

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES
7:00 p.m., Monday, October 11, 1999
Public Safety Building

PRESENT: Chairman Dick Meyer, Doris Brandt, Terry Mayfield, Don Matthews, Everett Clarkson, Mac McDonald, and Dione Baumer.

ABSENT: Jack Stephens and Glenn Benedict

STAFF PRESENT: Larry Anderson, City Engineer; Police Sergeant David James; and Mary Newell, Recording Secretary.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairman Dick Meyer opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., introducing new member Dione Baumer. Dione was appointed by the Newberg City Council on October 4th to fill the unexpired term left vacant by Bob Andrews upon his appointment to the Planning Commission.

A) Review and approve minutes of September 13, 1999

Motion: Brandt/Mayfield to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried and minutes will be placed on file.

II. NEW BUSINESS:

A) Consider making the intersection of Sierra Vista and Hoskins Street a four way stop; currently, the intersection is a three-way stop.

Larry Anderson gave a short staff report. He advised that years ago, this intersection was one county road with a 90 degree turn. Over time, development ensued and the legs were added. For an extended period of time, traffic was free to go in both directions. It was just a couple years ago, that the three way stop was created. At that time there was talk at the Legislative level to eliminate the free left turn, although this legislation did not materialize. Anderson indicated this is an area of confusion and there are no standards for three way stops. There are standards for two and four way stops.

Doris Brandt questioned whether an accident study had been done on the intersection. Anderson said he had not, but could provide that information at the next meeting. Ms. Brandt indicated she did not feel the intersection caused concern for the locals living in the general area and felt the intersection should be left as posted. Anderson, noting that he thought it had already been done, indicated that the City could post the stop signs as a three-way stop.

Motion: Brandt/Matthews to leave the intersection as is, but add the 3-way stop signage. The motion passed with a 3-2 vote as follows: Brandt (Yea); Matthews (Yea); Clarkson (Yea);

Mayfield (Nay) and Baumer (Nay). Dick Meyer abstained.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Continued deliberations on establishing "No Parking" on the south side of Hayes Street from Deborah Road to Elliott Street.

Mary Newell said her conversation with Loren Berg revealed that Loren Berg Chevrolet has no objection to moving the vehicle parking to the north side of Hayes Street.

Dick Meyer indicated his drive through the area found no parking or visibility issues apparent. He noted that Precision Auto was closed.

Ms. Baumer indicated when she drove through the area, Precision was open, and there were many parked vehicles. She said a blind spot heading southbound from Deborah onto Hayes Street.

Larry Anderson indicated that he wants to make sure that whatever parking is posted will not interfere with the transport trucks for Loren Berg Chevrolet and Parr Lumber. Anderson wants to do more investigation on how Berg plans for loading and unloading their vehicles. Berg's plans are just coming up for review. Larry recommended that whatever the Traffic Safety Commission decides, that it be the last parking change on Hayes Street. It is important to get it right. Mr. Anderson, noting it was more of a nuisance than a hazard at Urgent Care, suggested the issue be tabled to the next meeting when he has more information about Berg's plans. Another consideration was to approve the parking on the north side of Hayes, with the location of the parking determined through Design Review and later brought to the Commission. Regarding Urgent Care, the City Engineer indicated he had no problem eliminating parking in front of Urgent Care. He expressed concern, however, that Dr. Matthews was asking to eliminate parking along the frontage of other property owners. With Berg indicating they would like to have the parking on their frontage, he would like to develop a full-blown parking plan for the street, to insure clearance at the intersections, clearance for the truck's turning radius, and insure no visibility problems.

Motion: Mayfield/Brandt to table the matter to the next meeting pending a full staff report on the parking plan for Hayes and Deborah Street. Motion carried unanimously. Larry Anderson will contact Dr. Matthews.

