

## **PORA Roads, Safety and Traffic Committee February 26, 2014 Minutes**

**Attendees:** Merlyn Carlson / Chairman, James West, Marshall Oaks, Del Young, Bob Baron, ADOT: Michelle Thompson, POSSE: John Merkel, MCDOT: Dan Clements, Vicki Stewart.

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:29 p.m. Merlyn Carlson
2. Minutes of January 22, 2014 were approved as corrected. Merlyn Carlson
3. Current Updates:

**MCDOT: Vicki Stewart:**

- John Counts followed up on the Marshall Oaks question of who is responsible for the stop sign on the shopping center property. The shopping center is.
- The question about the signage on Dusty Trail cul-de-sac and Via Manana. We are working on that.

**MCDOT: Dan Clements:**

- Slurry Project is 100% completed.

**ADOT: Michelle Thompson:**

- I will be at the 4:00 p.m. meeting Palm Ridge Rec Center today regarding loop 303 from Grand to Happy Valley Rd. Also March 11<sup>th</sup> 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. in Sun City Grand with the same information.
- The loop 303 from Grand to Happy Valley Rd. project and the interchange at El Mirage is due to start the end of this year. This will include the sound wall.
- US 60 Grand & Bell Road is still in the study phase.

**MCSO:** None

**SCW Posse: John Merkel:**

- Last meeting I was going to testify on legislation Debbie Lesko introduced regarding golf carts. That has passed though the committee unanimously.
- The MOU regarding the electronic speed monitoring signs was introduced to the Posse Board at their last meeting.

**Q: Jack Stark:** Speeding problems in Sun City West – How many Sheriff deputies are assigned to Sun City West?

**A: John Merkel:** This is really a question for MCSO; because they are not here today I will try to answer for them. If you see speeding you can call MCSO non-emergency number, call District III, or call the Posse. We do work closely with MCSO. Note the time of day and the location where you see the problem. The demographics of District III, located on the southeast corner of Bell Road and Dysart Road, covers approximately 1,600 square miles in an area that is bordered by Interstate 17 on the east, the La Paz county line on the west, Northern Ave. on the south, and Yavapai county on the north. This area includes: Sun City and Sun City West, the communities of Whitman, Waddell, Circle City, Morristown, Whispering Ranch, Aguila, Gladden, and the unincorporated neighborhoods surrounding Peoria, Surprise, Youngtown, El Mirage and Wickenburg. District III's area also includes Lake Pleasant and White Tanks Parks. All of this area is divided into patrol beats ranging from 12 to 160 square miles. The full number of deputies at any shift

is nine.

Normal strength of personnel is usually around 50, including patrol deputies, detectives and administrative personnel. These numbers can fluctuate slightly depending on the needs of the Office and residents. District III personnel carry out the mandated duties of the Sheriff in the unincorporated areas of northwest Maricopa County.

Satellite Jails: A jail facility is located at both the Surprise and Wickenburg offices, which require at least 15 detention officers, and one detention supervisor to operate. These jail facilities are closed at the current time due to the lack of manpower.

One Deputy is assigned to our beat. It depends of the number of higher priority service calls received by MCSO.

To answer your question of how many deputies we have on full-time traffic assignment in Sun City West: none.

**Q: Michelle Berg:** Will the speed limit change on RH Johnson and Meeker?

**A: The Committee:** Hasn't heard of any change in the speed limits.

**Q: James Hengl:** I would like MCDOT to look at installing four-way stop signs or a traffic signal on 151<sup>st</sup> Ave. at Heritage Dr and stop sign on 157<sup>th</sup> at Greystone Dr. The streets are very busy, making it hard to get on 151<sup>st</sup> and 157<sup>th</sup>.

**A: MCDOT: Dan Clements and Vicki Stewart:** I will ask John to do a traffic signal study at 151<sup>st</sup> and Heritage Dr. and stop sign on 157<sup>th</sup> and Greystone Drive intersection.

**Q: Linda Edington:** Please take a look at 157<sup>th</sup> and Greystone Drive. That intersection has had several close calls.

**Q: Roy Handwerk:** I am concerned about the traffic from the proposed Bell Road and (US 60) Grand Ave. construction being detoured thru Sun City West.

**A:Michelle Thompson:** There are three alternatives ADOT is current studying, one alternative is to do nothing. When the decision is made we will invite public comments 15 days before the public hearing later this spring; no date has been set at this time. At that time we will also have a copy of the environmental study at PORA for the community to look at.

4. Old Business

5. New Business

6. Adjournment: 2:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: **March 26, 2014 @ 1:30 p.m.**