

PORA Roads, Safety and Traffic Committee January 28, 2015, Minutes

Attendees: Merlyn Carlson / Chairman, James West, Harry Abramowski, Posse: John Merkel, MCDOT: John Counts and Dan Clements, MCSO Sgt. Bonnie White.

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. Merlyn Carlson
2. Minutes of October 22, 2014 Merlyn Carlson
Motion by Jim West: to approve the minutes was seconded and passed unanimously
3. Current Updates:

Jim Swanson, PORA Board Director:

- Suggested adding signage of “It’s Our Town Let’s Slowdown” like Glendale, AZ has.

MCSO: Sgt. Polly White:

- More Academy graduates will be out in the field.
- The suspects in the catalytic converter theft, that has been a problem in Sun City and Sun City West, have been apprehended.
- I have a name of the person in Sun City who will be ordering seat belts soon. I will be glad to give you his contact if you would like to order some for a seat belt event in Sun City West.

SCW Sheriff’s Posse: John Merkel:

- Follow-up on the requested no parking signs on Beardsley near Stardust, they are in on the south side of the street at this time. I was hoping to see signs on the north side also.
- With the signs Jim Swanson suggested “It’s Our Town Let’s Slowdown” I don’t think the Posse would have any objections.
- The Posse does monitor speeding with radar and we give that report to MCSO, with time and place, to help them with their traffic control in Sun City West.
- The number of cars speeding in the past two to three years has gone up about 2%. Speeding is going over 10 miles-an-hour over the speed limit.
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MCDOT: Dan Clements

- Crack seal is almost completed in Sun City West.
- We are doing preservative seal at this time.

MCDOT: John Counts

- We have started our signal warrant, four-way-stop warrant studies.
- We have a request to check for a dedicated right-turn lane at Meeker and Camino del Sol.

- Last meeting we had a request to install a “No Trucks” sign on Beardsley, Meeker and Camino del Sol. MCDOT’s policy is if large truck traffic is 5% or greater (not including FedEx or UPS) then we will possibly do it. We have completed the studies on two streets at this time and none came close to the 5%. We will be redoing the reading on Meeker. I will bring the results next time.

SCW Sheriff’s Posse: John Merkel: Will you check on a warning sign on Meeker Blvd. showing that Aurora Dr. is coming up. Lot of people miss that turn.

John Counts: I will check that out also.

Tom Jones: The Automotive Restoration Car Club is having a car show at the RH Johnson Rec Center parking lot on February 14. We need to contract MCDOT to see if restricted lanes are needed at our event.

John Counts: If you submit a traffic control plan we will issue a permit.

Merlyn Carlson: I have a request for:

- Check for speeding on Summerstar Dr.
- Crosswalk study at Meeker and Pyracantha.
- Stop sign at Spanish Garden and Aleppo Dr.
- Will Deer Valley Dr. in front Corte Bella ever be widened to four lanes?

4. Old Business:

5. New Business:

6. Comments from visitors:

Bonnie Boyce-Wilson: Is it the laws that golf cart driver and passenger have to wear seatbelts?

MCSO: Sgt. Polly White: The older golf carts have no seatbelts installed.

Bonnie Boyce-Wilson: Sounds like we should be going to the state legislators.

7. Adjournment: 2:40 p.m.

8. Next Meeting: **February 25, @ 1:30 p.m.**