

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

August 14, 2000, 7:00 pm

Public Safety Building

PRESENT: Dick Meyer, Don Matthews, Dione Baumer, Doris Brandt, Everett Clarkson, Howard McDonald.

ABSENT: Terry Mayfield, Jack Stephens, and Becky Simpson.

STAFF PRESENT: Cindy Bolek, Support Services Manager; Russ Thomas, Public Works Manager; Mary Newell, Newberg Police Department

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Dick Meyer, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

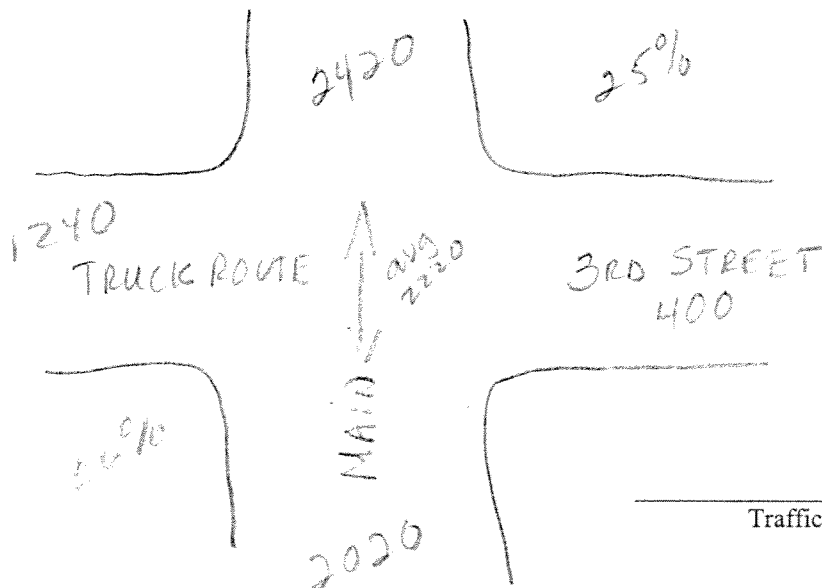
A) Review and approve minutes of June 12, 2000

There being no additions or corrections to the minutes of June 12, 2000, the minutes as written will be placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS:

Russ Thomas raised the pending issue of the February request of Kaleen Flukinger to install a four-way stop at the intersection of Third and Main streets. This issue was first heard by Traffic Safety on March 13th, and has been pending traffic counts and a report from Larry Anderson who has since resigned from the City of Newberg.

Russ said that Main Street is a major arterial in the Newberg Traffic Plan, with Third Street traffic being stopped in both the easterly and westerly directions. Mr. Thomas indicated that the intersection does not meet the warrants for a four-way stop. He diagramed the intersection and provided the following traffic counts and averages, noting the intersection is not within the required eighty-five percentile needed to install a four-way stop.



Cindy Bolek indicated that she has not had an opportunity to run the accident data for that intersection. Dick Meyer noted that there have been accidents at the intersection.

Ms. Newell indicated that she had spoken with Ms. Flukinger last week. She explained that Ms. Flukinger was willing to attend the next meeting to re-address her concerns regarding this intersection.

Motion: Brandt/Matthews to leave the intersection of South Third and Main streets as posted, i.e. through traffic on Main with eastbound and westbound traffic on Third Street stopped at Main. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Quarterly review of log of decisions of Traffic Safety Commission
Mary Newell explained that an error was made in the transcription of the minutes for the decision of 11/8/99, the "request of Spaulding Oaks Condominiums to eliminate a parking space on the north and south side of the north driveway entrance of Spaulding Oaks Condominiums at 1100 N. Meridian. Ken Williams of Spaulding Oaks has indicated the parking space to the south side of the north driveway entrance to Spaulding Oaks had not been eliminated. The scratch minutes of the meeting of November 8, 1999, clearly indicates the intent was to eliminate this parking space. She indicated it was an error of omission when transcribing the minutes and asked that the Commission clarify this with a motion.

