

**CITY OF SONOMA**  
**Traffic Safety Committee**  
**Emergency Operations Center, 175 First Street West**  
**July 26, 2016**  
**MINUTES**

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the agenda for this meeting was posted on Friday, July 15, 2016 on the bulletin board outside the front of Sonoma City Hall, No. 1 The Plaza, and on the City of Sonoma website. Chair Woodcock called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Emergency Operations Center, Sonoma Police Department 175 First Street West.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Chair Woodcock, Members Bowers, Zimmermann, Camus-Boynton(Alternate)

Absent: Parmelee, Sutcliffe

Present: Police Chief Sackett, Public Works Director Takasugi, Operations Analyst Trent Hudson, Administrative Assistant Pratt

The meeting was opening with the election of a new chairperson, Christopher Woodcock. All committee members were in agreement. Armando Zimmermann seconded the motion. A motion was made to elect co-chair. Yvonne Bowers was elected as co-chair. Chair Woodcock stated any decisions made tonight can be appealed within 15 days to the City Council. He reminded everyone to turn off cell phones and pagers.

Chair Woodcock opened the public hearing.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** No comments

**Item 1 – Public Hearing – Denial of 100 feet of Red Curb painting on Clay St. between Broadway to Bragg St.**

**Contact:** Lynn Watts

Ms. Watts was unable to attend the meeting.

**Committee Discussion:** The committee discussed the issue of loss of parking along Clay Street and did not see the need for red curb painting.

**Recommendation to Staff:** Motion to deny request - 4 Yes 0 No

**Item 2 – Public Hearing – Denial of the installation of stop signs on Second Street East at Patten Street, Chase Street and France Street.**

**Contact:** Sid Hoover

There were approximately fifteen residents from Second Street East who spoke in favor of installing stop signs on Second Street East due to the speeding cars who use their street as a thoroughfare. Some residents suggested speed bumps.

Public Works Director Takasugi gave a report showing that State Vehicle Code 21401 requires the City to follow the State standards that would justify any new traffic control, such as a 4-way stop intersection. Those State standards are contained in the California Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). None of the 3 intersections meet the criteria of MUTCD Section 2B.07, based on vehicle speed, accident data, or volume of traffic. Therefore, installing new 4-way stop signs would go against well-established State standards and be acting contrary to the State Vehicle Code.

Chief Sackett reported that a Stealth radar box had been installed at the 700 block of Second Street East and that measuring the speed of 8,847 cars, the average speed was determined to be 19 mph. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed was 27 mph, which would reaffirm the existing prima facie speed limit of 25 mph.

**Committee Discussion:** The committee discussed installing traffic calming measures, installing only one stop sign or denying the installation of any stop signs. The committee decision was made to research this further, giving direction to staff to re-visit the issue, looking at other traffic calming options.

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