

Traffic Safety Commission Meeting Minutes
March 8, 1999, 7:00 p.m.
Public Safety Building

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

STAFF PRESENT: Police Chief Bob Tardiff, Engineer Larry Anderson, and Mary Newell.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairman Bob Andrews called the meeting to order.

- A) Review and approve minutes of January 11, 1999

Motion: Brandt/Clarkson to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

II. NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Proposal to remove parking along W. Third Street between Hwy. 99W and the railroad crossing, across from Peavey Oil.

Larry Anderson indicated there are only two legal parking spaces along the west side of West Third Street and the railroad crossing, and the parking spaces cause problems for the trucks entering and exiting Hwy. 99W. All commercial property on both sides of West Third Street have ample parking off street and Staff does not see any problem eliminating the two parking spaces. Currently, there is no parking allowed on the east side of West Third Street.

Chief Bob Tardiff concurred with Anderson's recommendation.

Discussion among members of the committee. Responding to questions regarding parking, Anderson indicated the businesses need to provide off-street parking for their employees and they have space to accommodate the need. If the off-street parking is not sufficient, there is parking available further down Third Street.

Motion: Meyer/Brandt to post no parking on the west side of West Third Street between Hwy. 99W and the railroad tracks. Motion carried unanimously.

Anderson confirmed that this is a Limited Decision which allows for a fourteen day appeal period.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Communication requesting a "No Parking" area on N. Meridian Street between Fulton and the railroad tracks

Chief Tardiff indicated the truck is legally parked and is not in the railroad setback. The

pickup has a canopy which somewhat obscures the vision area.

Consensus was the vision clearance in that particular area was not the worse place in town and that the same situation can be seen all over town. Noted that often times visibility depends a lot on what vehicle is being driven.

Consensus on the part of the Commission was to take no action due to the failure of a motion.

Ms. Jan Bortnem, 21650 NE Sunnycrest Road, arrived at 7:25 p.m. after the matter had been tabled.

Andrews brought back to the table the issue of Communication requesting a "No Parking" area on N. Meridian Street between Fulton and the railroad tracks.

Ms. Bortnem explained she wrote to the Traffic Safety Commission due to her concern about the lack of visibility north of Fulton on Meridian Street. She indicated that at the time she submitted her proposal, she was asking for no parking between Fulton and the railroad tracks. She feels now that was asking too much. However, Bortnem would like parking limited to the north side of the railroad track signage. She feels this would open up visibility for travelers on Meridian and also for the vehicle sitting on Fulton at Meridian. Ms. Bortnem said she has been in several near accidents and does think it is a traffic concern.

Upon questioning, Ms. Bortnem indicated she uses that intersection twice a day. She did not see a great difference whether the truck is parked nearer to Fulton or nearer to the railroad tracks. Because of the angle, the truck still blocks a large portion of the street from the tracks south.

Anderson indicated the curb is not painted and could only be painted back twenty feet. Responding to a question from Clarkson, Anderson explained how the vision clearance is measured from curb to curb.

Chief Tardiff offered to contact the owner of the vehicle. Anderson will paint back the railroad setback and will investigate installing signs for the tracks. He said he did not know how the signage applies to private railroads.

Andrews said it would take a public hearing to eliminate parking and promoted the educational approach first.

Action: Tardiff will contact the pickup owner and Larry Anderson will follow upon railroad signage and painting the setback.

Ms. Bortnem was invited back with her comments on her observations of the results.

IV. STAFF REPORTS - GENERAL INFORMATION:

A) Chief of Police

Chief Bob Tardiff reporting:

- ODOT wants enforcement against vehicles parking in the bike path in front of the Newberg Care Home, 1500 E. First Street. ODOT will take care of installing the signage. It is unknown whether the signage is gone or if it was never installed.
- Reported on the Red Light legislation and how the red light program works.
- Deputy Chief Stan Newland has accepted a position as Captain with the Beaverton Police Department.

B) Engineering

Larry Anderson reporting:

- ODOT is cutting out on First Street to install the signals, beginning first with the bulbouts. Work will be completed by the end of March, although the light standards will not be installed for another two months or so. Construction workers found the original railroad rails under the pavement which may create some construction problems.
- A plan has been approved to relocate the driveway into the entrance of Springbrook Plaza to align directly across from Haworth. With the adjacency to the Springbrook Road/Hwy. 99W intersection, ODOT is asking for more green time for northbound traffic. Anderson expects the driveway to be moved this year, but the signal will take longer. Crosswalks will be adjacent to the intersection, not offset as they are now.
- ODOT will not be resurfacing Hwy. 99W until the road construction is completed, late summer of 2001 or later. ODOT will continue to patch until that time.
- Regarding truck traffic on Laurel Drive, Anderson indicated that ODOT vetoed any signs on Hwy. 99. Only specific signs are allowed. He suggested installing a "No Trucks" sign at Laurel and Villa.
- School zone signs were installed in the Edwards Elementary School area. Larry will look into the status of the "Fines Double in School Zones" signage requested by the School District earlier. The School District is responsible for the cost of installing those signs.

C) Traffic Safety Committee Sub-Committees:

1. Community Relations

Dick Meyer reporting.

- ed that a transportation task force has been created. A facilitator has been hired to help develop recommendations on the north side arterial. Bob Andrews will sit on the North side Arterial Committee as they try to build some level of consensus.
2. Pedestrian Safety - No report.
 3. Parking Safety (passenger vehicles & trucks)

Don Matthews reporting:

- Matthews raised the issue of North Main, between Lynn Drive and Crestview Drive, noting the narrowness of that particular section of road is hazardous for pedestrians and vehicles. Matter will be discussed at the May meeting.
- 4. Traffic Control & Obstructions
- Reported that a semi is parked on Andrews just off So. College. Unknown at this time whether a permit is issued. When noticed last, it was just the tractor, unlike this occasion where it is the entire vehicle and is obstructing a portion of the road.

V. REPORTS:

VI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR:

Ms. Bortnem expressed concern of traffic speed at Sunnycrest as it enters Hwy. 99. Tardiff indicated he will mention her concern to the traffic officers as they work that west end.

VII. ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING:

Motion: Brandt/Mayfield to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Mary Newell, Recording Secretary