

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES
300 Seminary Ave., Ukiah, CA 95482
Conference Room No. 3
April 9, 2019
Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Eriksen, TEC Chairman, Director of Public Works, City Engineer
John Lampi, Public Representative, TEC Vice Chairman
Neil Davis, Public Representative, Active Transportation
Jacob King, Mendocino Transit Authority
Shannon Riley, representing the City Manager
Sean Kaeser, representing the Chief of Police
Michelle Irace, representing the Director of Community Development
Don Brown, Supervisor of Public Works (*arriving at 3:08 p.m.*)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Erich Sommer, Public Representative

OTHERS PRESENT

Rebecca Frey, Cherry Street Resident
Karen Zimmerman, Cherry Street Resident
Denvel Caine, Elm Street Resident
W. D. Shawk, Elm Street Resident
Keith Steckter, Elm Street Resident
Carolyn Steckter, Elm Street Resident
Maureen Mulheren, (present as a public member)
Kristine Lawler, City Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Traffic Engineering Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Eriksen at 3:06 p.m. in Conference Room No. 3, Ukiah Civic Center, 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, California.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 12, 2019

Motion/Second: Member King/Chair Eriksen to approve February 12, 2019, minutes. Motion carried (5/0/4, with Members Riley, Kaeser, and Lampi abstaining; and Member Sommer absent.)

3. AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No comments were received.

4. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was agendized.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion regarding traffic on Cherry Street, Elm Street and Marshall Street.

CHERRY STREET:

Public Comment: Karen Zimmerman and Rebecca Frey expressed frustration of non-stop noise from vehicles travelling too fast, and motorcycles equipped with glass pipes. Ms.

Zimmerman felt that the speed survey was inadequate because of its placement. She submitted a petition from neighbors, which the clerk added to the file.

Member Davis noted that the volume of vehicles was an issue, and that he had written a letter to UPS, left a comment on their website, and spoke to Menton Builders, Inc. regarding the problem.

Member Kaeser informed the residents that the police do not have the equipment to measure decibels in respect to the noise levels.

Chair Eriksen gave the results of the speed survey, which showed that the recorded speed was under the 85th percentile of the speed limit (23 mph), establishing per State regulations that there is not a speeding problem. He then recommended that he meet separately with Ms. Zimmerman and Ms. Frey to discuss the option of speed bumps and paving prioritization.

ELM STREET:

Public Comment: **Keith Steckter, W.D. Shawk, Denvel Caine, and Carolyn Steckter** voiced their concerns regarding the speed that drivers take the blind curves of the road, the unsafe situations they pose, and the damage that has been caused by reckless drivers. They asked about the status of the road getting paved and requested speed bumps to be implemented.

Chair Eriksen gave the results of the speed survey that showed the 85th percentile at 24 mph, with the results being similar to the Cherry Street survey.

Member Brown suggested striping as a way to mitigate the speed issue.

Public Comment, continued: Maureen Mulheren suggested adding reflective markers.

Chair Directive to put in striping just before the fall along with the usual striping, and measure the speed of the cars both before and after to see the results, and bring back this agenda item for an update prior to the end of the year.

All public members, except for Maureen Mulheren, departed at 3:41 p.m.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Presenter: Chair Eriksen reported on the status of the Streetscape design, and said that he would forward the plans and other information to the committee as it became available.

7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Presenter: Member Riley informed the committee that the Downtown Parking Improvement is scheduled to coincide with the Streetscape project, and gave a brief update.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.



Kristine Lawler, City Clerk