

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
7:00 P.M. Monday, May 8, 2000
Public Safety Building

PRESENT: Dick Meyer, Don Matthews, Jack Stephens, Dione Baumer, Mac McDonald, and Everett Clarkson.

STAFF PRESENT: Cindy Bolek, Public Information/Community Resource; and Mary Newell, Secretary.

ABSENT: Terry Mayfield and Dione Baumer.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

- A) Review and approve minutes of March 13, 2000

Motion: McDonald/Brandt to approve minutes of March 13, 2000, as read. Motion carried.

- B) Notice that City of Newberg is accepting applications to fill vacancy due to resignation of Glenn Benedict, term to expire 12/31/2000. Deadline to apply: May 31, 2000.

Glenn Benedict has resigned from the Traffic Safety Commission due to ongoing health issues. Members were encouraged to distribute applications.

2. OLD BUSINESS:

A) Report on request for a four-way stop on South Main Street between 2nd and 3rd streets. Due to absence of City Engineer Larry Anderson, this item was tabled pending receipt of his report regarding traffic counts, warrants, and criteria for four-way stops.

- B) Report on Hawthorne Drive/Newberg School District discussions on request for (1) speed bumps, (2) photo radar, (3) stationed daily traffic patrol, (4) close Hawthorne Drive to through traffic from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., and (5) legal yellow "no parking" curbs for Hawthorne Drive

Cindy Bolek gave an update on the two meetings held following the directive from Traffic Safety Commission that City Staff facilitate a meeting between the School District and neighborhood members. As a result of the meetings, Ms. Bolek noted there is a positive environment developing, with accountability and strategies being developed.

Highlights of these meetings have resulted in the following:

- NPD is receiving Traffic Speed Forms from neighborhood residents. Vehicle owners are being contacted by the police department, and, if identified as students, they are also contacted by the school.
- Additional parking lot is being discussed
- School considering additional remedies for dealing with problem students
- Discussion regarding establishing residential parking areas on school days.

Cindy Bolek outlined the process for residential parking permits currently in use by the City of Tigard. The consensus of the attendees at the earlier meetings was to further develop the concept of establishing a residential parking program around Newberg High School. Ms. Bolek suggested the Traffic Safety Commission hold a hearing to take testimony regarding this topic at their June 12th meeting. She read a draft letter to be mailed to property owners surrounding Newberg High School inviting them to submit oral or written testimony on the issue. At this meeting, the Traffic Safety Commission will review the oral and written testimony and make a recommendation on the issue of residential parking to the Newberg City Council.

Mac McDonald said the ideal solution would be to close campus. However, because of space constraints the School District is not at this time able to offer that option. They are considering multiple lunch periods to help reduce the amount of lunch time vehicular traffic.

Following general discussion on the topic, the Traffic Safety Commission by consensus decided to hold a hearing at their regular meeting scheduled for June 12, 2000, to accept testimony on the issue of residential parking. Notice of the meeting will be sent.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Request for park symbols on Mt. View Drive and a 15 mph speed zone on Mt. View Drive between Donald Lane and North Main Street.

Cindy Bolek outlined the request of Craig McCourt, explaining that he is a resident in the vicinity of the park who was concerned about child safety. The request is for park symbols and a reduction in speed from 25 mph to 15 mph.

Motion: Brandt/Stephens to install the park symbol signage. Motion carried.

A traffic/speed count would be required before a speed reduction would be considered. Matthews, Brandt and McDonald, noting the close proximity of the stop signs, felt that a speed count would not be necessary as drivers would be moving from a stop sign. Consensus was to deny the request for a speed reduction until the effectiveness of the playground signs could be determined.

- B) Ratify police Chief's decision to eliminate three parking spaces on the north side of Fulton Street, increasing visibility of crosswalk

Temporary "no parking" signs were installed at the direction of the Chief of Police. Bolek reported that she, Larry Anderson and Motor Officer John Goad had conducted some tests at the site. They determined that a vision problem exists at that location, and speeding was an issue. She noted that Goad had cited a driver for 68 mph in that area. In addition, there have been no complaints about the elimination of those parking spaces.

Two letters, from Friendsview Manor and George Fox University, written in support of the proposal were received.

Friendsview Manor is looking at redesigning their entrance to make it a flatter entrance, but this will not happen in the immediate future. However, this, too, will the visibility problem.

Motion: Brandt/McDonald to ratify the decision of the Chief of Police to eliminate three parking spaces on the north side of Fulton Street, increasing visibility of the crosswalk, in front of Friendsview Manor. Motion carried.

4. STAFF REPORTS - GENERAL INFORMATION:

A) Chief of Police -

Cindy reported that she is working on a traffic issue in Doris Brandt's neighborhood. Also, three houses from George Fox University will be moved to various locations around Newberg.

B) Engineering - No report.

C) Traffic Safety Committee Sub-Committees:

1. Community Relations - No report.

2. Pedestrian Safety -

Noted that the entrance to the mobile home park between Second Street and the Friendsview Cemetery, on the east side, vehicles are exiting onto Everest without stopping. Committee member feels this creates unsafe situation for children residing in the area. Bolek will write a letter to the park owner outlining concerns, and ask if they would consider installing a stop sign, and also issue a notice to the children playing in the street.

Motion: Clarkson/Matthews to direct Cindy Bolek to send a letter to the mobile home park addressing their concerns: installing a stop sign on private property, and secondarily, issue a notice regarding safety of children playing in the street.

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

4. Traffic Control & Obstructions -

At Sierra Vista and Pennington, the removal of the shrubs has greatly increased visibility. Concern that blue and white pickup parked in the owners driveway on Sierra Vista obstructs visibility. Bolek, noting that the owner has the right to park in the driveway, will make contact to see if the owner will voluntarily move the pickup forward a few feet to increase visibility.

5. **REPORTS:** Noted that the four way stop on Sierra Vista is in affect. However, the yellow painting in front of Spaulding Oaks has not yet been done.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR:** None.

7. **ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING:** Next meeting June 12, 2000

Motion: Brandt/Clarkson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Mary Newell 6/12/2000
Mary Newell, Recording Secretary