

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION**  
**Monday, January 10, 1994**  
**7:00 p.m., Newberg Public Library**

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

<b>STAFF</b>	Police Chief Bob Tardiff
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Sgt. David 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.

- A) Review and approve minutes of Monday, December 13, 1993

**Motion: McCabe/Pack** to approve the minutes of Monday, December 13, 1993, as written. Motion carried.

- B) Nominations and election of chairperson of the Traffic Safety Commission

Chairperson Doris Brandt entertained motions for the nomination for chairperson of the Traffic Safety Commission.

**Motion: McCabe** to nominate Bob Andrews as chairman of the Traffic Safety Commission. Bob Andrews accepted the nomination.

**Motion: Sandager/McCabe** moved, seconded and carried to close nominations. The vote was unanimous, and Bob Andrews was elected as chairman of the Traffic Safety Commission.

Thanking Doris Brandt for her excellent leadership, incoming Chairman Bob Andrews took over the meeting. Chairman Andrews asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chairperson.

**Motion: McCabe/Sandager** moved, seconded to nominate Dick Meyers as Vice Chairperson.

**Motion: Brandt/Benedict** moved, seconded and carried that nominations be closed. The vote was unanimous, and Dick Meyers was elected as Vice Chairman of the Traffic Safety

Commission.

The meeting continued with Bob Andrews conducting the meeting as Chairperson.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS:**

### **A) Report by Larry Anderson on establishment of traffic lanes on Haworth Avenue at Springbrook Road**

Larry Anderson reporting. Mr. Anderson passed out a diagram of the intersection for Commission's review. He indicated room is available for an eastbound 11-foot turn lane, with a 15-foot eastbound lane. Because of the turning movement of traffic on the westbound traffic lane, Staff recommends a 16-foot right-turn lane. Larry recommended the turn lane distance be 80 feet, plus an additional 40 feet allowed for transition. He indicated that additional stripping can be added when the property on the corner is developed.

Chief Tardiff confirmed that public hearings must be held on parking and traffic lane matters.

Larry Anderson confirmed that the proposal includes only the intersection of Haworth and Springbrook Road. The intersection of Springbrook Road and 99W will be considered at the time the corner properties are developed.

Mr. McCabe asked if a stop bar would be painted across Haworth. Staff indicated stop bars would be painted, along with turn indicator arrows.

Mr. Meyer voiced support for the proposal. He said vehicles making left turns from Haworth to Springbrook are obstructing the visibility of vehicles waiting to make a right turn onto Springbrook and asked if the stop bar could be off-set to allow improved visibility. Larry agreed that visibility is a problem at the intersection but suggested the regular stop bar be used.

Chairman Andrews and Mr. McCabe said they felt comfortable with the proposal as presented.

Committee directed the matter be set for public hearing beginning at 7:15 p.m. Time Certain on February 14, 1994.

### **B) Report by Larry Anderson on truck parking on Hancock**

Larry Anderson reporting. Staff indicated Mr. Fry purchased property on old Hwy. 99 across from Dairy Queen to store his tractors. The property will not accommodate his trailers. Mr. Fry informed Larry that he has given up searching for parking. Mr. Anderson reminded Mr. Fry that the Traffic Safety Committee had already given him an additional 90 days to find an alternate parking. Staff told Mr. Fry the parking issue would be discussed at Traffic Safety and

it was possible they would decide to post the north side of Hancock between Elliott and the dead end as a NO PARKING area for trucks. Larry suggested Mr. Fry contact Sam Whitney to arrange for parking space.

Larry Anderson indicated he expressed to Mr. Fry that the Commission feels strongly that the roadway be kept clear for business use. Staff feels Mr. Fry has had ample opportunity to find alternate parking and the area should be posted no parking for trucks.

Earl Sandager indicated he would like to avoid posting the area as no parking if only one individual is causing the problem.

Commission directed Larry Anderson to send Mr. Fry a letter and get his response to report at the next meeting on February 14, 1994. If necessary, a public hearing to post the north side of Hancock as *No Parking* will be scheduled if no action has been taken on the part of Mr. Fry.

