

MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Monday, November 15, 1993

7:00 p.m., Newberg Public Library

(The regular meeting of Monday, November 8th, was rescheduled to November 15th.)

PRESENT:	Doris Brandt, Chairperson	Russel Pack
	Vernon (Andy) Anderson	Bob Andrews
	Glenn L. Benedict	Earl Sandager
	Richard Meyer	Richard McCabe

STAFF

PRESENT: Police Chief Bob Tardiff
Sgt. Dave T. James
Larry Anderson, Engineering
Mary Newell, Secretary

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson Doris Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motion: Sandager/McCabe to approved the minutes of Monday, October 11, 1993, as written. The motion passed.

II. CONTINUED BUSINESS:

Reports from Larry Anderson:

A) Parking problem, 1200 E. Sheridan

Larry Anderson said parking in the vicinity of George Fox College is an issue which should be reviewed. He said he spoke with Clyde Thomas, Director of Maintenance at George Fox College, who felt the issue could be dealt with by enlisting the aid and cooperation of the students. Larry and Mr. Thomas will meet and prepare a map identifying the problem areas. He suggested the City post the area opposite the driveway at 1200 E. Sheridan, in the meantime. Larry Anderson asked that the Fire Department be included in the planning of a parking plan because of emergency vehicle access.

Action: This matter was continued to a later date. Staff to prepare maps identifying problem areas.

B) Parking Strip, Cameo Theater

Larry reported that he had contacted Bob Francis, who is not opposed to allowing parking in front of the theater during non-business hours as long as parking is not allowed during the hours of 7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Mr. Francis indicated his main concern is damage to his marquee

due to trucks parking in front of the theater. Larry said the marquee and the light poles show some damage. He agreed that the potential is there for damage to the marquee if truck parking is allowed in front of the theater.

Mr. Sandager suggested the appropriate group to discuss the marquee issue might be the sign/design review committee.

There was discussion regarding truck parking in front of the Cameo Theater. Mr. McCabe said the lack of a curb creates a problem. Larry Anderson indicated the curb is painted yellow. Larry suggested that something akin to a curb detector be installed on the marquee to alert trucks that they are dangerously close to the marquee.

Responding to a suggestion to post the area with a no parking for trucks, Chief Tardiff said it would be an unusual posting if the sign limiting parking also included no parking for trucks. He said liability might be another issue for consideration. After discussion, this suggestion was abandoned.

Motion: McCabe/Andrews to post a sign in front of the Cameo Theater indicating there is *No Parking* allowed during the hours of 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm. Motion carried.

**C) Traffic Problems on East First Street
Sign Posting for Exhaust Brakes**

Larry Anderson indicated he spoke with John Graftsman, State Highway Maintenance Engineer, for District 2. Mr. Graftsman said the State had enacted a new law which outlaws unmuffled exhaust brakes. The State will post signs at ports of entry into the state indicating that it is illegal to have an unmuffled exhaust brake in the State of Oregon, along with postings in truck stops and articles in publications for trucking associations. The law went into effect November 4, 1993. Larry indicated there was no decibel levels attached to the law, but felt it would reduce the number of complaints.

Action: No action required due to legislation initiated by the State.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A) Receive report and set public hearing on request of Brenda Diedrich and Open Bible School to allow a crosswalk across N. College Street at Aldercrest Drive and relocation of two speed signs.

Larry Anderson advised that Committee's decision on this matter will be in a form of recommendation to the state, and that the City cannot on its own, initiate these changes. Larry said he spoke with the State to determine what procedure is required in order to accomplish this

request and was advised the following:

Crosswalk:

The State needs a request from the school and the City's agreement to the proposal. The State strongly advised that the crosswalk, if approved, be staffed with a crossing guard. Larry Anderson said the City would have to review the crosswalk for access and indicated the map prepared by the applicant appeared a workable plan as far as access from other streets.

Sign postings and speed zone change:

This issue would have to be reviewed by the State Speed Control Board. The State indicated they could extend the 25 mph zone at the request of the City to expand the urban speed. To change the speed from 35 to 40, would require a review by the State Speed Control Board.

Doris Brandt and Dave James indicated the speed zones were just recently changed within the last two or three years.

There was much discussion regarding the locations and frequency of speed signs along Hwy. 219.

Mr. Sandager asked for a count on the number of children expected to use the crosswalk. It was noted that the Open Bible School facility was expanded recently. Larry Anderson suggested the number of children in this area would increase once the Crater School site is developed. Doris Brandt said a crosswalk at this location had been discussed by the Transportation Department of the School District, but had been dropped because they felt it would create a dangerous situation.

Responding to a question from Mr. McCabe, Sgt. James indicated the area is not posted as a school zone.

Andy Anderson suggested the school might reconsider their request when advised of the need for a crossing guard and the danger to pedestrians using the crosswalk. Concerns expressed were (1) a child's false sense of security that cars will always stop at a crosswalk; (2) weather conditions which hinder visibility; (3) high-speed traffic associated with a State highway; and (4) periods where the crosswalk will not have a guard to control the crosswalk. Chief Tardiff suggested Larry Anderson meet with Open Bible School to discuss the need for a crossing guard. Consensus was that Oregon Bible School could hire a crossing guard to escort children across the street without a crosswalk being painted on the roadway. There was some discussion regarding training for crosswalk guards.

