

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES
August 11, 2015
Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dan Baxter, TEC Chairman
John Lampi, Public Representative
Rick Seanor, Staff
Ben Kageyama, Staff
Trent Taylor, Staff
Darin Malugani, Staff
Kevin Thompson, Staff

OTHERS PRESENT

Maureen Mulheren, Council Member
Meredyth Reinhard, Public Health
Dina Polkinghorne
Neil Davis, Walk Bike Mendocino
Erwin Hoese
Armand Brint

MEMBERS ABSENT

Roger Vincent

STAFF PRESENT

Lory Limbird
Andrew Stricklin
Tim Eriksen

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Engineering Committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Baxter at 3:06 pm in Conference Room No. 3, Ukiah Civic Center, 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, California.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 8, 2015

Motion/Second: Lampi/Thompson to approve July 8, 2015 minutes as written.
Motion carried by an all AYE voice vote of the members present.

3. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Tim Eriksen announced that he will start regularly attending TEC meetings and will relieve Member Seanor of representing him at these meetings.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Request for Removal of No Parking Zone on Waugh Lane near Creekside Village Senior Apartments (continued).

Member Seanor presented this item. This item was discussed at the July 14, 2015 meeting. Additional information was requested regarding Bus Loading Zones, the number of parking spaces available and sight distance for those drivers exiting the Creekside Village parking lots. Staff recommends designating two Bus Loading Zones, each 50 feet in length, at the south side of each of the two main entrance driveways. For sight distance, staff recommends No Parking Zones be retained for a length of 20 feet at the north side of each of the two main entrance driveways. The addition of Bus Loading Zones and retention of no parking zones for sight distance can be approved by the TEC.

Motion/Second: Taylor/Lampi to recommend to the City Council the removal of the existing No Parking Zone, as designated, on the east side of Waugh Lane adjacent to the Creekside Village Senior Apartments and south to Cooper Lane with retention of two areas for the Bus Loading Zones.

Motion carried by an all AYE voice vote of the members present.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Request for a No Parking Zone at the corner of North Pine Street at Gibson Street.**

Member Seanor presented this item. The TEC received a letter from Carol Gottfried requesting a No Parking Zone on North Pine Street at Gibson Street. In addition, Ms. Gottfried has requested assistance in dealing with a boat and trailer which have been left parked on Gibson Street for an extended period of time. Vehicles parked near the corner of Pine and Gibson reduce sight distance and make it difficult to maneuver around the corner. Per City Code Section 7144, vehicles are not permitted to be parked on the street for longer than 72 hours. As indicated in Ms. Gottfried's letter, the boat and trailer have remained parked on the street for more than a month.

Member Seanor received a phone call from David Epley, 303 Gibson, who owns the motor home and the pickup. He has no problem moving the pickup and is looking for a place to park the motorhome. Another call came from Kathryn Hoese, 315 Gibson, who reported that the boat has been there for several months. A third call came from Chris Donohue, 901 N. Pine Street, the owner of the boat. Mr. Donohue works for the San Rafael Fire Department and will be able to move the boat on Friday, August 14, 2015.

Dina Polkinghorne, 955 N. Pine Street, stated there is not enough room for cars to pass with the motorhome and the pickup on either side of the street. She supports the addition of a No Parking Zone around the corner of North Pine Street to Gibson Street.

Member Taylor stated that neighbors should call police dispatch if any vehicle is on street beyond 72 hours and the police will go out and mark the vehicle.

Motion/Second: Taylor/Thompson to 1) recommend to the City Council the approval of the No Parking Zone on North Pine Street at Gibson Street; and 2) refer the boat and trailer to the Police Department for assistance in enforcing the 72 hour parking limit.

Motion carried by an all AYE voice vote of the members present.

6. **COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

Member Taylor stated the Police Department did have the traffic radar positioned on Gibson Street to be visible when travelling from North State Street to Oak Street. It is now in a different location but they plan to have it put back on Gibson Street on the opposite side of street to be visible when driving from Oak Street to North State Street.

7. **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Member Seanor stated that 2 new signs called Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) were posted on North State Street by the fairgrounds. These signs contain LED lights, are double faced and are push button activated. The LED lights are very obvious at a distance. A sign was posted at these lights to advised pedestrians to push the button and then watch traffic to make sure vehicles stop before entering the crosswalk. These lights stay on for a fixed amount of time.

Member Seanor added that more improvements are planned for Garrett Drive and North State Street to include LED lights on the pavement surface with a bulb-out on the northwest corner and a shallow bulb-out on the east side. When this is installed, the crosswalk at the fairgrounds will be removed. The RRFB signs will then be put somewhere else.

Council Member Mulheren asked for a press release to explain to the public that shark teeth indicate that traffic should stop at that point for pedestrian crossings.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.



Lory Limbird, Recording Secretary