street.

A motion was made by Committee Member Knudsen , seconded by Committee Member Russell, and unanimously carried to approve the request for twenty minute parking on Main Street adjacent to Main Street Pizza.

6. OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION ON WHICH NO FORMAL MOTION(S) SHALL BE PROPOSED:

Committee Member Cox mentioned that the centerlines and crosswalks are fading and need repainting, as these represent safety hazards.

Chair Blue asked for a status on designating Helena Ave. one-sided parking only. City Engineer Harter advised this has stalled out, as there is no driving momentum going forward.

Committee Member Russell inquired about the Stop signs at Manzanita & Sixth Streets, as there is an ongoing problem with drivers not heeding the sign. Engineering Tech Everhart will follow up on this issue, i.e. measuring the sign(s). Regarding a request for Slow – Children at Play signage, City Engineer Harter advised that residents may put up their own placards, which may be purchased at Wal-Mart, Home Depot, etc.; City Engineer Harter advised that permanent signage is allowed only adjacent to parklands.

Committee Member Cox commented on the degradation in the condition of the sidewalks in the 1800 block of Main St, as well as the tree trimming debris left in the right-of-way. City Engineer Harter advised that the new administrative citation procedure is currently being implemented to handle these violations of the Municipal Code.

Committee Chair Blue asked for an update on the newly designated 2 hour parking zone at 910-916 South Main Street. City Engineer Harter advised it is working well for the tenants at the shopping complex.

Chief Rasmussen advised the decoy police car program had worked well, but it is currently suspended for a while, as people have become savvy to the fact that it is a decoy.

Committee Chair Blue expressed concern about traffic exiting the Fireworks on the Fourth, and clogging up the “collector” streets leading to the freeway. Chief Rasmussen advised he will work on a traffic advisory bulletin to be read during the Fireworks show, advising those exiting to the freeways to use Forbes to Martin or Eleventh Street to access Highway 29.

Committee Member Knudsen suggested a “red-zone” all along Hartley Street due to sight-line issues caused by the general topography, which is exacerbated by vehicles parking on the street.

7. ADJOURN:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hilary Britton, Acting Secretary