MINUTES
CITY OF GROVER BEACH TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
August 12, 2010
9:30 a.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

ATTENDANCE:  Police Chief Jim Copsey, Fire Chief Mike Hubert, Public Works Director Greg Ray and Citizen Representative Paul Brunner.

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 March 11, 2010.  Paul Brunner made a motion that the minutes be approved.  Chief Copsey seconded the motion.  All present were in favor of approval of the Minutes.

2)  Oak Park Boulevard between Manhattan Avenue and Longbranch Avenue

Citizen is requesting that the Traffic Committee look at possibly re-striping Oak Park Boulevard between Manhattan Avenue and Longbranch Avenue.  Citizen believes that there is a safety concern for the residents that live in this area while entering and exiting their vehicles.  Citizen believes that speed is not so much the issue but delineation through this block.

This matter was discussed at length.  The recommendation is that when the City wide Bike and Trails Master Plan is completed and funding is obtained for appropriate bike lane striping that consideration be given to effectively strip this area for additional space.  This was agreed to by all present.

3)  Southbound North 4th Street at West Grand Avenue

Citizen is requesting that the Traffic Committee review the striping on southbound North 4th Street at West Grand Avenue.

This matter was discussed at length.  The recommendation is to remove the right directional arrow in the southbound lane designated through traffic and revisit consideration of a right turn lane if warranted when the traffic signal at 4th and Grand Avenue is replaced (CIP 387), and when the appropriate traffic studies and traffic counts are completed.  This was agreed to by all present.
NEW BUSINESS

1) Atlantic City Avenue between 840 and 850

Citizen is requesting the painting of a red curb west of Atlantic City Avenue to the driveway of 840 Atlantic City Avenue. This request is due to the grade of the roadway when vehicles park along the south curb line of Atlantic City Avenue between 840 and 850. The citizen cannot see the vehicle traffic to safety exit her driveway.

This matter was discussed at length. The consensus of all present was that no red curb should be painted in a residential neighborhood to prevent people from parking on the street. If vehicles were to park blocking the driveway or on the sidewalk then the citizen should contact the police department for enforcement action. Paul Brunner moved that this be accepted. Greg Ray seconded. All present were in favor.

2) 3rd Street and Longbranch Avenue

Citizen is requesting a stop sign at the corner of 3rd Street and Longbranch Avenue. There is no sign on either street. It is a blind corner due to a large Eucalyptus tree at this corner. The citizen feels vehicles being drive in this area are cutting the corners and speeding through this area.

This matter was discussed. It is recommended that a letter be sent to the refuse company advising that they instruct their drivers that they have a responsibility to yield to all traffic on the roadway before crossing the southbound lane and enter their private property. It was recommended that no stop sign should be added at 3rd Street and Longbranch Avenue. Paul Brunner moved that this be accepted. Greg Ray seconded. All present were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

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