MINUTES

CITY OF GROVER BEACH TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
November 8, 2012
9:30 a.m.
City Council Chambers

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

OLD BUSINESS

1) Approval of Minutes from July 12, 2012.

NEW BUSINESS

1) South 13th Street and Manhattan Avenue and South 13th Street and Trouville Avenue

Citizen reports safety and visibility issues for the school zones at South 13th Street and Manhattan Avenue and South 13th Street and Trouville Avenue. Citizen reports that it is difficult for drivers to safely see the children before they cross the street due to vehicles parking too close to the corner along the west side of South 13th Street at Manhattan blocking the view of southbound traffic, and along the east side of the South 13th Street at Trouville Avenue in front of Willy’s Market blocking the view of northbound traffic.

After discussion it is the consensus of the Traffic Committee that Public Works will review the existing sidewalk project on South 13th Street and incorporate into that project the painting of red curbs at South 13th Street and Manhattan Avenue and South 13th Street and Trouville Avenue. If this cannot be done in the project then further recommendations will be brought back to the Traffic Committee. All present agreed.

2) South 16th Street from Farrall Avenue to the Pike

Citizen reports traffic safety issues on South 16th Street due to the speed of vehicles going from Farrall Avenue to the Pike and is requesting the City to consider traffic calming measures to be implemented. He is requesting 4-way stop signs at South 16th Street and La Selva Avenue, or other methods to help slow traffic down.

Chief Copsey provided the results of the radar trailer which was placed in this area. The statistics from the radar trailer did not show a speed problem in this area. Southbound traffic and Northbound traffic were basically the same. Paul Brunner made a motion based on the data and information presented that no modifications should be taken on 16th Street at this time, and there should be continued police enforcement in this area. Bruce Buckingham seconded the motion. The motion passed. Chief Copsey will meet with citizen.
3) 244 North Oak Park Boulevard

Citizen would like the City’s assistance with a traffic issue on Oak Park Boulevard, specifically for vehicles exiting Peace Lutheran Church at 244 North Oak Park Boulevard.

Drivers exiting the parking lot from Peace Lutheran Church onto Oak Park Boulevard and heading south have been cited for “crossing the double yellow line”. Ms. Carpentier is requesting the City consider installing a “turn pocket or turn lane” from vehicles heading south from the church parking lot. The church facility is used during the week for a pre-school program and several parents have received citations.

There was discussion regarding the width of North Oak Park Boulevard. The width of the roadway will not permit any turn lanes or turn pockets. The Traffic Committee agreed it is unsafe to allow left turns from the church driveway to southbound Oak Park Boulevard.

After discussion by everyone present, Bruce Buckingham made a motion that based on safety and roadway width this request for a “turn pocket or turn lane” should be denied. Paul Brunner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.