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TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

November 19, 1980

Portage Inn

7:00 a.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 17, 1980
Record of October 15, 1980 Meeting (no quorum)
- III. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Petition Request for Traffic Control in
East 8th - Federal - Case Streets Area
- IV. OTHER BUSINESS
 - A. Progress Report - Traffic Safety Management Program
- V. INFORMATION ONLY
 - A. OTSC 1981 Highway Safety Plan Summary
 - B. OTSC Report on Drunk Driving Prevention Week
- VI. ADJOURNMENT

M I N U T E S

OF

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

OF

November 19, 1980

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT:

Chairman Mike Courtney
Commissioners Jack Rinehart, Terry Allen,
Heather Miller, Don Hall, Roger Howe and
Bill Hawksley

STAFF PRESENT:

Planning Director Greg Scoles, City Engineer
Vern Tenneson, Public Works Director Joe Hasbrouck,
Police Chief Paul Nagy, Sgt. Jack Linderman, and
Administrative Assistant Kathy Hunter

OTHERS PRESENT:

Harriet Lewis, Hazel Phillips, Dick Woelk and
Alex King

Chairman Courtney called the meeting to order at 7:00 A.M.

MINUTES - November 17, 1980

Jack Rinehart moved, seconded by Don Hall, to approve the minutes of the November 17, 1980 meeting as circulated. Motion carried unanimously. Yes - Rinehart, Allen, Miller, Howe, Hall and Hawksley.

The record of the October 15, 1980 meeting was also attached for information only. There was not a quorum of Commission members at that meeting.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Bill Johnson, Route 3, Box 99, The Dalles, had submitted a letter requesting that the Commission consider ways to promote pedestrian safety in the downtown area. He noted that it was difficult to cross a street in the downtown area.

Chief Nagy explained that his patrol officers will be watching for speeding and right-of-way violations. Chairman Courtney suggested that he and Chief Nagy might schedule a discussion for the KODL "Coffee Break" program. Alex King, KODL reporter, being present, stated that he thought it could be scheduled and we should call to make the arrangements.

PETITION REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL IN EAST 8TH / FEDERAL / CASE STREETS AREA

At the November 10, 1980 meeting of the City Council, Harriet Lewis submitted a petition asking for traffic controls in this area which was signed by 33 neighboring residents.

This issue had been before the Commission several times since May of 1978 and the request had been denied each time because traffic volume did not appear to warrant such action. (The entire record from May, 1978 through November, 1980 was distributed to the Commissioners.) In addition, radio station KODL had loaned a tape recorded interview with Mrs. Lewis discussing this problem. The recording was reviewed by those in attendance.

After a short discussion, it was moved by Don Hall, seconded by Bill Hawksley, to refer this area to our traffic engineers for a study and report and to meet again in two weeks to submit a final report to the City Council. Motion carried unanimously. Yes - Howe, Hall, Miller, Allen, Hawksley and Rinehart.

Chairman Courtney asked Dick Woelk of ATEP what the study would include. Woelk explained that he would have traffic movement counts recorded for all streets in that area to determine the primary flow of traffic; he would review all existing signage and traffic accident reports for that area.

WEST 6TH STREET RESTRIPIING RECOMMENDATION

Planning Director Greg Scoles presented a recommendation for a striping improvement plan for the intersection of West 6th Street and Cherry Heights Road. He requested a review and approval by the Commission.

Roger Howe moved to accept the recommendation; Jack Rinehart seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Yes - Hall, Howe, Hawksley, Miller, Rinehart and Allen.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sgt. Jack Linderman, of The Dalles Police Department, reported that the selective enforcement program was progressing satisfactorily and that the records they derived from it would be a valuable reference for the Department.

Dick Woelk, Associated Transportation, Engineering and Planning, gave a brief presentation and update of the City-wide traffic safety study. He explained that the draft report would be available for staff review by the first of the new year.

With no further business, Chairman Courtney adjourned the meeting at 8:15 A.M.

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

NOVEMBER 19, 1980

7:00 AM PORTAGE INN

7:00 CALL TO ORDER

7:02 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 9-17-80 MTNG

NEW BUS.

7:10 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY - LETTER FROM BILL JOHNSON

7:20 E. 8TH-FEDERAL-RASE KODL INTERVIEW

HARRIETT LEWIS - PETITION

TRAFFIC ENGINEER

* 7:40 W. 6TH RESTRIPE - REFERRED FROM PLANNING

OLD BUS.

7:45 POLICE DEPT. - NAGY, LINDBERMAN - TRAFFIC ENFORCE -

Q REPTS.