IV. STAFF REPORTS - GENERAL INFORMATION:

- A) Chief of Police - None.
- B) Engineering -

Larry Anderson outlined for the Traffic Safety Commission the process used to enforce Photo Red Light cameras.

Anderson attended a transportation workshop and continues to work towards a by-pass. If the

voters approve the gas tax, things will happen very fast and they want to be ready. If it does not pass, it will be another ten or twelve years before it comes up again.

C) Traffic Safety Committee Sub-committees

1. Community Relations -

Meyer reported that the Newberg Chamber is again sponsoring a Downtown Halloween party.

2. Pedestrian Safety - No report.

3. Parking Safety (passenger vehicles & trucks) - No report.

4. Traffic Control and Obstructions -

Brandt reported a dip just south of the railroad track on College (near Alexander Oil) which is deep enough that it could cause a vehicle to roll.

Mac McDonald reported that semi-trucks are still using the north side of Hwy. 99W at Brutter to pull off while they run across the street for a meal at one of the fast food restaurants. He said the sign appears to be somewhat obscured by overgrown shrubs.

V. **REPORTS:**

A) Engineer's report on Morrison's request to consider eliminating parking on one side of Sheridan in the 700 and/or 800 blocks

Larry Anderson reported that the area is composed of narrow streets. Currently, vehicles are allowed to park on both sides in this area, but closer to the George Fox University campus, parking has been restricted to one side. If Traffic Safety Commission chooses to eliminate parking, he suggested it would be appropriate to eliminate parking on the north side of Sheridan which is consistent with the balance of Sheridan street and would impact fewer residents.

Motion: Mayfield/Clarkson to make a Limited Decision to eliminate parking on the north side of the 700 and 800 blocks of Sheridan Street. Motion passed unanimously. A Limited Decision carries a fourteen day appeal period.

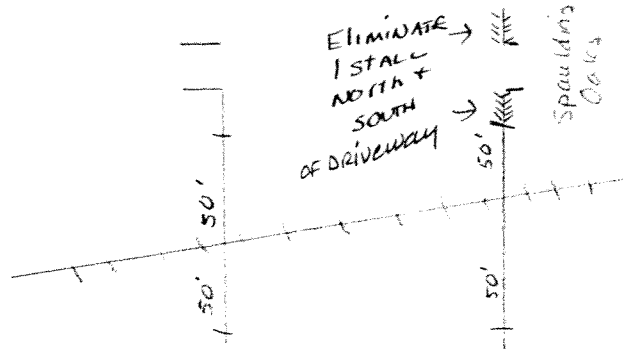
B) Engineer's report on possibility of painting the driveway near entrance to Spaulding Oaks

Citing complaints of Habitat for Humanities vehicles parking in front of Spaulding Oaks, the City Engineer explained the visibility concerns expressed by residents of Spaulding Oaks when vehicles park up to the driveway. Using a diagram drawn on the whiteboard, he indicated that by law parking is not allowed within 50 feet of a railroad crossing. Anderson proposed posting no parking for 50 feet on both sides of the railroad tracks. This action would not require any action on the part of the Traffic Safety Commission. He explained that this would then leave approximately one parking stall south of the Spaulding Oaks driveway. Removing the parking space both directly south and north of the driveway would further increase visibility but would require a motion by the Traffic Safety Commission.

Ms. Newell confirmed that a Limited Decision to remove the two parking spaces provides for notification to all adjacent property owners and a fourteen day appeal period.

Larry Anderson confirmed that he does not mean to remove any parking spaces on the west side of Meridian, just the 50 feet north of the railroad tracks.

Diagram:



Motion: Brandt/Clarkson to make a Limited Decision to eliminate one parking space directly north and one space directly south of the entrance driveway into Spaulding Oaks. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR: None.

VII. ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING:

Larry Anderson will ask George Fox University to attend the next meeting to explain the campus master plan and street vacations. The vacations as planned have no effect on traffic safety.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Mary Newell 11/8/99
Mary Newell, Recording Secretary