

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
Tuesday, November 12, 1996
Newberg Senior Center

PRESENT: Bob Andrews, Jerry Fisher, Doris Brandt, Don Matthews, Glenn Benedict, Earl Sandager, and Dick Meyer.

STAFF PRESENT: Deputy Chief Stan Newland; Larry Anderson, Engineering; and Mary Newell, Recording Secretary.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairman Bob Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- A) Review and approve minutes of Monday, September 9, 1996.

Motion: Brandt/Fisher to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

II. STAFF REPORTS - GENERAL INFORMATION:

- A) Chief of Police

Deputy Chief Stan Newland reporting. Handicapped parking will be enforced by a volunteer parking patrol. Currently the group is scouting the community to insure proper handicapped parking signage. Those not in compliance will be contacted by the Code Enforcement Division. Public Information Officer Cindy Bolek will be contacting the press prior to the Handicapped Parking Patrol beginning the issuance of citations and warnings.

Dick Meyer questioned whether the Merchants lot has marked handicapped parking.

Glenn Benedict suggested that trucks parking along Hwy. 99 at the Newall Addition be cited.

The Deputy Chief advised that a meeting between George Fox University and the police department has been scheduled to discuss college parking issues. George Fox is committed to develop a solution to the on-going parking problem.

- B) Engineering

Larry Anderson reported that Wynooski has been repaved and already there are complaints of speeders.

Regarding issues raised at the last meeting, Yamhill County has been contacted regarding the dip on So. College and the corner on Carlton Way and Hancock has been painted to accommodate the school bus.

Regarding using raised buttons on Coffee Lane, Larry Anderson feels that the buttons will not

prevent a vehicle from cutting the corner at an angle. Secondly, he feels that a barrier would have to be continuous and he would not recommend a continuous barrier in a residential area. Stan Newland interjected, that the citation which is "*Failure to Keep to the Right*" occurs all over town.

Responding to a question from Earl Sandager, Larry indicated he will contact ODOT and discuss how to improve the intersection of Illinois/Main/Hwy. 240 now that the bridge work has been completed.

Regarding the Haworth/Springbrook intersection, Larry said Springbrook has another pad for sale and the City is working with the owner to try and make changes to the plaza entrance to align it with Haworth.

C) Traffic Safety Committee Sub-Committees:
1. Community Relations

Dick Meyer reported there will not be a Christmas Parade this year.

Stan Newland indicated that he spoke with the Old Fashioned Festival Committee about the possibility of moving the Old Fashioned Festival Parade from First Street to Second Street because of the tremendous impact that shutting down First Street has on traffic and the community.

2. Pedestrian Safety

Responding to a question from Committee, Larry Anderson indicated that complaints of broken sidewalks should be reported to Susan Galecki, Code Enforcement Secretary. In the past they have been handled on a "by complaint" basis but this will change as the Code Enforcement Division begins their proactive approach to enforcing code violations.

Jerry Fisher noted that a van parked too close to the curb at Third and River blocks visibility.

Jerry Fisher raised the issue of street width, noting there was a recent request by a developer for a private street 20 feet wide. He suggested that the Traffic Safety Commission should not support substandard streets.

Larry Anderson explained the minimum standards set by the City. He indicated that a 20-foot street does not allow parking on either side and would be marked as a fire lane. He said a problem exists when the "no parking" requirement is not enforced and the City cannot enforce parking in a private development. Discussion followed regarding street widths and private roads, and the parking vs. No parking lanes.

Stan Newland suggested researching the issue of narrow streets and what the police department could or could not enforce as it relates to private streets. Also to be reviewed is whether the designation of Fire Lane would be enforceable. It was suggested that if the city approves these types of roads in the future, the city ordinance relating to parking should be reviewed with an eye for enforcement on these streets. Stan Newland will research and report back at the January

meeting. The Fire Chief should be included in any future discussion relating to street widths.

3. Parking Safety (passenger vehicles & trucks) - No report.

4. Traffic Control & Obstructions - No report.

III. OLD BUSINESS: None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Bob Andrews advised that the terms for Doris Brandt, Dick McCabe and Earl Sandager are due to expire on December 31, 1996. He encouraged each member to indicate their availability for reappointment to the Commission.

V. REPORTS:

A) Report on Oregon Traffic Safety Education Association Conference

Directing Commission's attention to his written report, attached herewith as part of these minutes, Bob Andrews gave a quick overview of the conference highlights. He noted that the Traffic Safety Commission would have to submit any grant requests by June 1997 for grant awards for 1998. In view of the passage of Measure 47, Chairman Andrews stressed Commission's responsibility to look for available grant funding.


Additional information/handouts provided to Commission members were "Tools and Techniques for Effective Coalition Building", a neighborhood manual, and a sampling of handouts and mailers available through ODOT and other associations.

Regarding the speed hump project, Larry Anderson indicated that he is obtaining the traffic/speed counts since school began and the next step will be to obtain neighborhood input on installing the traffic hump. Bob Andrews noted that the Oregonian had printed an editorial "Go Slow with Speed Bumps."

VI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR: None.

VII. ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING:

Motion: Benedict/Brandt to adjourn. The meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



Mary Newell, Recording Secretary

-Corrected-
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING & AGENDA

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
Tuesday, November 12, 1996 at 7:00 p.m.
Newberg Senior Center
Craft Room, 101 W. Foothills Drive

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

- A) Review and approve minutes of Monday, September 9, 1996

II. STAFF REPORTS - GENERAL INFORMATION:

- A) Chief of Police
B) Engineering
C) Traffic Safety Committee Sub-Committees:
1. Community Relations
2. Pedestrian Safety
3. Parking Safety (passenger vehicles & trucks)
4. Traffic Control & Obstructions

III. OLD BUSINESS:

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

V. REPORTS:

- A) Report on Oregon Traffic Safety Education Association Conference (Andrews)

VI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR:

VII. ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING:

ACCOMMODATION OF PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENTS:

In order to accommodate persons with physical impairments, please notify the Office of the Chief of Police of any special physical or language accommodations you may need as far in advance of the meeting as possible and no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. To request these arrangements, please contact Mary Newell at (503) 537-1221