

AGENDA ITEM: VII-B

DATE: September 20, 2006

ACTION: Approved as presented

**CITY OF MORRO BAY
PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY BOARD
SYNOPSIS MINUTES**

(Complete audio- and videotapes of this meeting are available from the City upon request)

Veterans Memorial Hall
Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

209 Surf Street, Morro Bay
Wednesday, July 19, 2006

Vicki Landis, Chair
Barry Dorfman, Vice Chair
Roger Ewing

Bill Olson
Noah Smukler
Jane Wilzbach

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – It was noted that no actions could be taken, as there was no quorum in attendance.

Members Present: Vice Chair Barry Dorfman, Bill Olson, and Jane Wilzbach

Members Absent: Chairperson Landis, Ewing, and Smukler

Staff Present: Frank Cunningham and Cathy Weaver

Dorfman announced that a Parking Management Plan Meeting was held earlier today. He suggested that the public check the newspapers for additional meetings on the issue.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT/INFORMATION ITEMS – No action required.

Cunningham went over a number of City projects including: street maintenance; fire department modular; round a bout; parking management plan; Main and Quintana bike path; and creek cleaning

Wilzbach asked if the Fire Station modular was meant to be permanent? Cunningham said no, but could be used for 3 to 5 years or longer. The intent is to build another fire station as soon as funding was available.

Dorfman suggested the Police Department be notified when the Main and Quintana bike lane is opened. Cunningham said the Police Department regularly monitors the existing bike lanes by driving them and will continue the practice with this segment.

OLD BUSINESS – Continued discussion of petition received from citizens requesting a traffic signal to improve safety and control the intersection of Quintana Road and South Bay Blvd. Cunningham explained he had a meeting around the end of May with four of the petitioners out at the site location. There was a lot of good dialog that targeted three main issues: traffic speed, limited sight distances, and pedestrian safety. Cunningham went over his staff report with his recommendation to do operational safety improvements to the intersection of South Bay Blvd. and Quintana Rd. The safety improvements would include advanced intersection warning/advisory signs and increased weed control to improve sight distances.

Ray McKelligott said signs will help but won't do the job for people trying to turn left. A traffic light is the only answer.

Judy Kidd noted that two mobile home parks and a proposed housing development would make this a highly populated area. Plus the traffic from Los Osos and Baywood Park and the high school traffic turning onto Highway One create traffic jams during rush hours. A traffic light would be the only way to solve the problem, or even stop signs would help.

Bill Davies explained that the three documents that deal with this traffic are inconsistent and have numerous discrepancies. Cunningham stated that everything being said was relevant to the Colmer Development project, which would be heard and acted upon at a future Planning Commission meeting.

Connie Davies didn't understand why a pedestrian crosswalk would have a 40 mile-per-hour limit.

Cathleen Fuller said she had almost been hit coming out of the Blue Heron Trailer Park numerous times. The traffic coming around the curve and into the intersection was going much too fast.

Carl Peterson said his front window faces the intersection and he sees everything, plus hears a lot of squealing tires. It's also a deer crossing and he hears that also. He noted that unfortunately the pedestrians seemed to be out at high traffic times. He feels a traffic light is needed.

Wilzbach wanted to hear Cunningham's rebuttal before the board commented.

Cunningham went over each of the public comments and described what engineering standards were advisable in these instances. His recommendation remained the same.

Dorfman asked when the signs might go in and Cunningham said by the end of the month. Wilzbach asked if markings for a crosswalk would be going in and the turn pockets mentioned; Cunningham said no to the crosswalk but the Colmer project will be conditioned to put in the turn-pockets.

The meeting ended at 8:35 pm, and the next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, August 16, 2006, at the Veteran's Hall.