

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES
Monday, March 9, 1998, 7:00 p.m.
Newberg Public Library

PRESENT: Bob Andrews, Chairman; Dick Meyer, Doris Brandt, Don Matthews, and Terry Mayfield.

ABSENT: Jerry Fisher, Glenn Benedict, Marcia Lauseng, and Howard McDonald

STAFF: Stan Newland, Police; Larry Anderson, Engineering, and Mary Newell, Recording Secretary.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairman Bob Andrews convened the meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission at 7:07 p.m.

- A) Review and approve minutes of February 9, 1998

Motion: Brandt/Matthews to adopt the minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously. Minutes of the February 9, 1998, Traffic Safety Commission will be placed on file as corrected.

II. NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Request of Newberg Urgent Care to extend the No Parking zone on the south side of Hayes Street to the intersection with Deborah Road

Dr. James Matthews, 1401 N. Springbrook, addressed the Traffic Safety Commission. He explained that his request to extend the no parking zone on the south side of Hayes Street was due to his concern for the safety of his patients and employees exiting his parking lot. He cited the traffic congestion, lack of visibility due to vehicles parked at the side of the roadway, and vehicles cutting corners in order to make the turn at Deborah and Hayes streets. Matthews said that traffic moving in both directions creates an unsafe condition. Matthews indicated the problem had increased with the reopening of the restaurant since the employees park on the street instead of inside their parking lot, and Matthew's office manager had spoken to Yamhill's grill with no clear resolution. Dr. Matthews requested a no parking zone for all vehicles on the south side of Hayes.

Larry Anderson said the Planning Department has requested employees of Yamhill Grill park inside the lot, not on the street, because the lot was planned to hold all the employees. Noted that those parking on the street could be employee parking, construction parking or commuter parking. Anderson went on to explain that there was no parking allowed on the north side of Hayes street, and only vehicles were allowed to park on the south side of Hayes Street.

General discussion regarding the history of parking in the industrial zone and the elimination of truck parking. It was determined that the no parking signs had been removed at some time from the north side of Hayes Street.

Action: Larry Anderson will work with Dr. Matthews and check on the setback. Chairman Andrews asked Anderson to contact Yamhill Grill regarding employee parking and to reinstall the no parking signs. Dr. Matthews was advised to contact the Traffic Safety Commission again if these steps do not remedy the situation.

III. OLD BUSINESS: None.

IV. STAFF REPORTS - GENERAL INFORMATION:

A) Chief of Police

Newland indicated the Police Department has received a letter from the Newberg School District requesting signage for doubling fines in school zones. A copy of the request was distributed to Commission members for their information only.

Andrews questioned whether this would be an appropriate time to set standards for placing school zone signs for both public and private schools. Newland agreed that it would be important from an enforcement standpoint, that signs be uniformly placed. He indicated citizens would complain if the signs are too far from the schools they serve.

Newland indicated that Code Compliance Officer Chrissie Tenderella is accumulating information on basketball hoops, and hopes to make a report to the Traffic Safety Commission at the May meeting.

B) Engineering

Larry Anderson provided a near-final plan for the three lanes on Hancock and the signals on First Street. He indicated they would bid the First Street portion of the project in June and may start work as early as August. The Hancock part has been extended to year 2000 due to the many issues to be resolved.

Discussion regarding the two lanes vs. three lanes of traffic from the bridge to Main Street and the bulbing of the intersection of First and Main streets.

Motion: Brandt/Meyer for Larry Anderson to recommend to ODOT that bulbouts on the northwest and southwest sides of the intersection of First and Main be deleted from the plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Matthews/Andrews, in the event that ODOT does not plan on retaining two lanes all the way to Main Street, moved to recommend there not be three lanes before eastbound First and Main intersection. Motion carried.

Larry Anderson indicated he was attending a meeting with ODOT representatives on Thursday and would raise these issues with them. Traffic lights will be installed on Howard and Meridian.

Decorative street lights are being considered by the City.

C) Traffic Safety Committee Sub-Committees:

Concerns reported by subcommittee members included:

- ▶ yellow paint needed on curb back to the driveway near the right hand turn lane on N. Main to Hancock
- ▶ Suggested the curb be painted yellow back from intersection where old Cadillac vehicle repeatedly parks across the sidewalk near the corner of Meridian and Sierra Vista, near the Oaks Apartments.

Chairman Andrews assigned Terry Mayfield to the Parking Safety sub-committee.

Chairman Andrews indicated he had received three citizen complaints regarding the lack of enforcement of the two-hour parking limit in the downtown area. Newland indicated there is no plan to implement a parking patrol and suggested Andrews refer the callers to the police department. Newland explained that it was due to requests from the downtown merchants that the parking meters were removed and the two-hour limit imposed. Since that time, the parking patrol position was eliminated and currently parking enforcement is done on a "by complaint" basis. The Code Compliance officer is not assigned to do parking patrol.

V. REPORTS:

A) Discuss draft policy regarding "Children At Play" signage

This issue was held over to the May meeting.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR:

None.

VII. ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING:

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Safety Commission, Chairman Bob Andrews closed the meeting at 8:35 p.m.



Mary Newell, Recording Secretary

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING & AGENDA

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- A) Chief of Police
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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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