

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, July 12, 1993

7:00 p.m., Newberg Public Library

PRESENT: Chairperson Doris Brandt; Andy Anderson; Glenn Benedict; Richard McCabe; Bob Andrews; Larry Anderson; Richard Meyers; Russel Pack; Police Chief Bob Tardiff, and D.T. James.

ABSENT: Earl Sandager and Ray Buckley

GUEST: Elaine Smith, 617 N. Grant Street, Newberg; and, Jack Williams, property owner in the 2700 block of East Hancock Street.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:03 p.m. by Chairperson Doris Brandt.

New Police Chief Bob Tardiff was introduced to the members of the Traffic Safety Committee.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A) Request "*Children at Play*" sign Amie Miller, 627 N. Grant

(Item A, New Business, was heard in conjunction with Item A, Old Business.)

A) Traffic Problems on North Grant Elaine D. Smith, 617 North Grant

Representing her neighborhood on N. Grant Street, Elaine Smith expressed the following concerns: (1) the need for a "*Children at Play*" sign for N. Grant Street; (2) a request for a 25 mph speed sign to control speeding in area of Grant Street; and (3) speed bumps for the North Grant area once paving takes place in that area later in the summer. Refer to her letter for a summary of her request.

These issues were addressed by the Traffic Safety members in the presence of Elaine Smith.

First, regarding the "*Children at Play*" sign, it was explained that by allowing the sign in their area, the Committee would be expected to grant all other requests. Further, Traffic Safety feels this type of sign gives the wrong impression to children by allowing them to think that it is okay to play in the street. Request for "*Children at Play*" sign was denied.

Consensus was that if speed bumps were allowed the City could be liable if any damage occurred to vehicles while crossing the speed bumps. Therefore, this request was denied.

The third issue of speed signs was addressed. Larry Anderson of the Engineering Department indicated that it was the City's philosophy that if the area is already a 25 mph zone -- as all posted residential areas are -- that the City feels it should not be required to post a speed sign for that particular area. However, Traffic Safety members and Anderson felt it was appropriate to place a 25 mph zone for the speed area coming off of Hwy. 240, speed signs to face south on North Grant Street. Anderson went on to explain to Traffic Safety members and to Elaine Smith that the road construction planned for N. Grant Street in that particular residential area and the way that the street is going to be laid out should eliminate the speeding problem that is concern of the N. Grant residents. Anderson indicated that the intersection of Grant and North Street is designed to cause the motorist to slow substantially before making a turn either east or west bound on East North Street. The request for speed signs was denied.

It was decided that the residents should keep an eye on the problem after the paving takes place on Grant Street and report back to Traffic Safety if there is a factual problem that occurs causing concern for citizens in that area.

**B) Parking problem 2700 Block East Hancock, Jack Williams
Concerns from a business owner in that location**

Jack Williams was a latecomer to the meeting. He explained that truck parking on the north side of Hancock Street (from the intersection of Hancock and Elliott eastbound) created a problem for the businesses that are along that stretch of the roadway, approximately 125 yards in length. Truck parking causes large delivery trucks to have to back into the area to make deliveries to his and other businesses located on that stretch of road. He also indicated that it interferes with other commercial vehicles and their ability to make deliveries.

This was discussed by Traffic Safety members. It was then brought to the floor, moved and seconded, that truck parking be eliminated along this stretch of the roadway. It was also voted that a posting be made, either *Dead End* or *Not An Outlet Street* for that section of roadway.

3. NEW BUSINESS

B) Parking problem at 1700 Carol Avenue

Briefly, it was explained that residents were concerned that too many cars were being

parked in that area, especially on Sundays. Officer James explained that the streets are fairly wide, and that the Police Department would keep an eye on the parking. He suggested that it was not a problem that needed to be addressed by the Traffic Safety Committee at this point in time.

4) MISCELLANEOUS

The Traffic Safety members discussed the waiting period for vehicles at train crossings throughout the city. It was noted that it sometimes takes an extremely long period of time, sometimes blocking traffic 30+ minutes. Officer James and Larry Anderson will attempt to make contact with the train line owner to advise them of the problem and see if they can rectify it.

There was apparent concern on Mission Drive regarding trees blocking the street and the view to oncoming traffic from College Street. This problem will be addressed by Larry Anderson and taken to the property owner.

Regarding the intersection at Hwy. 219 and Villa Road, Larry Anderson indicated that this issue is being studied by the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Directing their concerns to Chief Tardiff, Traffic Safety members again expressed their views concerning the overlap of issues being heard by Traffic Safety and later reviewed again by Community Relations. Traffic Safety members felt that if Community Relations was going to do the same work that Traffic Safety was doing (example going over the same issues) there is not a need for both committees. It is the opinion of Traffic Safety that they are to report to the City Council as written in the bylaws. Traffic Safety members asked Chief Tardiff to come up with a solution, noting that they had already discussed this issue to the City Manager. Chief Tardiff indicated that he would check into this issue and get back to the Traffic Safety Committee. Traffic Safety members were advised that the bylaws indicate that Traffic Safety Committee reports directly to City Council, and that the new proposed bylaws reflect the same.

Submitted by D.T. James, Secretary.



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