Motion: Brandt/Clarkson to eliminate one parking space on the south side of the north driveway entrance of Spaulding Oaks Condominiums at 1100 N. Meridian to satisfy the original intent of the original motion of November 8, 1999. Motion carried unanimously.

Russ Thomas is contacting Larry Anderson for clarification of what areas will be painted as "refuges" on Sheridan Street.

Regarding First Street from Church Street to the Newberg Care Home, Russ Thomas will contact ODOT regarding their intent to install a bike lane designation.

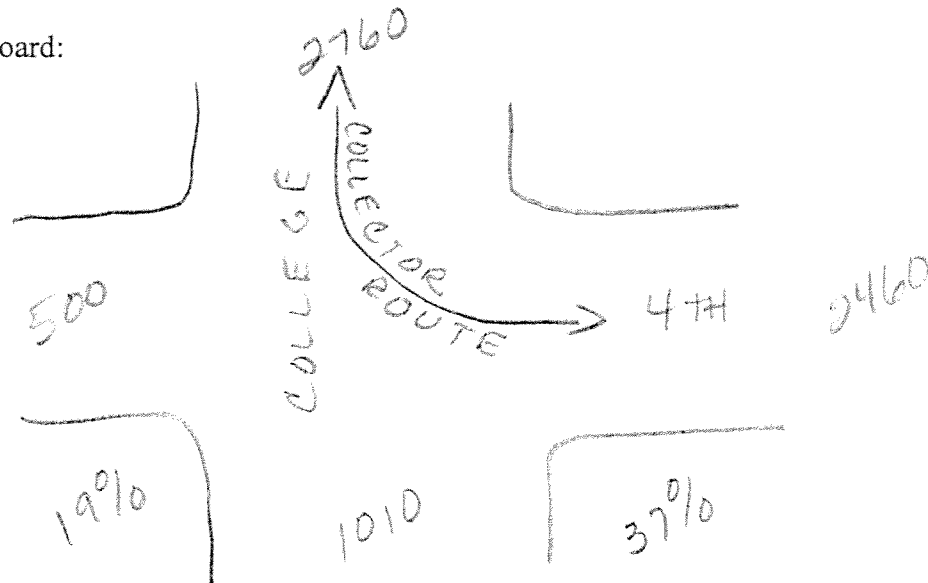
According to Russ Thomas, there are no signs in the Uniform Sign Code which would be appropriate for limiting truck travel on Laurel Drive. Only signage is to prohibit trucks.

B) Consider making the intersection of 4th and College a four-way stop
This issue was raised for discussion by Commission member Dione Baumer. As a resident of that general area, she noted that she had been approached with concerns regarding difficulty with visibility and space issues relating to parking near the intersection.

Russ Thomas indicated that 4th and College is designated as a major collector street in the Newberg Traffic Plan. He drew out the intersection on the whiteboard, noting vehicle counts and

percentages. He indicated that the three way stop with the right turn permitted without stopping is allowed. The intersection does not meet the warrants and criteria for a four way stop.

Diagram on whiteboard:



Russ Thomas recommended that the intersection be left as posted for the following reasons: (1) 4th and College is designated as a major arterial, (2) traffic counts do not justify or warrant a four-way stop because the counts are not equal in all directions; (3) four-way stops are not installed for speed control, and (4) a four-way stop could increase crash results because of the disparity between the traffic counts.

Baumer, noting she did not like the 3-way stop, reiterated her concern that it is difficult to see whether or not vehicles are turning.

