

MINUTES
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Police Conference Room
March 8, 1993

PRESENT: Chairperson Doris Brandt, Larry Anderson, Dave James, Bob Andrews, Glenn Benedict, Vernon Anderson, Richard Meyers, Russel Pack, and Dick McCabe.

ABSENT: Earl Sandager

GUESTS: Dennis Manning, and City Manager Duane Cole

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Doris Brandt at 7:02 p.m.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. Parking problem at 700 Block of N. Meridian

Guest Dennis Manning explained to group members the parking problems in the 700 block of North Meridian. Manning told members that his driveway faces N. Meridian Street; and those persons who rent the duplex in the 700 block, block his view to drive out onto Meridian Street safely. Manning went on to state that the duplex owner has not provided off-street parking for the duplex renters, thus causing the problem. He says that on the north side of the duplex there is enough room for a driveway. Mr. Manning also said the duplex owner over rents, causing over-crowding at the duplex.

Larry Anderson said that they city ordinance regarding boarding houses would cover the problem. He said he would research this and take the appropriate action.

Other options discussed by City Manager Duane Cole such as painting curbs near the driveway. Mr. Cole said he would pass along the information to the Building Department to see if the landlord has been contacted regarding this problem in the past, and if so a citation would be issued.

A video was shown of the problem area.

Chairperson Doris Brandt briefly discussed the turning lanes in the 100 block of N. College and N. Main streets. Consensus among Committee members was that this is a very positive change in the traffic flow for the city of Newberg.

II. NEW BUSINESS:

1. City Manager to discuss the future goals of Traffic Safety Committee.

City Manager Duane Cole first invited committee members to meet with the four police chief applicants on March 24, 1993.

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Mr. Cole explained that he felt the future goals of the Traffic Safety Committee should include the following:

- (1) Committee members should look at the downtown parking plan and give their input.
- (2) The Traffic Safety Committee should be final authority on traffic and parking problems, rather than sending to other committees.
- (3) The appeal process on traffic safety issues should go directly from the Traffic Safety Committee to City Council instead of routing through other committees. This would help speed up the appeal process.
- (4) Change the role of Community Relations to address issues other than traffic problems.

III. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST:

1. Concern regarding basketball hoops on city streets.

Mr. Cole said he would speak with City Council regarding basketball hoops in city streets, and then send out letters to persons with basketball hoops explaining the city ordinance and removal of those hoops if they do not have a permit.

2. Questions from committee members regarding clearance of shrubs from curbs, etc.

Larry Anderson said he would put an article in the Graphic to explain this issue to citizens.

Respectfully submitted,



Sergeant Dave James