



**TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Bicycle, Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Committee Meeting
Wednesday 7th November 2018
8:15 AM Historic Schoolhouse
765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028**

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

1. Roll Call

Gary Hanes, Angela Hey, Ed Holland (Chair), Deirdre McQuillan and Kenny Chung attended. Kevin Welch was unable to attend. Also in attendance were Ann Wengart (Town Council Representative), Howard Young (Town Public Works Director), Gary Nielsen (Town Police Commissioner) and San Mateo County Sheriff's Office representative, Sergeant Andy Hui (650 363-4316 ahui@smc.gov.org).

2. Minutes Approved

The minutes of the September 5th meeting were unanimously approved subject to correcting the spelling of Paul Krupka's name.

3. Oral Communications

Andy Hui was introduced by the Police Commissioner, Gary Nielsen.

Resident, Bruce McAuley, had emailed Ed and asked if the town would put up signage for the law that requires vehicles to leave a 3ft space when passing a bicycle. Angela noted that she had a bumper sticker on her car. Deirdre asked what other towns were doing. Gary Hanes noted that Atherton had signage and bike lanes. Howard suggested that the committee find out whether there is a need for the sign and he asked the committee for comments. He also suggested we could use the message board sign. Gary Hanes said he didn't think a sign would do much good, but said that one place to put signs would be by the neighborhood watch signs at the entrance of the town. Ed suggested we talk to the traffic consultant, Paul Krupka.

Ed said Bob Pierce from the Trails Committee has applied to be on this committee. It is due for review by town council. Kenny said he had contacted his son.

4. Sheriff's Report

a) Accidents and Citations

Sergeant Andy Hui introduced himself. He has 13 years in law enforcement, including being a motor officer in Pacifica and 6 years in the Sheriff's office. In the Sheriff's office he was in Woodside and Portola Valley for 6 months before being transferred to the coast. He has extensive experience in traffic safety, vehicle inspections and accident reviews.

He reported that for October there were:

- Citations – 55 moving violations – 2 bicycle
- Traffic stops – 61
- Accidents – 2
 - Oct 16th 3915 Alpine Road – a driver confused the gas pedal with the brake pedal and had a collision – solo vehicle
 - Oct 20th on Portola Rd near Family Farm Rd – auto vs bicycle collision – driver from Oakland westbound attempted a U-turn, bike was going at about 20 mph, came from Emerald Hills. Bicycle hit rear end of vehicle causing minor injuries.

5. Public Works Report

a) Traffic Study

Consultant has already looked at the crossings and environment. He is ready to give an opportunity for public comment.

b) PV Connect App

The beta app is being fixed so it has just been released. Then publicity will be through social media and email channels.

c) Sports Fields

Fields are being closed for the rainy season.

d) Storm Drains

Storm drains are being cleared before the rains come.

e) Halloween Parties and Turkey Trot

Town staff put up barricades for 2 parties and the Turkey Trot run.

f) Crossing Guard

Howard had contacted a crossing guard company, but they couldn't find anyone able to work in Portola Valley. He spoke to Woodside Patrol who is willing to start a pilot program to supplying 1 crossing guard for 3 weeks. The School District was also unable to find crossing guards.

g) Utilities

PG&E is trimming and removing trees on Portola Road as part of its wildfire mitigation program. There will be one-lane traffic control.

West Bay Sanitary will replace the sewer from Portola Road to Creek Park Road on Alpine Road. Also a possible project is to provide a sewer line on Stonegate.

h) Updates on Windy Hill Parking

Angela and Kevin both put tickets on cars at weekends. Ed stopped at the Sheriff's substation to ask the deputies to tell them about a parking problem. The deputy said he could not ticket unless they were over the white line. Gary Nielsen will talk to Andy Hui to clarify the situation. Howard will also follow up.

Ed wondered how town residents would react to installing red No Parking signs. Gary wondered if diagonal white striping would stop cars parking on the shoulder. Kenny is there a standard for writing No Parking on the pavement.

6. Outreach and Events

a) Evening Meeting for Traffic Study

Ed and Howard will work with Paul Krupka, traffic consultant, then town staff to schedule a date.

b) 2019 Events

Earth Day, Town Picnic.

c) Bike Rodeo

Angela suggested that the success of the Bike Rodeo at Christ Church's Carillon Preschool might be copied at the other schools. The committee needs to contact the schools to see if they would like to have a bike rodeo.

7. Budget

Ed asked for ideas for the 2019 budget.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is on Wednesday December 5th at 8:15 a.m. in the Schoolhouse, unless there is an evening meeting for town residents to meet the traffic consultant.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by the chairman, Ed Holland, at 9:25 am.