

**Minutes of the Traffic Safety Commission
Monday, January 9, 1995
Newberg Public Library**

PRESENT: Chairman Bob Andrews
 Andy Anderson
 Glenn Benedict
 Doris Brandt

Jerry Fisher
Richard Meyer
Russ Pack
Earl Sandager

ABSENT: Richard McCabe

STAFF

PRESENT: Larry Anderson, Community Development
 Lt. Stan Newland, Police Department
 Mary Newell, Recording Secretary

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Nominations for chairman and vice chairman were accepted as the first order of business.

Motion: Brandt/Pack to nominate Bob Andrews and Dick Meyer to continue in the offices of Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively for 1995. Motion carried unanimously.

A) Review and approve minutes of Monday, November 14, 1994.

Minutes were approved as corrected.

II. NEW BUSINESS:

A) Request to review parking on both sides of Sheridan, between Meridian and Center Streets.

Chairman Bob Andrews advised Commission members that this issue is on the agenda at the request of the Law Enforcement Citizens Advisory Committee. They feel the Traffic Safety Commission should review the parking situation around George Fox College.

Discussion among Traffic Safety Commission members raised the following concerns:

- Shortage of parking;
- College employees/students don't seem to be using on-campus parking, preferring instead to park as close as possible to their destination;

- Emergency vehicle access;
- Traffic caused by commuters traversing the area;
- May be limited in what can be done to streets because of historical designations.

Chairman Bob Andrews suggested initiating a permit parking for residential areas, with all other vehicles being subject to citation. Dick Meyer suggested one-way streets.

Action: Chairman Andrews requested subcommittee members Russ Pack and Andy Anderson to gather more information on emergency vehicle access and their ability to respond. Staff was directed to provide other information which might facilitate a decision. The recording secretary will send a letter requesting a representative of George Fox College attend the next meeting.

B) Complaint of semi-trucks parking on Grant, between Hancock and First Streets, reducing visibility and creating a hazard.

Lt. Newland indicated by Ordinance trucks over 10,000 pounds are not allowed to park on the street and would consider this matter to be an enforcement issue. Loading and unloading is allowed.

Action: The Police Department will step up parking enforcement in the area. The recording secretary will convey to Mr. Neal Miller the law and decision of the Committee.

C) Prohibited parking on Hwy. 99W, between Newall Road and Brutscher Street.

Trucks are parking on the north side of 99W to go to lunch across the highway, which blocks visibility for vehicles pulling out of Newall Road. Area has been temporarily posted "No Parking" under the authority of the Police Chief. It is very likely the City's request to post the area as a No Parking area will be granted by ODOT.

Action: Placed on file. No action taken pending response from ODOT.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

A) Staff report regarding pedestrian signage along Hwy. 99W

Larry Anderson spoke with ODOT regarding advanced pedestrian signage. Suggested were four-foot signs with flags on both sides of Hancock at the east end and First Street at the west end. Larry suggested the signs read: PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS NEXT 1/2 MILE.

Motion: Fisher/Brandt authorizing Larry Anderson to send a letter to ODOT outlining request

for pedestrian signage. Unanimous.

B) Staff recommendation regarding establishing a truck route along N. Blaine Street.

Because Halstead Cabinets has directed all their suppliers to use Blaine and Washington streets for delivery to the business, Larry Anderson recommended the issue be tabled until the industrial area is developed. The O. J. McCoy Building will be undergoing some renovation.

Motion: Fisher/Brandt to defer discussion on establishing a truck route until planned development of the industrial area and directing Staff to review the truck route as part of the development plan for the O.J. McCoy Building. Unanimous.

C) Progress report on crosswalk across College at Pinehurst

ODOT has not given approval for the crosswalk. Larry Anderson indicated he spoke with the District Manager and expects a reply within the next two weeks.

Action: Committee directed Larry Anderson to send another request and to clarify whether ODOT will pay for painting the crosswalk.

C) Clarify intent to restrict parking at C.S. Lewis Community School between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., during school hours.

Staff indicated that Andy Poole, principal of C. S. Lewis Community School, has requested the signs be changed to read, "School Days," instead of during school hours. This wording is consistent with the signage in front of Central School.

Larry Anderson recommended the wording on the signs not be changed.

There was some discussion regarding possible interpretations of the signs. The shortage of parking spaces in the area is a consideration.

Motion: Brandt/Fisher to amend sign to indicate no parking between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. "School Days." Motion passed unanimously.

IV: REPORTS:

A) Report of Parking Safety Subcommittee

Andy Anderson presented the report of the Parking Safety Subcommittee. Drawing

Commission's attention to the map, they recommended placing restrictions on parking throughout the Sportsman Industrial area. The subcommittee feels it is time to establish some uniform parking for industrial streets. They recommended a public hearing be held.

Action: By consensus, the Traffic Safety Commission set a public hearing date for March 13, 1995, to consider:

- Eliminating truck parking on the west side of Elliot Road between Portland Road and Hancock Street;
- Eliminating truck parking on the west side of Deborah Road between Portland Road and Hayes Street;
- Eliminating truck parking on the south side of Hancock Street, including the unimproved roadway, between Elliot Road and its terminus;
- Eliminating all parking on the east side of Elliot Road from Portland Road to Hancock Street;
- Eliminating all parking on the north side of Hayes Street between Elliot Road and Deborah Street;
- Eliminating all parking on the east side of Deborah Street between Portland Road and Hayes Street, and
- Eliminating all parking on the north side of Hancock Street, including the unimproved roadway, east of Elliot Road to its terminus.

The secretary will supply Traffic Safety members with a copy of the ordinance prohibiting truck parking.

V. Communications from the floor:

1. Dick Meyer suggested painting a pedestrian crossing across Hancock at the curb cut, directly across from the Dairy Queen.

Action: No action taken.

2. Consider a four-way stop at the intersection of College and 9th Streets.

Citing the traffic hazard to pedestrians, Larry Anderson requested a public hearing be set to consider posting the intersection of So. College Street and 9th streets as a four way stop.

Action: The Traffic Safety Commission set a public hearing date of March 13th to consider posting a four-way stop at the intersection of College and 9th streets.

3. Dick Meyer reported on the meeting of the Downtown Revitalization Committee. Ideas

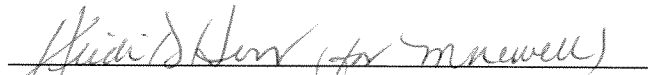
submitted to slow traffic and/or increase pedestrian safety on First Street included:

- Circulate petition to fix crosswalk light
- Install push button activated crosswalk on First Street
- Install speed bubbles in the roadway
- Park a patrol car in front of City Hall
- Locate reader board uptown once a month

Chairman Bob Andrews requested Staff invite the City Attorney to attend the March meeting in order to discuss the authority of the Traffic Safety Commission.

Chairman Andrews suggested the sub-committees meet during the off months when the Traffic Safety Commission does not have a regular meeting scheduled.

Motion: Brandt/Sandager to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.



Mary Newell, Recording Secretary
Traffic Safety Commission