

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 9, 1998
7:00 P.M., Newberg Public Library

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

ABSENT: Edie Hoar and Howard McDonald

STAFF PRESENT: Robert Tardiff, Larry Anderson, Chrissie Tenderella, and Mary Newell.

I. Call Meeting to Order:

As the first order of business, Bob Andrews entertained nominations for president and vice president of the Traffic Safety Commission.

Motion: Brandt/Benedict to keep the same slate of officers as 1997, nominating Bob Andrews as Chairman and Dick Meyer as Vice-Chairman. Motion was approved. Both Andrews and Meyer abstained.

A) Review and approve minutes of November 10, 1997

Motion: Benedict/Brandt to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously and minutes will be placed on file.

II. New Business:

A) Basketball hoops in the public right-of-way

Chrissie Tenderella, Code Compliance Officer for the City of Newberg, distributed a written memorandum on basketball hoops and explained the problems with basketball hoops located in the streets and other public right-of-ways. Currently there are approximately 100 basketball hoops in park strips. Complaints which have been received include (1) hoops in path of street sweeper, (2) hoops in way of parking, i.e. trucks with canopies; (3) promotes children playing in the streets; (4) hoops not properly maintained; and (5) hoops in sidewalk area blocking pedestrian/wheelchair passage.

An undetermined number of revocable permits were issued in 1993 allowing placement of some basketball hoops in the right-of-ways. These permits were not inspected nor reviewed following their issuance. The permits were not tracked by city staff.

Extensive discussion among Commission members regarding the language of the ordinance. Tenderella and Larry Anderson confirmed that the parking strip is considered part of the right-of-way.

Action: Tenderella will contact other cities who maintain similar ordinances. Copies of

similar ordinances or materials will be distributed to Commission members either before or at the next meeting.

V. Old Business:

- A) Continued consideration of the request of Ken & Danya Ochsner and neighbors to place **Caution Children** signs on Main Street just north and south of the intersection of Melody and Main.

No one in attendance to speak on this issue. Larry Anderson advised that the stop signs had been installed.

Motion: Meyer/Brandt to table the issue to see if the stop signs take care of the traffic problems. Motion carried.

- B) Continued consideration of the request of Marlene Haney and petitioners for stop signs at each corner of the intersection of Vermillion and Center streets.

No one in attendance to speak on this issue. Bob Andrews reviewed comments by Mr. Colinda at the last meeting. Noted that the Haney's have moved.

Motion: Fisher/Brandt to deny the request for a stop sign until applicants provide further information on their request. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Staff Reports

- A) Police - Chief Tardiff reporting.
- Mahr has indicated that the Traffic Safety Commission can amend ordinances relating to traffic control devices. The ordinance sets out an appeal process for those decisions.
 - City is working with George Fox University on parking issues in the surrounding neighborhoods.
 - Municipal vehicles are exempt from parking restrictions by ordinance.
- B) Engineering - Larry Anderson reporting.
- Crosswalk at Crater School has been installed
 - No parking signs have been removed on Foothills Drive
 - Stop signs were installed at Main and Mountainview. Anderson suggested another speed survey be done.

Larry Anderson suggested the Traffic Safety Commission consider a policy regarding "Children at Play" signs. Consensus was that a policy is a good idea.

Motion: Brandt/Meyer that Staff develop a policy that Children at Play signs are not installed except in the case of handicapped children. The motion passed unanimously.

C) Subcommittees - No reports.

Chairman Andrews made the following appointments to the Subcommittees:

Community Relations:

Richard Meyer, Chair

Marcia Lauseng

Pedestrian Safety:

Jerry Fisher, Chair

Glenn Benedict

Traffic Control & Obstructions:

Doris Brandt, Chair

Mac McDonald

Parking Safety:

Don Matthews, Chair

Vacancy

Chairman Andrews reported that Edie Hoar has indicated she will be resigning from the Commission.

VIII. Communications from the Floor: None.

VIII. Adjourn to next meeting:

Motion: Fisher/Brandt to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

The next meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission will be held April 13, 1998.



Mary Newell, Recording Secretary

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING & AGENDA

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IV. 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

V. REPORTS:

VI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR:

VII. ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING:

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