

MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
Monday, August 8, 1994
7:00 p.m., Newberg Public Library

PRESENT: Bob Andrews, Chairman Richard McCabe
 Andy Anderson Richard Meyer
 Russel Pack Earl Sandager
 Jerry Fisher Doris Brandt

ABSENT: Glenn Benedict

STAFF PRESENT: Larry Anderson, Engineering
 Mary Newell, Secretary

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

- A) Review and approve minutes of Monday, June 13, 1994

Motion: McCabe/Fisher to approve minutes as written.

II. NEW BUSINESS:

The issue of sidewalk repair was raised. Larry Anderson outlined how Community Development handles sidewalk complaints. Noting that the property owner is liable for repair, he said the city of Newberg can also be named if a lawsuit is filed. The best approach to repair and maintenance of the sidewalks is to section the city, and then systematically repair each section on a rotating basis. Although Community Development is aware of the need for a regular maintenance plan for city sidewalks, budgetary constraints do not allow for a sidewalk inspector.

Discussion then centered on the type of person needed, noting this person could be a volunteer, summer-time college help, or from a labor pool. Larry suggested the individual should have strong interpersonal skills and have experience with concrete work.

Consensus was the Commission could endorse the need for a sidewalk inspector as a Traffic Safety Issue, making a recommendation to the budget committee. Larry Anderson will bring this issue back before the Commission at a later meeting.

It was noted the stop sign at the corner of Hayworth and Sitka is being obscured by a bush.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Andrews asked for an update on the following Traffic Safety Commission decisions.

Striping Hayworth at Springbrook: Larry indicated that City crews can not do the lane striping and it will be contracted out. The yellow curbs, however, have been painted.

Mable Rush Crosswalks: Striping on curbs adjacent to pedestrian crossings have been painted.

Parking stall at Norman's Carpets: Currently, work is underway to move the parking stall. There was a delay, but painting is now on schedule.

Painting curbs on E. Sheridan and River: Painting done.

Crosswalks: Crosswalks have been painted. Old crosswalks which will no longer be used will be erased by an outside contractor.

Curb painting on north side of E. Hancock: Painting has not been done. Slated for the next City Council agenda.

Curb painting So. College and Second Street: Painting has been done, however, painters stopped short and it will need to be fixed. Owners of the fence have agreed to let something be done about the fence height. However, Community Development Director has decided to wait to see if paint works well enough, since the fence was originally allowed by the City Planning Department during the building stage.

IV. REPORTS:

Larry Anderson provided all Traffic Safety Commission members with a copy of a Downtown Development Plan that was considered in 1985. Noting that the City Council decided against the plan in 1985, he feels the plan has merit and needs to be revisited. He noted there are several areas that could be modified or redesigned, but was bringing it to Commission's attention for some general input.

Considerable discussion followed regarding traffic alignments, parking, building locations, the vacancy rate, and history of the plan. It was suggested the Oregon Department of Transportation be contacted for their input.

There was general agreement that something must be done about traffic and parking in the downtown area, but no formal proposal was made by the Commission.

V. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- A) Update on truck parking issue on East Hancock, east of Elliott Street

No further complaints received regarding Mr. Fry parking semi-trucks on E. Hancock.

It was proposed that truck parking be eliminated within the confines of the industrial park. It was suggested that if adopted, a sign be posted at the entrance of the industrial park citing the Ordinance eliminating parking. Consensus was this matter requires more information before taking any action. Larry Anderson proposed preparing a report with maps of the industrial park and submitting a recommendation for review. Commission agreed. Larry will bring the matter back to Commission at a future date.

- B) Report on availability of the vacant U.S. Bank parking lot

Larry Anderson reported that U.S. Bank is not interested in leasing the parking space. The bank feels leasing the parking space might complicate selling the building and parking lot.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR: None.

VII. ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING:

Chairman Bob Andrews advised that he would not be able to attend the September meeting. It was noted there was little to come before the committee.

Motion: Brandt/McCabe to adjourn to the October meeting unless pressing business is presented requiring a meeting in September. Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned.



Mary Newell, Secretary
Traffic Safety Commission

NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

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VIII. ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING:

Adjourn to meeting of September 12, 1994, 7:00 p.m.