

# TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, June 9, 1997, 7:00 p.m.  
Newberg Public Library

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

## **STAFF**

**PRESENT:** Police Chief Bob Tardiff; Larry Anderson, Engineering; and Mary Newell, Recording Secretary.

**ABSENT:** Edie Hoar

## **I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

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

**Motion: Brandt/Benedict** to accept the minutes of May 12, 1997, as corrected to reflect River Street. Motion carried and the minutes will be placed on file as corrected.

## **II. STAFF REPORTS - GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Chief Tardiff directed Commission members attention to request of the Avalon Park Neighborhood Watch group requesting an opportunity to address the Commission at the July meeting.

**Action:** The concerns of the Sandoz Road Neighborhood Watch group was approved as an agenda item for discussion at the July meeting. Chairman Andrews requested Staff be prepared to identify City and County boundaries.

Larry Anderson reported that the dust control contract is proceeding and the painting contract will begin as soon. Regarding delayed signals, ODOT indicated that they do delayed signals when there is an accident history. ODOT will not install delayed signals at every light, and only after first analyzing the intersection. Anderson told ODOT to expect a request for a study following today's meeting.

Dick Meyer indicated a complaint had been received regarding the City removing a marked parking stall on South Main. Larry Anderson indicated it will be re-marked when painting is done under contract.

Dick Meyer reported on the By-Pass open house hosted by ODOT.

Andrews reported an Elkhorn tree is potentially blocking visibility at Oak and Sitka.

### III. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Chairman Andrews began by outlining for the public and the Commission members the public hearing process.

**A) Eliminate parking on both sides of Main Street from Hancock Street north 100 feet to accommodate a right turn lane.**

There being no abstentions nor objections to jurisdiction for Commission members to hear the matter, Chairman Andrews opened the public hearing.

Larry Anderson presented the staff report. He indicated there is an unofficial right turn lane on Hwy. 99W at Hwy. 240. Traffic backs up causing traffic congestion. ODOT has agreed to allow a right turn lane. In order to paint the right turn lane, the parking must be eliminated.

There was no testimony in opposition.

No testimony was offered in support of the request.

No reports were submitted other than the request of ODOT to eliminate the parking.

**Staff recommendation:** To eliminate the parking on both sides of Main Street 100 feet north of Hwy. 240 to accommodate painting a right turn lane.

David Burke, 1401 N. Springbrook Road, #125, asked how many parking spaces were being eliminated. Larry Anderson indicated it was two or three parking spaces.

Chairman Andrews closed the public hearing.

**Motion: Matthews/Brandt** to eliminate parking on both sides of Main Street at the intersection of Hancock for 100 feet north to accommodate a right turn lane. Motion carried unanimously.

**B) Eliminate parking on both sides of Springbrook Road from Hwy. 99W north to Middlebrook Road to accommodate a center turn lane.**

There being no abstentions nor objections to jurisdiction on this matter, Chairman Andrews opened the public hearing.

Larry Anderson presented the staff report. Springbrook Road is a city road and has become somewhat of a bypass for traffic during peak travel times. The Transportation Plan calls for it to be a minimum of three lanes assuming a bypass and northern arterial connecting Vittoria or somewhere close. Without the bypass and without the northern

arterial connection, the Transportation Plan calls for a five-lane plan — two in each direction and a center turn lane. The center turn lane allows a refuge and does not obstruct traffic. The painting contract is due and now is an appropriate time to begin preparing for the center turn lane. In order to accommodate the center turn lane, parking must be eliminated. Larry indicated that Staff is sensitive to the needs of the residents but feel that a center turn lane is needed to make travel safer and more convenient. The extra width will allow enough space for a bike route, although not a marked bike lane. Staff has not done an accident or data study. The center turn lane is in the Transportation Plan which was developed following an extended study.

There was no testimony in favor of the proposal.

**David Burke**, Manager of Springbrook Apartments, 1401 N. Springbrook Road, #25, Newberg. Mr. Burke indicated his main concern was adequate parking for his tenants. Residents have 1.6 parking spaces per apartment unit but most tenants have more than one vehicle. Extra vehicles are parked on the street. He questioned the availability of the small parcel adjacent to the apartments, off Springbrook Way, noting that it would be convenient parking for his tenants. The apartment owner had looked into purchasing the parcel previously.

Anderson indicated that the parcel is still a public street which was never vacated. It is possible that if vacated the property would be split between adjoining properties.

**Lorraine Mills**, 1401 N. Springbrook Road, #106, Newberg. Reiterated the concern with inadequate parking if parking spaces were eliminated on Springbrook Road. She suggested that apartment residents would be forced to park in neighboring residential areas which would then cause a problem in those adjacent neighborhoods.

Larry Anderson suggested that Burke and city staff get together on Wednesday morning to work out a plan, discuss options.

Mr. Burke indicated he is looking at alternatives. He indicated they would not be opposed to purchasing the adjoining property and would discuss it with the Springbrook apartment complex owner.

There were no reports from other public agencies.

A letter from the Newberg Village Apartments in opposition to the proposal was read into the record by Bob Andrews.

**Staff Recommendation:** to eliminate parking on both sides of Springbrook Road from Hwy 99W to Middlebrook Road.

For clarification, Larry Anderson diagramed the area being proposed for parking by Springbrook Apartments. Future plans include a fire substation at the triangle, with

Douglas extended through the triangle. Cedar will be closed at Springbrook and a light will be installed at Douglas and Springbrook. Larry felt parking would be a good use for the odd shaped parcel. Anderson explained that problems for pedestrians and bicyclists would be created by transitioning the center turn lane rather than painting a long continuous center lane.

Mac McDonald expressed concern that displaced vehicles will park in adjacent neighborhoods. The concern is greater if those residents choose to park across Springbrook Road.

Lauseng expressed support for the center turn lane. Bob Andrews concurred. Don Matthews felt that parking standards were low when developing parking for the apartments.

**Motion: Fisher/Benedict** to eliminate parking on both sides of Springbrook Road from Hwy. 99W north to Middlebrook Road to accommodate the painting of a center turn lane. Motion carried unanimously.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**V. NEW BUSINESS:**


George Fox College submitted a written request that parking be eliminated on the north side of Sheridan Street from Meridian Street to Carlton Street. General discussion followed regarding the request.

**Motion: Matthews/Fisher** to hold a public hearing in July to consider eliminating parking on the north side of Sheridan Street from Meridian Street to Carlton Street. Motion passed unanimously.

**VII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR:** None.

**VIII. ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING:**

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Safety Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

  
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Mary Newell, Recording Secretary

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING & AGENDA

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
Monday, June 9, 1997, at 7:00 p.m.  
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- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**
  - A) Review and approve minutes of Monday, May 12, 1997
- 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. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
  - A) Eliminate parking on both sides of Main Street from Hancock Street north 100 feet to accommodate a right turn lane.
  - B) Eliminate parking on both sides of Springbrook Road from Hwy. 99W north to Middlebrook Road to accommodate a center turn lane.
- IV. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- V. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- VI. **REPORTS:**
- VII. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR:**
- VIII. **ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING:**

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