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Traffic and Safety Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Traffic and Safety Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 5:30 pm at Fire Department No. 16 on Cypress Street in Salisbury. Those in attendance were:

Members:

Tom Welsh	Committee Chairman (Term Expires 7/15)
Tom Ayd	Committee Vice-Chairman (Term Expires 7/14)
Don Coleman	Committee Member (Term Expires 7/15)
Mary Creamer	Committee Member (Term Expires 7/15)
Matt Drew	Committee Member (Term Expires 7/14)
Terry Cohen	City Council Representative

Support Staff:

Bill Sterling	Department of Public Works
Ray Birch	Department of Public Works
Amanda Pollack	Department of Public Works

Items discussed included:

1. The agenda was approved with no modifications.
2. The minutes of the February 12, 2014 meeting were approved with no changes.
3. The Bicycle Friendly Community application was not submitted this year. Drew reported that the City Attorney is drafting legislation to create a Bicycle Advisory Committee.
4. The traffic flow patterns which are proposed as part of the Main Street Masterplan project was discussed. The flow of traffic on the Plaza will be reversed to have vehicles traveling eastbound. The Committee was in favor of reversing the direction of traffic. The intersection of Main Street and Division Street was discussed. The consensus was to maintain the no turn on red requirements due to the sight distances, tight turning radius and high level of pedestrian activity.
5. The guest presenter was unable to attend the meeting, however his concern regarding street width and parking on Pinehurst Avenue between Camden Avenue and Route 13 was discussed. The street has varying widths and is narrow in this area, however parking is

allowed on the south side of the street. In 2012, a petition was started by residents to request no parking on the south side of the street. The petition was never submitted to Public Works.

6. Concerns with the current configuration on Pinehurst Avenue include:
 - Is it too narrow to allow emergency vehicles to travel down the street when there is opposing traffic?
 - There is a history of car and bicycle accidents in this area, as evidenced by five (5) Police Incident reports.
 - On occasion, residents cannot park on the street due to SU student parking, and access to resident's driveways are blocked.
 - The street is used as a cut through to/from Route 13 / Clairmont Shopping Center, which creates higher vehicle loads than adjacent residential streets.
 - Enforcement issue with SU students parking in areas designated for residential permits.
 - Enforcement issue with vehicles disregarding the 4-way stop at Smith and Pinehurst.
 - Sections of the street do not have sidewalks, so pedestrians walk in the street.
7. Committee requested that the City perform traffic counts in this area. Birch recommends counters on Camden Avenue and on Pinehurst Ave (total of 4 counters) on a Tuesday thru Thursday to catch SU student parking. The goal is to have the traffic counts prior to the next meeting.
8. The Pinehurst area will be discussed at the next meeting. Based on the results of the traffic counts, options will be evaluated, such as no parking on the south side, one-way traffic, and traffic calming.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 9, 2014** at 5:30 pm.

If you have any corrections to these minutes, please notify the writer within ten (10) days.

Sincerely,
Amanda Pollack, P.E.
Deputy Director
Salisbury Public Works