Committee discussed erecting a lighted sign to warn that children and crosswalk are ahead.

Larry said he would investigate what requirements are required to install such a sign, but felt the State would install the signs and paint the crosswalks.

Sgt. James cautioned against setting precedence for other schools in the area who might be contemplating installing crosswalks.

Chief Tardiff felt that the decision on this matter will be a recommendation from the Traffic Safety Commission to the State and need not go to Council; however, he will check the ordinance for confirmation.

Motion: Sandager/Anderson to set the public hearing on this issue for December 13th, the public hearing to commence at 7:30 p.m. The motion carried.

B) Receive communication of C. S. Lewis Community School regarding dangerous intersections at So. College and Second and So. College and Third Streets, and set a public hearing.

Chief Tardiff said this matter is before the Traffic Safety Commission because of the number of accidents at 2nd and College was excessive, creating a dangerous situation for the public. He suggested making the intersection a four-way stop. Larry Anderson confirmed five accidents in one year and one the following year at the intersection of So. College and Second Street. Larry said he felt that stopping traffic on Second Street by installing a four-way stop would impact traffic significantly.

Sgt. James suggested it would be more appropriate to make it a three-way stop, with yellow curbs to open up the visibility, in order to accommodate the amount of traffic feeding So. College. Chief Tardiff responded that the concern with a three-way stop, is citizens tend to assume it is a four-way stop.

Andy Anderson expressed concern that a four-way stop would back up traffic towards First Street. Larry Anderson concurred, stating the amount of southbound traffic feeding onto So. College is significant and will do a volume count to determine the amount of traffic. Larry Anderson questioned whether drivers running through a yellow light on 1st could come to a full stop at College and Second Streets.

Consensus was that there is sufficient justification to allow crosswalks at the intersection. Larry Anderson advised that two crosswalks is preferred.

There was general discussion regarding parking and loading zones in the area of C.S. Lewis Community School. It was noted that a request by the church for a loading zone had been denied in the past. Chief Tardiff said Mr. Poole felt adequate parking was available in the area and had suggested creating loading zones as a way to increase visibility for cars. It was noted

that creating a loading zone would eliminate double parking at the site.

Larry Anderson will prepare and distribute a report addressing the issues of traffic volume, loading and parking zones, and parking before the next meeting.

Motion: Andrews/Sandager to set the date of the public hearing for December 13, 1993. The motion carried.

Richard McCabe raised the issue of designating the area of the east side of No. Springbrook Road, from the corner of Hwy. 99W to the entrance of Springbrook Plaza at Payless Drug Store, as a *No Parking* area. He expressed concern that trucks parking along this stretch of road block visibility.

Larry Anderson advised that this issue will be reviewed as part of the design review process at the time Mercury Development develops the last commercial pad of Springbrook Plaza.

Larry suggested Committee consider creating left and right turn lanes from Haworth onto No. Springbrook Road. He noted another area for concern is cars using the far right side of So. Springbrook as a right-turn lane onto westbound Hwy. 99W. He advised that this is another issue to be considered at the time of commercial development at the intersection.

General discussion followed. Various options for parking and turn lanes for Haworth were explored. Consensus of Committee was for turn lanes on Haworth be developed immediately. Larry Anderson concurred.

Motion: Andrews/McCabe moved to direct Engineering develop a plan for right hand and left hand turn lanes marked back as many feet are appropriate on Haworth at the intersection of Haworth and Springbrook.

Chief Tardiff advised that Ordinance requires a public hearing be held when deciding on traffic lanes.

Motion: Andrews/McCabe to amend their motion to have the matter scheduled for a public hearing. Motion carried.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

Chief Tardiff said the City Manager has suggested the Traffic Safety Committee revisit the issue of truck parking in the City of Newberg. It was noted the ordinance needs to be updated.

Chief Tardiff offered to do some research on this matter and report back to Committee at a later date.

Chief Tardiff advised that the new ordinance for Traffic Safety requires the drawing of lots to determine expiration dates for terms of office. Committee drew lots and the following terms were established:

Vernon Anderson, term to expire 12/31/94
Glenn Benedict, term to expire 12/31/94
Richard Meyer, term to expire 12/31/95
Russel Pack, term to expire 12/31/95
Bob Andrews, term to expire 12/31/94
Doris Brandt, term to expire 12/31/93
Earl Sandager, term to expire 12/31/93
Richard McCabe, term to expire 12/31/93
Ray Buckley, term to expire 12/31/95

V. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR:

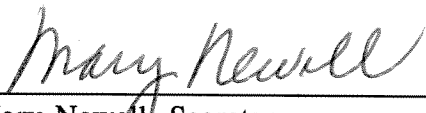
No communications from the floor.

VI. ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING:

Motion: McCabe/Meyer to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by:



Mary Newell, Secretary