Motion: Brandt/Matthews to leave the intersection of 4th and College as a three way stop with right turn permitted without stopping for vehicles traveling west on 4th. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS - GENERAL INFORMATION:

A) Chief of Police

Cindy Bolek reported that the Restricted Parking ordinance restricting parking around Newberg High School was passed unanimously by the City Council. For the benefit of Commission members, she explained the amendments made to the ordinance to include an appeal process. She noted that it was expected that an appeal would be filed and could be before the Traffic Safety Commission at the October or November meeting. As a non-emergency ordinance, the Residential Parking ordinance will go in effect in 30 days, and already there have been requests for the application.

Ms. Bolek also noted that she had received many comments from citizens thanking the Traffic

Safety Commission for assisting with the process of developing a solution. Clarkson noted that he was equally impressed with the number of residents who involved themselves in the process.

B) Engineering

Russ Thomas indicated that the City has erected school zone signs at the high school and the other markings will soon follow as they continue to upgrade traffic markings with the newly required thermo traffic marking. The crosswalks have been installed to mark the established pedestrian routes at the high school.

Responding to a question, Mr. Thomas clarified that stop lines are required to be installed where the stop signs are located, not necessarily at the street line.

A contract was approved for all centerline and fog line stripping; this will be completed within two or three days once the project begins.

C) Traffic Safety Committee Sub-Committees:

1. Community Relations

Dick Meyer reported on the City Council meeting. ODOT will hold its last public meeting on August 23rd to discuss staging for the Brucher to Main Street Project, noting that Hancock Street is a matter of interest.

2. Pedestrian Safety - No report

3. Parking Safety (passenger vehicles & trucks)

Three issues raised:

(1) A motor home has been parked on Meridian Street for several days. Cindy will notify traffic officers.

(2) Stop sign on North Sitka Street (north of Jay's Restaurant) at Oak is hidden by foliage. Russ will contact the resident to trim the apple tree.

(3) Truck parking on Fulton Street. Clarkson made contact with them; Cindy will send a letter to the registered owner.

4. Traffic Control & Obstructions - No report.

REPORTS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR:

Ron Majdecki, resident of 11th Court, addressed the Traffic Safety Commission regarding traffic on their cul-de-sac, especially boats. He indicated there are approximately 50 children who live on the cul-de-sac. Cars with trailers, boats and jet skis frequently use the cul-de-sac as a pullout to inspect and readjust their loads. This creates much traffic in this small residential area. When cars are parked on both sides of the street, only one vehicle can pass at a time. Mr. Majdecki requested a speed hump be installed near the entrance to 11th in order to deter the boat traffic and speeders. Residents would be willing to pay for the cost of installing the speed hump.

Mr. Majdecki indicated that most of the time, vehicles make a rolling stop onto 11th Street because there is pretty clear vision in both directions.

Ms. Bolek advised that Children at Play signs are not recognized by the Uniform Sign code. Further, she noted that the City does not advocate children playing in the streets so that can't be used as an argument.

Brandt suggested installing a "No Outlet" sign.

Ms. Bolek questioned whether or not residents called in complaints when there are speeders in their neighborhood. She provided Mr. Majdecki with copies of the Traffic Speed Form and explained its use.

Russ Thomas indicated the cost of a speed hump in the neighborhood of \$5000, with signage, engineering and supplies. He noted that criteria for speed humps and engineering is being adopted on a national level.

Action: Russ Thomas will immediately install a No Outlet sign and a Neighborhood Watch sign. Residents will be diligent in reporting their complaints and the use of the Traffic Speed Form.

Cindy Bolek indicated she had received a request from a neighbor and relative that a "Do Not Block Intersection" sign be installed for the intersection of N. Main and Illinois. Those traveling from Illinois to North Main, intending to enter onto Hwy. 240, frequently block the intersection for people traveling north and south on N. Main.

Russ indicated that he would check to see what is available and advise at the next meeting. Cindy Bolek will request a letter be written explaining the request.

Motion: Brandt/Clarkson to set over this matter to the next meeting. Motion carried.

ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING: Next meeting September 11, 2000

Motion: Brandt/Clarkson to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.


Mary Newell, Recording Secretary