Woodside Circulation Committee
ZOOM Virtual Meeting
Thursday, May 28, 2020

FINAL MINUTES

Call to Order: 7:40 PM
Roll Call: Rosenbloom, Garr, Brisbin, Page, Fenzi, Simkover
Honored Guests: Sean Rose (Public Works Director), Sheriff Sgt. Hui, Mayor Ned Fluet, Jennifer Li (Town Clerk), Tracy Crawford, Alan Watkins, Richard Haiduck, and other Skylonda area residents

Public Communications: All public guests were present for discussion of report on 5/20 Zoom meeting about Four Corners safety conditions (CA84/CA35) intersection so it was agreed that this new business item would be addressed before any old business item on the agenda. Matt Garr was warmly welcomed as a new member on the Committee.

Approval of Minutes: February 27, 2020 Unanimous approval by all five who had attended meeting.

New Business:
6. Report on Four Corners (Hwys 84 & 35) neighborhood meeting on 5/20/2020 (F. Rosenblum)
Virtual ZOOM meeting (moderated by Mayor Fluet) was called to discuss residents’ concerns about chaos, noise and safety in the Skylonda area and what can be done by law enforcement to ameliorate problems. Rosenblum offered that this item could be discussed by Circulation Committee.

Tracy Crawford said many of the concerns are long-standing but have intensified with increased traffic and visitors. Speeding and racing are problems. Residents are concerned about unsafe behavior and policing jurisdiction and attention.

Richard Haiduck emphasized that 100 households express concern, establishing that this is a critical problem for the Town to address.

Alan Watkins lamented the noise and the fact that people were dying. He feels that this area does not receive its fair share of police enforcement and asked if the Sheriff’s office had numbers showing relative police enforcement efforts between the Skylonda area and the rest of the town.

Sgt. Hui said they police the entire town but don’t track hours spent in various areas. He explained that they also educate the public, not just enforce. He said that with guidance from the Town they will do more enforcement in the Skylonda area.

Sean Rose said Town will put a speed monitor trailer on CA35 to acquire data on speeding.

Frank Rosenblum said the Four Corner safety issue will be an active item on the Committee’s agenda.

Ned Fluet summarized that there is strong community interest in saving lives, that the Town will reach out to county jurisdictions on this problem, and that possibly the Committee can offer some creative solutions.

Old Business:
1. County Sheriff Report with traffic citation report
Sgt. Hui gave an abbreviated report:
180 citations between March 15 and May 17, looking for loud vehicles, majority are in Skylonda area
95 warnings for COVID-19 sheltering violations
2. Speed Data from Town’s radar
Sean Rose reviewed speed data from Portola Rd between Mt. Home and Woodside Rd for traffic in both directions. Trailers are now on Stockbridge Ave and Woodside Drive.

3. Circulation project updates by Town staff
The Covid lockdown has caused two projects to be put on hold:
-- change in ped/bike facility on N side of Woodside Rd between Canada Corner and Woodside Elm
-- Kings Mtn Rd bike pull-off zones for motorist passing
Four projects are proceeding:
-- by Wunderlich Park, new crosswalk and parking prohibition
-- weatherizing trails within half mile of WES
-- Old La Honda Road bridge replacement (start in 2 weeks)
-- 2020 road rehabilitation program

Matt Garr asked about the Glens pathway not leading out of the Glens. Sean Rose explained that the initial path is so short because of resident reluctance but that there has been some neighborhood approval. A new survey to the residents in June may reveal if there is support for extending the path. A question was expressed: should NIMBYism should outweigh a safety path in the town right-of-way?

4. Traffic data spreadsheet, map, and Woodside residents survey
Sean Rose previewed two maps showing locations of citations and accidents, one for a 1 year period and another for 4-1/2 years. These maps will be very helpful in defining safety hotspots and vehicular misbehavior areas, and in prioritizing safety and enforcement resources within the town.

5. Stop sign compliance by The Noon Riders
Millo Fenzi reported that the Covid pandemic has ended (at least for a time) the Noon Ride.

New Business:

8. Discussion of ongoing dangers related to new and excessive traffic, speeding, blind curve roads, signage and narrowing roads  No discussion under this item.

9. Election of Committee’s Chair and Vice Chair positions for next two-year term
Chair- Cathy Brisbin nominated Zach Simkover. No other nominations. Zach was elected unanimously.
Vice Chair- Cathy Brisbin nominated Matt Garr. No other nominations. Matt was elected unanimously.

Future Agenda Items
- Four Corners (84 & 35) area safety problems and possible remedies
- Town traffic data maps -- review and discussion
- Proposal for stop sign on southbound Portola Road and Mtn. Home intersection
- Kings Mtn Road bike pullouts

Communications – Committee Members
Committee members thanked Frank Rosenblum for his service as chairman and are pleased and grateful that he will continue to serve on the committee.

Bob Page emailed link to new bike safety education guide "STREET SMART: A Student's Guide to Smart Biking" that is under review. The committee might want to consider reviewing this LEGO-based illustrated guide this fall and recommending it to Woodside Elementary.

Adjourn (ca 9:30 PM) to next meeting: June 25, 2020

Draft submitted by Bob Page 5/29/20