



TRAFFIC SAFETY AND PARKING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, December 7, 2016 - 7:00 pm

San Bruno City Hall
567 El Camino Real
San Bruno, CA 94066

MINUTES

1. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS -

A. ROLL CALL

<u>TSPC Members:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jessica Barnes-Lopez (Chair)	X	
Mark Howard (Vice-Chair)	X	
Tom Hamilton	X	
Melody Blanchard	X	
Richard Seguine	X	

Staff in Attendance:

David Wong, Public Services Department
Jimmy Tan, Public Services Department
Colin Page, Police Department

Public in Attendance Total: 4

2. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Mark Howard made a motion to move Item 5A to the beginning of the agenda. Second by Tom Hamilton. (M/Howard, S/Hamilton: 5-0-0) Approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mark Howard requested that the minutes be revised under "Comments from Committee Members" to reflect that he had thanked city staff for having the agenda packets prepared for their review prior to the meetings and that he encourages the new committee members to use that opportunity to physically visit the study sites when feasible rather than depending on Google Earth. Approval of the November 2, 2016 meeting minutes made by Mark Howard. Second by Tom Hamilton. (M/Howard, S/Hamilton: 5-0-0) Approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

5. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Request for Yield Sign at the Intersections of Park Avenue / Hazel Avenue and Park Avenue / Oak Avenue

David Wong stated that the City received a request to evaluate the intersections of Park Avenue / Hazel Avenue and Park Avenue / Oak Avenue for the installation of a yield sign. According to the resident, motorists driving on the Hazel Avenue and Oak Avenue are not yielding to traffic along Park Avenue.

David Wong reviewed the existing street conditions and the yield sign warrant criteria, along with historical accident data from the Statewide Integrated Traffic Record System. None of the applicable warrants were satisfied for either location. Per California Vehicle Code, vehicles entering an intersection from the terminating highway (Hazel/Oak) are required to yield the right-of-way to any vehicle on the continuing highway (Park). The collision records indicated that there were no collisions at either intersection within the time period that was analyzed. The lack of any incidents suggest that a yield sign is not necessary but could be installed to educate motorists regarding which approach has the right-of-way.

David Wong stated the staff recommends that the property owner be requested to trim back the hedge located on the southwest corner of the Park Avenue / Oak Avenue intersection and that the TSPC could consider the installation of yield signs to educate motorists regarding which approach has the right-of-way.

Richard Sequine asked for the length of Oak and Hazel Avenues. Mark Howard stated that both Oak Avenue and Hazel Avenue begin at Park Avenue and terminate near the southern city limits at San Bruno City Park. Mark Howard stated that both Oak and Hazel Avenues receive feeder traffic from residents commuting from the Rollingwood neighborhood to Capuchino High School trying to avoid traffic along San Bruno Avenue and El Camino Real. The traffic from these residents turning onto Park Avenue from San Bruno Avenue and going onto Oak/Hazel Avenues is especially heavy during the morning hours.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPENED

John Lampros, 1282 Park Avenue, lives at the corner of Park Avenue / Oak Avenue and stated that he has not observed the heavy commute traffic as he is at work in the mornings and that in general, motorists are exercising good behavior and yielding to traffic on Park Avenue as they drive from Oak and Hazel Avenues. He asked if a yield sign were installed, where would it be placed? Mark Howard stated that it would be placed to be visible to motorists on Oak / Hazel Avenues turning onto Park Avenue. John Lampros stated that he is less concerned about traffic yielding and more concerned about vehicles speeding along Oak and Hazel Avenues.

Brandon Frey stated that he also feels vehicles are speeding along Oak and Hazel Avenues and requested that speed bumps be installed to slow down traffic. Mark Howard clarified that the issue of speeding and speed bumps would have to be addressed at a separate meeting as that is not an agenda item. Brandon Frey stated that he has observed motorcyclists coming off of Cypress Avenue, driving onto Park Avenue and immediately taking a sharp corner at a high rate of speed and turning onto Hazel Avenue.

Jim Mar stated that he has also observed motorists from Oak and Hazel Avenues taking sharp turns at a high rate of speed and turning onto Park Avenue. Mark Howard stated he has observed tire marks at these intersections, which is consistent with motorists taking sharp turns at a high rate of speed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CLOSED

Richard Sequine asked if there was sufficient lighting at these intersections to illuminate a yield sign and suggested that yield markings be considered instead of a yield sign so that motorists will not need to take their attention off of the road. Mark Howard stated that he does not feel motorists yielding to

traffic on Park Avenue is an issue at these intersections and that the issue is motorists taking sharp turns onto and off of Oak and Hazel Avenues.

Mark Howard suggested the installation of a centerline line along Oak and Hazel Avenues at the intersection with Park Avenue to more clearly define which side of the road a vehicle should be on and that this would prevent vehicles from taking sharp turns at a high rate of speed by forcing them to stay within their lane and not cheating the turn by driving into the opposing lane. Mark Howard stated that this would also make it easier for the police officers to enforce these locations. Colin Page confirmed that the installation of a centerline would make it easier to cite motorists for a violation as the travel lanes would be clearly defined and not ambiguous.

Tom Hamilton asked if Oak and Hazel Avenues are wide enough to install a centerline while maintaining parking on both sides of the road and a travel lane in each direction. Tom Hamilton stated that his only concern would be if the road is the wide enough to accommodate a travel lane between the centerline and a parked vehicle. Mark Howard clarified that the centerline could be installed at the immediate intersection of Oak and Hazel Avenues with Park Avenue where the roadway is at the widest and would end when the roadway is no longer wide enough.

Mark Howard made a motion for city staff to evaluate the installation of approximately 20 to 30 feet of double yellow centerline with reflectors and install if feasible on Oak and Hazel Avenues at the intersection with Park Avenue. Request that staff re-evaluate these intersections six months after the installation of these centerlines to determine if additional measures are warranted. Second by Tom Hamilton. (M/Howard, S/Hamilton: 5-0-0) Approved.

B. Review of Annual Committee Presentation to the City Council for 2016

David Wong reviewed the presentation with the Committee.

Jessica Barnes-Lopez stated that there was a typo on Goals for 2014 and said it should state Goals for 2016. Jessica Barnes-Lopez asked if the presentation been scheduled for City Council presentation yet. Jimmy Tan stated that staff will determine when this item is scheduled for City Council and will coordinate the date with the committee.

Mark Howard asked if the hyperlinks for contacting the Department of Public Services or for completing the online Traffic Complaint Form could be made shorter.

Jessica Barnes-Lopez stated that the blue hyperlink on green background is not a very good color combination.

6. REPORT OF COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

None

7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

8. COMMENTS FROM STAFF

None

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn the Traffic Safety and Parking Committee (TSPC) meeting until its next regular scheduled meeting on January 4, 2017 at 7 p.m. (M/Howard, S/Hamilton): 5-0-0 - Approved. Meeting adjourned, 7:45 pm.