

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, January 11, 1999, 7:00 p.m.

Public Safety Building

PRESENT: Bob Andrews, Dick Meyer, Glenn Benedict, Doris Brandt, Terry Mayfield, Don Matthews, Howard McDonald, and Everett Clarkson.

STAFF PRESENT: Sgt. Dave James, Larry Anderson and Mary Newell

1. Call Meeting to Order:

Bob Andrews convened the meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission at 7:00 p.m. and introduced Sgt. David James to committee members.

A) Elect President and Vice President of the Traffic Safety Commission for 1999

Motion: Brandt/McDonald that Bob Andrews and Richard Meyer be retained as the chairman and vice chairman of the Traffic Safety Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

B) Review and approve minutes of November 9, 1998

Motion: Brant/Benedict to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried and minutes will be placed on file.

2. New Business:

Larry Anderson, commenting on a memo from City Manager Duane Cole regarding sign postings on Haworth Street, indicated that larger signs generally are used to identify higher speed areas. Haworth is a collector street and is signed the same as other Newberg collector streets. There are approximately a dozen collector streets in Newberg. Clarkson said to sign all those streets would result in a considerable number of signs. Anderson indicated the City might be able to do something which would make the existing signs more visible.

Action: Anderson will provide a staff report and recommendation at the March meeting.

By consensus, meetings will continue to be scheduled each month, with business meetings and public hearings scheduled on alternate months.

Glenn Benedict raised the issue of the small size of the information sign regarding the blind child posted at 4th and School. Larry Anderson will check on the sign, noting that all new signs must meet a reflectivity standard.

Andrews referred a concern raised by Marge Stiefbold. She requests a "Not a through street" sign for Laurel Drive because of the number of large delivery trucks which are tearing the trees and shrubs when they drive the small street. Andrews suggested an appropriate sign would be a sign limiting entrance to trucks under 10,000 pounds. Larry Anderson said that trucks should not be on that road at all and suggested if a sign is posted, it would be the one used all over Newberg. Anderson felt the trucks might be trying to get to the Shilo Motel.

Sgt. James indicated that the trucks may be trying to get to Smurfit and that a directional sign on 99W would be a good idea. Larry Anderson will talk to Smurfit and see what can be arranged.

3. Old Business:

Andrews noted that stop signs had been installed in the Edwards Elementary area and asked where the school zone signs were placed. Anderson indicated that all signs were included in the same work order and will check and advise at next meeting.

4. Staff Reports:

Dick Meyer reported the shrubs need pruning at the southwest corner of Hoskins at Crestview.

Reported that a semi-truck was parking on Ashley Court on Main Street on alternating weekends. Also, a trailer and two rigs were parking on the right side of the street heading in the wrong direction. Sgt. James will take care of the matter.

Sgt. James reported that the police department is issuing a lot of citations on the semi-truck(s) parking near Bi-mart.

Larry Anderson gave an update on the Brutscher to Main Street Project and the Villa Road Trestle Project. As part of the 99W project, Hess Creek Bridge will be replaced.

City Council has approved a grant application for replacement of downtown street lighting with a historic type of lighting, similar to those located in Francis Square.

An application has been submitted for the last pad in Springbrook Plaza, adjacent to Sherri's Restaurant. The primary limitation on the property is lack of access. The driveway into Springbrook Plaza will be moved to directly opposite Haworth Street.

Regarding Elliott Road, a signal will be installed at 99W and Elliott Road which will make it safer for entering and exiting Elliott Road. There are plans for widening the sidewalk, but only in portions. The only way to install a sidewalk the entire length of Elliott Road would be through an LID.

Andrews asked commission members if they would like to go on record to encourage the schools to promote bus riding to help alleviate traffic and reduce traffic congestion. No comments on the proposal.

Andrews confirmed committee assignments:

- ◆ Community Relations: Dick Meyer
- ◆ Pedestrian Safety: Glenn Benedict and Everett Clarkson
- ◆ Signage: Doris Brandt and Howard McDonald
- ◆ Parking: Don Matthews and Terry Mayfield.
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Regarding the written communication from Jan Bortnem regarding parking on N. Meridian, north of

the intersection of Fulton Street, commission requested a letter be sent to Ms. Bornem asking her to attend the March meeting to discuss her concern before considering an action. Otherwise, the recommendation of the commission will be to take no further action on the request.

5. Communications from the Floor: None.

6. Adjourn to next meeting

Motion: McDonald/Brandt to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Mary Newell 3/8/99
Mary Newell, Recording Secretary