### **III. NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **A) Traffic Complaint Unsafe intersection at Fourth and River Street**

Ms. Lillian Litfin, 1314 E. Seventh Street, addressed the Traffic Safety Commission. She said she wished to keep 6th Street as a through-street across River. Her request was to install signage under the stop sign identifying 6th Street as a through-street. She said drivers assume the intersection is a four-way stop. The same confusion occurs at 4th and River Street, but her concern lies with the intersection of 6th and River.

Bob Andrews turned Committee's attention to the memo from City Manager Duane Cole.

Mr. Fisher said historically, 6th was a through-street to accommodate school buses and 4th was originally a state highway.

Larry Anderson advised that Staff had done a Traffic Warrant Analysis of the intersection of 4th and River. The study did not warrant a 4-way stop at the intersection, with 11 points out of 28. He confirmed three accidents at 4th and no accidents at 6th. Larry agreed that the through streets are historical, and Staff today would recommend River Street as the through street because River Street has twice the traffic as 4th and 6th Streets.

Larry indicated signs identifying the intersection as a two-way stop could be added to the stop signposts located on River and 4th.

Dick McCabe asked Staff to identify the types of accidents occurring at 4th and River Street. Sgt. Dave James reported on the three accidents: one failure to yield; one running a stop sign;

and no information was available on the most recent accident.

Larry Anderson said he ran a Safe Stopping Speed test. The intersection has good visibility, and stopping is 21-24 miles per hour stop speed on approach.

Jerry Fisher asked if school bus access was an issue. Larry indicated he did not know the historical aspect of 4th Street or the significance of school bus crossing.

Dick McCabe said he was more comfortable with installing the requested signs than putting up more stop signs.

Sgt. James indicated that cars parked on 6th Street reduce visibility for vehicles moving north and southbound on River, causing east and westbound traffic to hesitate before moving through the intersection.

Staff advised against moving the stop from River to 4th Street.

Committee were in agreement with proposal to add signage to existing signs indicating the intersection is a two-way stop.

Concern was expressed that allowing these signs would set precedent for other requests. Chief Tardiff disagreed, noting the stop signs are on the more heavily traveled road making this situation unique.

Earl Sandager suggested painting the curbs to allow more visibility on approach at both intersections of 4th and 6th and River Street. General discussion followed regarding visibility at both intersections. Chief Tardiff confirmed there is a grassy, parking strip along the streets between the curb and the sidewalk.

**Motion:** Pack/McCabe to install two-way indicator signs on existing stop signs at the intersections of 4th and River Street and 6th and River Street and paint *No Parking* strips.

The motion passed unanimously.

B) Complaint  
Pedestrians crossing Hancock to Coffee Cottage

Chief Tardiff indicated this issue was to be discussed at Community Relations on January 4th but since the meeting was rescheduled to January 11, and there was nothing to report.

Mr. Meyer said the issue of jaywalking is a common problem. Chief Tardiff said the City has a jaywalking ordinance, but not the personnel for enforcement. He noted that as call volume

increases and staffing does not, priority enforcement is required. He cited parking as another example of an enforcement problem which does not have high priority.

Andy Anderson and Earl Sandager suggested the Coffee Cottage should educate their patrons on the issue of jaywalking or post a sign to bring the matter to their attention.

It was suggested the matter be addressed in an article in the Newberg Graphic.

No action was taken on this issue.

#### **IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR:**

There were no communications from the floor.

Chief Tardiff indicated the first budget meeting of the Budget Committee was held. Discussed were projections for revenue for the next five years, which generally do not look too favorable because of reduction in state shared revenue and the tax base has remained constant while costs have risen. He indicated the Budget Committee voted unanimously to initiate the process for obtaining a tax base or levy.

General discussion regarding the radar reader board. Chief Tardiff indicated the \$2500 grant was approved and the City would have to provide approximately \$7000. Doris Brandt said School Bus Services provides grant monies and would be an option to consider.

Bob Andrews raised the subject of the frequency of public hearings. Bi-monthly meetings and quarterly meetings were discussed. Committee decided to hold public hearings when needed, allowing ample time for Staff preparation of reports.

#### **V. ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING:**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chairman Andrews adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Reported by Mary Newell  
Mary Newell, Recording Secretary  
Traffic Safety Commission

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