

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, May 12, 1997, 7:00 p.m.
Newberg Public Library

PRESENT: Bob Andrews, Dick Meyer, Don Matthews, Doris Brandt, Jerry Fisher, Edie Hoar, Howard McDonald and Marcia Lauseng.

STAFF

PRESENT: Police Sergeant Tim Weaver; Larry Anderson, Engineering; and Mary Newell, Recording Secretary.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Bob Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Introduced was new Traffic Safety Commission member Marcia Lauseng.

- A) Review and approve minutes of Monday, April 14, 1997

The minutes of April 14, 1997, were approved as corrected. The corrected minutes will be placed on file.

II. STAFF REPORTS - GENERAL INFORMATION:

- A) Chief of Police: No report.

- B) Engineering

Larry Anderson indicated that temporary 15-minute parking signs were posted in front of 114 E. Hancock. When completed, the authorized 30-minute parking signs will be installed permanently.

- C) Subcommittees

Community Relations - Dick Meyer, having nothing to report, discussed his ride on the commuter train.

Pedestrian Safety - Jerry Fisher has noticed a number of vehicles parking across city sidewalks and cited citizen safety issues.

Parking Safety - Don Matthews raised the issue of North Main Street. Concern was expressed regarding its lack of sidewalks and the narrowness of the street. Larry Anderson indicated that portions of North Main is under the jurisdiction of both the city of

Newberg and Yamhill County. He indicated that when funding becomes available the road will be upgraded. Currently, developers are required to provide adequate improvement at standard street widths. The County is aware of the situation and would be overjoyed to have the city take over the road. Those areas that are substandard will be improved once they are within the City limits by LID. Bob Andrews indicated that negligence from design, lack of signage, etc. could put the overseeing public agency at risk.

Traffic Control & Obstructions - Doris Brandt reported code enforcement violations as follows:

1. Overgrown shrubs at Pennington So. & Sierra Vista;
2. Overgrown shrubs at 6th and College in front of Old Renne School;
3. Overgrown hedge on the west side of River Road between Second and Third Streets; and
4. A yellow setback is need to maintain lanes at Sheridan and Sherman Streets.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

Larry Anderson explained that due to circumstances over which he had no control, staff didn't have time to provide adequate notice for the public hearings. He asked that the Commission consider scheduling the two issues for the June meeting.

Motion: Meyer/Brandt to move the two public hearings previously scheduled for May to June. Motion passed unanimously.

Larry Anderson indicated Staff would proceed with the painting contract.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A) Graphic editorial

Chief Tardiff, directing attention to his written memo to the City Manager following publication of an earlier editorial, indicated that Staff has declined to respond on the Graphic editorial.

B) Sidewalk Newspaper dispensing stands

Larry Anderson indicated that Staff and the Oregonian had developed conditions regarding where newspaper dispensing stands could be placed. Jerry Fisher reported an Oregonian newspaper box on First and Blaine in front of the post office which blocks the crosswalk as motorists pull up to the curb to purchase their newspapers without getting out of the vehicle. Larry Anderson will review the matter and report back no later than the July meeting.

The City Council referred the Sign Ordinance to the Planning Commission because some restrictions fall within the Development Code. The Code Enforcement Unit will not enforce the sign ordinance pending approval from the City Council. An exception to this enforcement would be if a sign interferes with vision clearance.

C) Communication regarding speed concerns on Villa and Springbrook roads

Discussion regarding a letter from John L. Brewster, PO Box 249, Dundee, Oregon, to Mayor Proctor. Mayor Proctor referred the letter, attached as part of these minutes, to the Traffic Safety Commission. The traffic matters were considered.

#1. Consider reducing the speed limit on Springbrook Road from one block south of the Fred Meyer entrance to one block or more north of the Payless Drug/Springbrook Plaza entrance from 35 to 25. This matter was referred to Staff to develop a recommendation on the request.

#2 & #3. Regarding Villa Road at the intersection of Hwy. 99W and traffic backup on the St. Paul Highway, this intersection is being redesigned as part of the Brutscher to Main Street Project to begin in 1999. This is a State regulated project and the city of Newberg has no jurisdiction.

#4. Brewster suggested a delayed light to deter motorists running red lights at 99W and Springbrook Road. Larry Anderson indicated the State of Oregon has jurisdiction over this highway. Consensus of the Commission and Staff was that a delayed light might improve safety at the intersection. Larry Anderson will contact ODOT and see if delayed lights could be programmed at the intersection. Tardiff suggested it would be appropriate for all lighted intersections.

V. **REPORTS:** None.

VI. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Eric Johnson, principal of Mable Rush School, 1201 Hawthorne Loop, raised the issue of traffic congestion, pedestrian safety and illegal parking during school hours on Deborah Road in front of Mable Rush School. Traffic backs up as parents block Deborah Road while waiting to enter the school grounds. Other violations occur when drivers pass on the right or left to go around the vehicles stopped in the middle of Deborah Street. Mr. Johnson asked the Traffic Safety Commission for a Right Turn Only sign out of the school parking lot.


Following extensive discussion, consensus was to recommend a sign which states "*Right Turn Only, except School Busses between 3:00 and 3:15 p.m.*" Chief Tardiff indicated it is probably not an enforceable sign. Bob Andrews encouraged Principal Johnson to install the sign and observe what happens. Johnson will report back to the Traffic Safety

Commission in October or November. If the sign is successful in controlling the traffic and parking problems, the Traffic Safety Commission will consider making it an enforceable sign.

Police Chief Bob Tardiff will have the Traffic Unit provide extra patrol between 3:00 and 3:15 p.m.

George Fox will be contacting the Traffic Safety Commission regarding posting the north side of Sheridan Street as no parking for the entire length of the George Fox University campus.

Motion: Matthews/Brandt to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Mary Newell, Recording Secretary

AMENDED **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING & AGENDA**

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

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VII. ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING:

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