



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: December 15, 2009

SUBJECT: Traffic Safety Commission 2009 Annual Report

Report in Brief

The Traffic Safety Commission presents an Annual Report to the City Council summarizing actions that occurred during the year. Commissioner Mikalson will present the 2009 Traffic Safety Commission Annual Report.

Staff recommends that the City Council receive the Traffic Safety Commission 2009 Annual Report.

Background

Under Section 2-7-44 of the City Ordinance a representative of the Commission is required to periodically make an oral report to City Council. The 2009 Annual Report is scheduled for the December 15, 2009 City Council meeting.

Discussion

The Traffic Safety Commission is made up of five members of the community and the 2009 Commissioners are: Ron Mikalson (Chair), Bruce Jacks (Vice-Chair), Melody Parker, Michael Lemaire.

The former Vice Chairperson, Commissioner Duane Toney has stepped down from the Commission for personal reasons. The Commission is left with one vacancy due to his departure and is seeking people who would like to serve. The Commission is scheduled to meet 6 times per year and Commissioners serve four year terms.

The Traffic Safety Commission met only twice during 2009. The reduced number of meetings was primarily associated with staffing reductions. Therefore, items presented to the Traffic Safety Commission have been limited to issues related to projects and those raised by citizen complaints.

The Traffic Safety Commission reviews, discusses and makes recommendations on a wide variety of transportation and traffic related topics. The diversity of the topics is apparent in the next two

sections of this report entitled “Voting Record” and “Discussion Topics”. The Commission also provides an open forum for the public to bring traffic concerns to the attention of the City.

In addition to scheduled agenda items presented during each Commission meeting, oral and written reports from the Commission Secretary and the Police Department are presented. These reports review engineering service requests, project updates, general enforcement issues and safety issues among other topics.

Voting Record

Since the last report to the City Council, the Commission has made the following motions:

- Approved the traffic calming speed humps for Ortiz Avenue and Mack Way in Spring Lake associated with the construction of Spring Lake Park N2 (Jack Slaven Park).
- Accepted the conceptual plans for the Safe Routes to School Project and the associated parking restrictions required by those plans.
- Approved the 2009 Speed Zone Surveys for Ashley Avenue, Cottonwood Street, Court Street, Gibson Road, Kentucky Avenue, Lincoln Avenue, Main Street, Maxwell Avenue, Pioneer Avenue, Third Street/Coloma Way, and West Street
- Elected Commissioner Bruce Jacks the Vice Chair of the Traffic Safety Commission.

Discussion Topics

- Updates on Capital Projects including:
 - Transportation Capital Budget
 - I-5/County Road 102 Interchange
 - I-5/State Route 113 Interchange
 - Downtown Parking
 - Casa Del Sol
 - Road Rehabilitation and Maintenance
 - Main Street Series Street Lights
- Transportation related grant applications
 - Safe Routes to School Grant
 - Community Design Grant for Main Street Beautification
- Commissioner raised traffic safety concerns

The Traffic Safety Commission continues to be an asset to the City despite the reduced number of meetings. The frequency of meetings will be one of the issues reviewed as part of the City’s reevaluation of operational issues in association with the reduced staffing levels.

Public Contact

Regular posting of the City Council agenda.

Commission Recommendation

The Traffic Safety Commission recommends that the City Council receive the Annual Report as prepared and presented.

Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends that the City Council receive the Traffic Safety Commission 2009 Annual Report.

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