

PORA Roads, Safety and Traffic Committee April 24, 2013, Minutes

Attendees: Merlyn Carlson Chairman, James West, Harry Abramowski, POSSE: John Merkel, MCDOT: Dan Clements, John Counts

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. Merlyn Carlson
2. Minutes of March 21, 2013, were approved as corrected. Merlyn Carlson

The meeting observed a moment of silents to honor Bob Jones's passing on 4/21/13. Mr. Jones served on the PORA Board for 12 years and was the previous chairman of both the Traffic Safety & Water Committees.

MCSO:

MCSO representative Sgt. Polly White is out on Medical leave. Merlyn Carlson
John Merkel gave us Lt. Bookers' name to contact at MCSO.

The three issues we have:

- ³⁵/₁₇ Speeding
- ³⁵/₁₇ Electronic Monitoring
- ³⁵/₁₇ Seat belts on golf carts

Hopefully we will be able to contact MCSO before the next meeting.

3. Current Updates:

SCW Sheriff's Posse Update, John Merkel: I followed up the request for a stop sign on the intersection of Spanish Garden and Aleppo because of speeding. The Posse has spent about 3 1/4 hours monitoring that intersection. Excess speed is measured in three categories: over 10 miles per hour, over 15, and over 20 miles per hour. Out of the 622 cars we counted;

- ✓ Over 10 miles per hour - 2% or 12 cars
- ✓ Over 15 miles per hour – 1% or 5 cars
- ✓ Over 20 miles per hour – none

That's about 3% speeding rate on Spanish Garden & Aleppo, compare to the 8% - 12% speeding on RH Johnson.

Q: Bob Hanson: lots of cars speeding on Meeker Blvd between 135th and Beardsley Rd.

A: Posse: the Posse has not seen any significant speeding in that area.

MCDOT Updates:

John Counts:

- ³⁵/₁₇ All four signals are under construction: one traffic signal at Granite Valley Dr. and Dachtler Rd., three pedestrian signals, Granite Valley Dr. and Mantor Ln, 138th and Camino del Sol, and 138th and RH Johnson. It has turned into a large project with the same contractor doing all of them. They have 45 days to complete.

³⁵₁₇ Someone last month requested a streetlight by their home. For them to get a streetlight it will cost them \$5,000.
³⁵₁₇ Stop sign will be installed at Executive Way and Via Montoya.
³⁵₁₇ Spanish Garden and Aleppo intersection: we have done stop sign warrants there twice a year for the last six years and it has never met warrants. We will not put in the stop sign in without it meeting the warrants.

Dan Clements:

³⁵₁₇ 147th Drive between Heritage Dr. and RH Johnson Blvd. is in the design stage now, with a start date of mid-May. Complete reconstruction.

Q: Linda Rapisarda: please take a look at the intersection of RH Johnson and Camino del Sol. Traffic turning right onto Camino del Sol from RH Johnson should have a "no right turn on red" sign. Today someone turned right in front of me when I had the green turn arrow turning from RH Johnson onto Camino del Sol.

A: MCDOT – Dan Clements will take a look.

Bob Barron: gave everyone a copy of "Golf Cart Safety in Sun City West" report he has done.

Comments: Several visitors expressed their safety concerns over golf cart drivers wearing not seat belts. Golf cart drivers wanting the white edge markings back on the sides of the streets. Speed concerns. Put the golf cart driving rules in the newspaper so new comers would know them.

A: Merlyn Carlson: We have the "Safety First" brochure available – MCDOT, Sheriff's Posse, PORA, SCHOA and the Traffic Safety committee prepared and endorse.

The back of the brochure notes: Golf carts must obey the same operating rules as all other motorized vehicles on the public roads.

- ³⁵₁₇ MUST be licensed by the MVD
- ³⁵₁₇ MUST be operated by a licensed driver, not children.
- ³⁵₁₇ MUST obey all signs and pavement markings.
- ³⁵₁₇ MUST use signals when turning
- ³⁵₁₇ MUST use seat belts if installed. (ALL PERSONS)

Harold Kuhn: there are no speedometers on golf carts to know how fast you are going.

4. Old Business:

5. New Business:

Harry Abramowski: requested a sign for the Posse office, to be placed on RH Johnson just before the intersection at Stardust. The Posse's address is on Stardust, but the Posse feels the sign might make it easier for people to find the Posse office.

6. Adjournment: at 2:38 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 22nd @ 1:30 p.m.