7:55 TRAFFIC SAFETY CONSULTANTS - WILBURN AND/OR WISEN

8:15 ADJOURN OR SCHEDULE NO-HOST MTNG TO CONCLUDE
THIS MONTHS BUSINESS.

* REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ACTION

Associated Transportation Engineering & Planning

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November 26, 1980

Ms. Kathy Hunter
City of The Dalles
313 Court Street
The Dalles, Or. 97058

Dear Kathy,

After reviewing the traffic count information you sent me, I would make the following recommendations:

- 1) Install Stop Signs on:
 - a) Federal Street North and South of 8th Street.
 - b) Case Street South of 8th Street.
 - c) 7th Place West of Case Street.
- 2) Parking be removed on the north side of 8th Street between Federal and Case Streets.

During my visit last week a thought crossed my mind regarding the Cherry Heights and 6th Street intersection. Since the Traffic Commission was concerned about pedestrians, why not consider a temporary 4-way Stop during the Christmas season.

This would provide gaps for pedestrian traffic crossing 6th Street and allow traffic to move safely through the intersection.

You might consider giving this suggestion to the commission before the Christmas rush.

If you have any questions about the recommendations give me a call.

Sincerely



Richard L. Woelk
Sec/Treasurer.

rlw/RLW

OREGON TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Salem, Oregon 97310

Phone: 378-3669

November 10, 1980

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

N E W S - -

Traditionally, drunk drivers declare war on the rest of us this time of the year. The per capita consumption of liquor (counting everyone including babies) is 29.5 gallons per year. Twenty-three percent of all alcoholic beverage sales in Oregon each year are recorded in November and December.

In a "normal" year, about 90 persons lose their lives on Oregon highways between mid-November and the end of the year. Another 360 or so are permanently maimed or crippled and some 4,500 are injured. The dollar cost runs into the tens of millions of dollars and is paid for by everyone in the form of higher medical, life and auto insurance premiums and in taxes for government programs to care for the victims and their families.

About half of all traffic fatalities are caused by drinking drivers. Even though driving while suspended is a felony carrying a prison sentence, nearly 30% of the drivers involved in fatal traffic crashes in 1979 were either habitual traffic offenders, driving while suspended at the time of the fatal crash, had prior suspensions on their records, or had prior driving-while-suspended convictions.

Governor Victor Atiyeh has proclaimed November 10-16, 1980, "Drunk Driving Prevention Week." The purpose of the proclamation is to:

1. Alert party hosts and licensed outlets of their moral obligations and legal liability for serving those visibly intoxicated as per a 1979 state law;
2. Remind law enforcement agencies to emphasize enforcement of driving under the influence statutes this time of year;
3. Warn the public to be alert for drivers who are under the influence; and to
4. Invite others to join the Governor in reporting drinking drivers to the police.

VICTOR ATIYEH
GOVERNOR



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE CAPITOL
SALEM 97310

November 6, 1980

STATEMENT BY GOVERNOR VIC ATIYEH

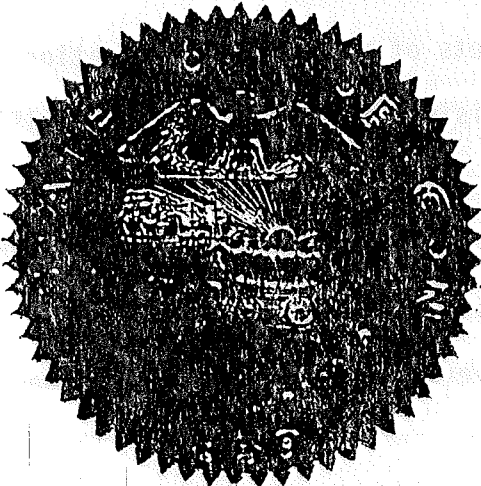
Approximately one-half of all traffic fatalities are caused by the drunk driver in the State of Oregon. This senseless slaughter and maiming of husbands, wives and children overshadows the otherwise good traffic safety programs we all abide by.

Through the efforts of State and local traffic safety commissions, we are beginning to have an impact on the drunk driver. These efforts are working together toward a common goal of fewer alcohol-related highway fatalities, which will result in all our roads being safer for ourselves and our children.

Therefore, as Governor, I hereby proclaim the week of November 10 - 16, 1980, as

"DRUNK DRIVING PREVENTION WEEK"

in Oregon and call upon all Oregonians to observe the contributions made by all traffic safety commissions and drive with duty, compassion and respect that we all deserve.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Vic Atiyeh".

Vic Atiyeh
Governor of Oregon