



CITY OF NOVATO
PUBLIC WORKS

Street Improvement Oversight Advisory Committee

Minutes

Thursday, March 18, 2021 - 12:00 PM

Teleconference Only

A. CALL TO ORDER, AND ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order at 12:03pm.

Committee: Paul LaPerriere, Ed Schulze, Joakim Osthus

Absent: Meherdad Namiranian

Staff: Chris Blunk, Public Works Director, Gosia Woodfin, Associate Engineer,
Mary Jo Yung, Traffic Engineer

Guests: Dalene Whitlock (Whitlock Weinbeger), John Dicochea (Fire Marshal)

B. APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

M/S Schulze/Osthus, All in Favor 3-0-1 Paul LaPerriere, Ed Schulze, Joakim Osthus, Meherdad Namiranian(absent)

C. Approve the meeting minutes of January 21, 2021

M/S Schulze/Osthus, All in Favor 3-0-1 Paul LaPerriere, Ed Schulze, Joakim Osthus, Meherdad Namiranian(absent)

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gosia read an email that was received from Jim Malaspina regarding what he feels is an ongoing safety issue at the intersection of Alameda del Prado crossing Alameda del Prado. An update can be provided at the next meeting.

Dave Stabenfeldt residents on Oak Grove Drive would like the City to consider a crosswalk at Elmview Way and Oak Grove Drive as well as a stop sign allowing people to safely cross. He questioned the 25 MPH speed limit as it is not a thoroughfare; he feels it is too fast. Is it possible to reduce the speed limit?

Peter Chuck: his observations / he sees a great deal of speeding and irresponsible driving; speeding is his biggest concern. Can we confirm that speed humps / tables are not an option?

John Dicochea spoke on behalf of the Novato Fire District regarding speed tables and the reduction of response time and how they are not the first choice to reduce speed in some neighborhoods.

Thad Anders wanted to thank the committee for listening to the community and thought this might work on Virginia Ave.

Pat Eklund thanked staff for responsiveness. She had a question to John about the response time regarding Ignacio Fire Station.

Dave Stabenfeldt: he is in favor of temporary closure and would like the City to consider the addition of Stop signs.

Mertle McCowen agrees with the suggestions and is in favor of what has been discussed.

Fenton Webb said he drives a Tesla and the car's navigation system tells him the speed limit is 30 then changes to 35 mph, not the stated 25 mph. He is in favor of speed tables and feels there are some crazy drivers. He believes the sign on the freeway listing Entrada Drive is part of the problem.

Peter Chuck would like to see the City institute something simple; he feels an all-way stop sign at intersection would be most helpful

Chris Blunk provided responses to the comments and justifications as to why certain solutions may not be applicable in this location.

The committee members weighed in with their feedback on the discussed solutions.

E. GENERAL BUSINESS

These items include significant and administrative actions of special interest and will usually include a presentation and discussion by the Committee. They will be enacted upon by a separate vote.

E.1 Receive a Presentation & Discuss Traffic Calming Measures on Oak Grove Drive

A PowerPoint presentation was reviewed and discussed in detail regarding options to calm traffic on Oak Grove Drive. Primary goals of traffic management, short- and long-term solutions, as well as traffic data, maps and examples were discussed.

E.2 Receive Update on All-Way Stop Controls at Three Intersections

There are no new updates, but Mary Jo is in contact with residents at three different locations: Alameda del Prado at US 101, Bolling Drive and Bolling Circle as well as Bolling Drive at March Field Ct.

E.3 Receive Update on proposed new CIP Projects in Fiscal Year 2021/22 Budget

Chris discussed the preparation of both the operating and CIP budget for FY 21/22; he is working with finance director, Amy Cunningham to bring it forth for discussion at various committees. Proposed budgets start in Feb and March, with the budget adoption expected in mid to late June.

Chris spoke about some of the new and upcoming projects that can be anticipated in the next fiscal period.

F. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

This section is used for Commissioners and the Staff Liaison to orally report on topics that can be considered for discussion at a future meeting

Joakim provided a BPAC meeting update.

F.1. Consider future topics

Crosswalk Pacheco Valley - per email
Traffic Eng Division speaker report
Review responsibilities of SIOC

F.2. Next Meeting Date (May 20, 2021)

Meeting date of May 20 was confirmed

G. ADJOURNMENT (1:30 PM – TIME APPROXIMATE)

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm