

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
7:00 P.M. Monday, June 12, 2000
Public Safety Building

PRESENT: Dick Meyer, Doris Brandt, Don Matthews, Jack Stephens, Howard McDonald, and Everett Clarkson.

STAFF PRESENT: Cindy Bolek, Public Information/Community Resource; Russ Thomas, Division Manager Public Works, and secretary Mary Newell.

ABSENT: Terry Mayfield and Dione Baumer.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

A) Review and approve minutes of May 8, 2000

Motion: Brandt/McDonald to accept minutes as amended with corrected attendance. Motion carried; minutes will be placed on file.

2. OLD BUSINESS: None.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

A) Entertain testimony in support or against creation of Residential Parking Zones in the vicinity of Newberg High School

Chairperson Dick Meyer opened the meeting to accept testimony in support or against the establishment of a residential parking zone around Newberg High School.

Distributed to the Traffic Safety Commission were letters received in support or opposition to the establishment of a residential parking zone. They include the following and are attached as part of these minutes.

Letters in Support

Newberg School District

Linda Miller, 1009 Sitka Avenue

Shirley J. Cooper, 1011 Sitka Avenue

Robert and Mary Andrews, 1103 N Sitka Avenue

Carla J. Duncan, 1606 Deborah Road

Anthony & Barbara Benjamin, (owners Hawthorne Apartments)
6150 SW 170th Avenue, Beaverton

E. Lynn Rollings, 2404 Hawthorne Drive

Petition in support, with 38 signatures plus additional page with 12 signatures

Letters in Opposition

M. LeBlanc, 1610 Deborah Road

Douglas L. Poler, 1203 Elm Lane

Letters with no opinion stated
Nicki Harrold, 2204 Willow Drive

Chair Dick Meyer entertained testimony in favor of the creation of a Residential Parking Zone in the vicinity of Newberg High School.

Noting that Dr. Paula Radich had a conflicting School Board Meeting, Chairman Dick Meyer asked Dr. Paula Radich to present the first statement before the Traffic Safety Commission.

Dr. Paula Radich, Superintendent Newberg School District, 714 E. Sixth Street, spoke in support of recommending to the City Council that an ordinance be passed creating a residential parking zone in the vicinity of Newberg High School. She explained that several agencies had been involved over the course of several months to reach a resolution to the parking issues in the high school area. Interested residents, School district officials, and the police department have partnered to explore and address the longstanding problems associated with student parking in the area. The school district has been in contact with a private party to expand some parking opportunities at the high school site.

As another matter, Dr. Radich on behalf of the Newberg School District, requested the creation of a new school zone around Newberg High School which would extend from Sitka and Haworth north, west to Haworth and Elliott, encompassing the streets of Hawthorne Drive, Hawthorne Loop, Willow Drive, Elm Lane and Alder Drive, in order to reduce vehicular speeds in that area. Following her statement, Dr. Radich departed the Traffic Safety Commission meeting, having a School Board meeting to attend.

Bob Lauinger, 2213 Willow Drive, spoke in support of the residential parking zone, but expressed opposition to the installation of speed humps. Mr. Lauinger questioned the availability of parking on high school grounds. Lynn Rollins, resident of Hawthorne Drive, said many are sophomores who are not allowed to park on school grounds but are old enough to drive, to which Mr. Lauinger responded that sophomores should not be driving. Traffic Safety Commission member Howard McDonald added that he understands need for juniors and seniors to drive, as many of them have after school jobs or after-school activities. He felt sophomores should not drive, but noted that many busses are empty of passengers.

Allen and JoAnne Stevens, 2715 Douglas Avenue, lives on the corner of Emry and Douglas. Ms. Stevens said that buses are indeed empty, and said that the area experiences grid lock when weather is raining as parents and students drive vehicles to school dropping off or picking up children. Lots of soccer parents who take up parking. Cited problems with speeding, name calling, obscene hand gestures, parking, blocked driveways and mailboxes, and garbage. Both Mr. And Mrs. Stevens expressed support for the residential parking zone.

Ralph Osburn, 2300 Hawthorne Drive, speaking on behalf of petitioners on Hawthorne Drive supported taking a recommendation to the Newberg City Council to consider development of a residential parking zone ordinance. For the record, he indicated the issue they are trying to address is student parking on a residential address. Osburn cited the following as problems relating to student parking: trash, blocked driveways, loitering, etc.

Osburn briefly explained that this meeting is the culmination of several neighborhood meetings whereby City officials, neighbors, school district representatives, and Traffic Safety Commission members partnered to seek resolution of the identified problems. Consensus has been that by having all parties involved, successful resolution will be reached -- solutions that could not have happened by working individually. Osburn suggested the solution being recommended, i.e. an ordinance establishing a residential parking zone, would be a good accommodation for solving the problem. He explained that the details of administering such a plan, cost, particular administrative issues, have not yet been defined. He noted that residential parking zone is just one piece of the solution, and alone would not solve the problem, but would be a successful plan coupled with the School's plan to add additional parking space at the high school. Further, Mr. Osburn indicated that residential parking zones are proven to work. Other cities have been contacted and those with such a program love it, citing Tigard as an example.

Mr. Osburn, speaking on behalf of Hawthorne petitioners, expressed support for Dr. Radich's request for expanding the school zone.

When questioned regarding unknown costs associated with implementing a residential parking zone, Cindy Bolek explained that since the last informational meeting, the City of Newberg and the school district have been creatively working to fund this. The goal is to not have a cost, or have the cost be very minimal. They are looking at volunteers to implement the program, distribute tags, and are looking at funding opportunities. However, final decision will rest at the Council level.

Osburn noted that there are those who oppose a fee, but others are willing to pay to get the program started. However, realistically there are funds associated with the cost of this project and it must come from somewhere. Ms. Bolek reiterated that staff and the School District are working jointly to provide different options to the City Council for their consideration.

Ms. Bolek responded to questions and concerns regarding the permit process, stating that the proposal is that the parking zone be established from 8am to 3pm school days. It does not include nights and weekends. Regarding visitors, it would be residents who monitor such activity. Police would only cite in the event someone is parking in the area without a permit. Staffing concerns dictate the patrol activity would be complaint driven.

Eric Johnson, 1201 Hawthorne Loop, went on record as supporting a residential parking zone, offering to make a donation towards funding the project. He asked that cautious consideration be given to the zone boundaries so parking is not just moved to another area, as well as consideration for the evening activities and sporting events.

Jack and Debbie Csergei, 1200 Elm Lane, noting they are not directly affected since they live outside the identified zoning area, spoke in favor of recommending a residential parking zone. They would be concerned, however, if the establishment of a parking zone moved the student parking problems into their area. As an employee of the U.S. Post Office, Mr. Csergei said that vehicles blocking mailboxes are a significant problem, and mail carriers are not required to stop and get out of their vehicles to deliver the mail, and sympathized with the residents' complaints that they aren't receiving mail since students are blocking their mailboxes.

William Bjork, noting he attends the First United Methodist Church and also has a parent who lives on Deborah Road, voiced support for a residential parking zone. He cited speed, parking issues, and heavy noontime traffic issues.

Bob and Mary Andrews, 1103 N. Sitka Avenue, said the school generally has no control over who parks outside of school grounds and expressed appreciation for their willingness to become involved. Student parking issues have denied residents the ability to park in their own driveways and in their own neighborhoods. Parking encroaches on residential driveways. The Andrews recommended moving forward with the recommendation to the City Council to establish a residential parking zone. Further, he suggested that residential parking zones might be useful in other areas of Newberg. Bob Andrews reiterated support for the expansion of a school zone around Newberg High School, and urged the Traffic Safety Commission to treat these as two separate issues.

Ron Staples, 2201 Hawthorne Loop, expressed support for a residential parking zone and the expansion of a school zone around Newberg High School.

Dick Meyer entertained testimony in opposition to establishing a residential parking zone.

No one in attendance spoke in opposition to establishing a school zone.

The Traffic Safety Commission entered into deliberations.

Cindy Bolek explained the request for the creation of a school zone. Staff recommendation is for 20 MPH, with traffic fines doubling in school zones. This is the standard which is allowable by law.

Responding to a question from Don Matthews, Cindy explained that the City Council would receive copies of minutes from prior meetings, a staff report, and any other supporting documentation necessary to make an informed decision.

Motion: McDonald/Stephens to recommend to the City Council that they pass an ordinance establishing residential parking zone in the neighborhood of Newberg High School, such ordinance to be considered at their next available meeting.

Suggested that motion be amended to add direct staff to include all information collected at the Traffic Safety Commission meeting and previous meetings. Both McDonald and Stephens being in agreement, the motion was amended to read as follows:

Amended Motion: to recommend to the Newberg City Council that they pass an ordinance establishing a residential parking zone in the neighborhood of Newberg High School, and directing Staff to include all information collected from previous meetings as part of the Staff Report.

The motion as amended passed unanimously.

Regarding the request for a school zone, Ms. Bolek indicated that school zones are created on streets and routes to public schools. Currently, there are designated school zones at all schools, with the exception of Newberg High School. The high school was excluded from designation based on the teen-aged years of the pedestrians. However, due to the high amount of vehicular and pedestrian traffic, and traffic speeds, the school district has made a formal request to create a school zone at Newberg High School. Dr. Radich has followed procedure, submitting this letter of request. Cindy Bolek read the letter, dated June 8, 2000, into the record, a copy of which is attached as part of these minutes. In addition, Ms. Bolek reported that the school will bear the costs of installing the signage and painting crosswalks necessary in order to implement an expanded school zone.

As a second issue, Ms. Bolek indicated she had met with City Attorney Terry Mahr and Court Judge John Mercer to discuss the option to double traffic fines in school zones. If the Traffic Safety Commission opts to adopt this option, fines would double in all school zones, not just at the High School. Doubling fines in school zones is allowable by law. If approved, the Public Works department will install the signs throughout the city. The Police Department recommends both proposals. The law requires passage by Traffic Safety Commission and the posting of signs in order to cite under the double fines legislation. Cindy distributed a map detailing the proposed school zone.

Motion: Matthews/Brandt to extend the school zone as presented in the map attached as part of these minutes. Motion carried.

Motion: McDonald/Brandt to double traffic fines in school zones. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Bolek indicated the cost to the City will be approximately \$2500 for all school zones (7 facilities). Mr. Russ Thomas explained that this cost is above that which the school district will pay. It also includes upgrading the quality of the marking materials now required, which has a life expectancy of about 10 years. Public Works will purchase an inventory from which they will be able to replace or install as needed, thus helping to reduce overall costs.

Chair Dick Meyer thanked all in attendance and suggested that their attendance at the City Council meeting would be helpful. Everett Clarkson commented on the good support presented throughout the process by citizens and commission members.

Mr. McDonald enlarged upon Dr. Radich's comment earlier about the parking expansion. He explained that the School District's plan to enlarge the parking lot will help alleviate some of the parking problems, and that by graveling rather than paving, the costs will be cut exponentially.

STAFF REPORTS - GENERAL INFORMATION:

- A) Chief of Police - Cindy Bolek reported:
 - that the owner of the blue pickup voluntarily moved the pickup
 - A letter went out to the mobile home park asking for their assistance in making the exit from the mobile home park onto Everest a safer place
 - City readying to paint that area on Fulton.

- B) Engineering - Russ Thomas reported:
- Larry Anderson has resigned and will be working as an independent engineer.
 - State and Federal laws have changed the types of paint used from petroleum based to water-based paints for street signage. When painting can be done effectively is based on temperature and humidity.
- C) Traffic Safety Committee Sub-Committees:
1. Community Relations - No report.
 2. Pedestrian Safety - No report.
 3. Parking Safety (passenger vehicles & trucks) - No report.
 4. Traffic Control & Obstructions - No report.

4. REPORTS:

ACTS Oregon deadline for mini-grants is August 5, 2000.

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR:

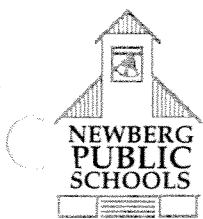
Bob Andrews reported a tractor/trailer in front of Friends view Manor on Fulton as well as one using Haworth as a truck route.

Responding to question from Matthews, Russ Thomas indicated that the intersection of Mountainview and Aspen is located within the City but the signs are still under the jurisdiction of Yamhill County.

6. ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING: Next meeting July 10, 2000

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Safety Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

 8/14/2000
Mary Newell, Recording Secretary



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Paula A. Radich, Ed.D.
Superintendent

June 8, 2000

Dick Meyer, Chairman
City of Newberg Traffic Safety Commission
C/O Newberg Police Department
P.O. Box 970
Newberg, Oregon 97132

Dear Mr. Meyer and Members of the Newberg Traffic Safety Commission:

The Newberg School District supports our neighbors' request that you forward a recommendation to the Newberg City Council to consider the formation of a Residential Parking ordinance. This ordinance allows Newberg residents in the vicinity of Newberg High School to request the establishment of residential parking zones to address longstanding problems associated with student parking.

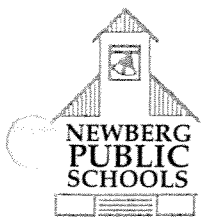
While approval of the Residential Parking ordinance will provide relief for residents, we will also do our part to help. We are in the process of contracting with a private party to expand parking options for students. We are also considering the designation of additional parking spaces on the high school site.

Our neighbors and the school district have worked together to find a resolution to the problems associated with high school student parking. We believe that giving neighbors the option of requesting the establishment of Residential Parking zones will greatly improve the quality of the neighborhoods.

I strongly encourage you to forward the request for an ordinance to permit the establishment of Residential Parking zones in the vicinity of Newberg High School to the Newberg City Council. The Newberg School District will work with our neighbors to successfully implement these zones once the zones are approved.

Sincerely,

Paula A. Radich, Ed.D.
Superintendent



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June 8, 2000

Dick Meyer, Chairman
City of Newberg Traffic Safety Commission
C/O Newberg Police Department
P.O. Box 970
Newberg, Oregon 97132

Dear Mr. Meyer and Members of the Newberg Traffic Safety Commission:

The Newberg School District requests the creation of a new school zone. The new school zone would extend from Sitka and Haworth north, west to Haworth and Elliott, encompassing the streets of Hawthorne Drive, Hawthorne Loop, Willow Drive, Elm Lane and Alder Drive.

Currently, there is a high level of vehicle and pedestrian traffic using multiple access points in the neighborhood as vehicles enter and exit Newberg High School. This extended school zone will enhance the safety of students and residents by reducing vehicle speeds on roads adjacent to Newberg High School.

Over the past several months Newberg School District staff, the Newberg Police Department and our high school neighbors have met to problem solve mutual issues of concern regarding traffic on streets adjacent to the high school. Our high school neighbors are supportive of the district's request to extend the school zone.

The district is committed to working with our neighbors to resolve longstanding issues created by vehicle and pedestrian traffic. The district will bear the cost of installing the necessary signage and crosswalks needed to implement an expanded school zone.

Please give this matter your consideration. An expanded school zone is one of a number of solutions discussed by our neighbors and the district. It is an important step in resolving neighborhood issues and will provide improved safety for our residents and students.

Sincerely,

Paula A. Radich, Ed.D.
Superintendent

RECEIVED
6/9/2000

DATE: June 9, 2000

TO: Newberg Traffic Safety Committee

CC: Duane Cole, Dr. Paula Radich, Bob Tardiff, Brian Casey, Cindy Bolek,
Larry Anderson

Dear Sirs and Madams,

We, the undersigned residents of the Hawthorne neighborhood and other interested citizens, respectfully request that you forward a recommendation to the Newberg City Council to consider the formation of a Residential Parking ordinance. Such an ordinance would allow Newberg residents to request the establishment of residential parking zones that address problems in limited areas. Criteria to establish such zones and details of how they would be administered are yet to be determined.

The reasons for this request are:

- 1) Newberg currently has no available ordinance that addresses the needs of city residents to control neighborhood parking when circumstances warrant such control.
- 2) Such a situation currently exists in the Hawthorne neighborhood area because of the close proximity of the Newberg High School.
 - a) Residents driveways are often blocked hindering/preventing a safe exit
 - b) Mailboxes are often blocked preventing mail delivery
 - c) Trash from student cars is dumped on resident's property daily
 - d) Teen loitering in the area is encouraged by the location of their cars on our neighborhood streets.
 - e) Newberg School District projects continued growth in student population
- 3) Many Oregon municipalities have such a ordinance.
- 4) Providing this ordinance to Newberg residents would be practicing responsible city government.

Attached you will find the results of a neighborhood canvas to determine what support residents would give for the formation of a Residential Parking zone in this area. Please note that 64 residents out of 75 were contacted of which 58 (77%) were in favor of such a zone being established.

Your favorable recommendation to the Newberg City Council for the consideration of a Residential Parking ordinance would be the next step to ensuring safe, high quality neighborhoods in our community.

Thank you.

Signature

Ed Wahl
L. A. Dr. P. A.
Sgt. BARNES
Made Lushy
Thomas C. Mansel
Letta S. Cummings
Dorothy Smith
Ronald A. Stephens
Eugene T. Smith
Dandra M. Voss
Jackie C. Topt
John Jacobson
Richard L. Walton
Jerry Long
Bob Van Name

Address

2100. Willow Dr

2104 Willow Dr.

2200 Willow Dr.

2405 Hawthorne Dr

2409 Hawthorne Dr

2206 Hawthorne Loop

2703 Hawthorne Loop Newberg

2201 Hawthorne Loop

1207 Hawthorne Loop Newberg

1205 Hawthorne Loop Newberg

1204 Hawthorne Loop Newberg

1202 Hawthorne Loop Newberg

1203 Hawthorne Loop Newberg

1200 Hawthorne Loop Newberg

2401 Hawthorne Drive

Signature
M. Kelly
Betty Martin
Mrs. Pedberg
Dm D
Judith E. Records
Julie A. Peterson
Lynn Jensen
Nancy Barram
Linda J. Bachalt
Ernest S. Bachalt Jr.
Linda Keller
Linda Gray-Mitchell

Address

2212 Willow Pk.

2209 Willow Drive

1211 Sitka

1203 Sitka

2009 Hawthorne Loop

1210 SITKA AVE.

2300 Alder Lane

2304 Alder Lane

2305 Alber Ln.

2305 Alber Ln.

2404 Hawthorne Dr.

1203 Sitka

Signature

Address

Lynn Kelley
Ruth Voss
Kenneth R. Rasmussen
Ann Anderson
Mary R. Anderson
Gloria Anderson

2404 Hawthorne Ave.
2409 Willow Dr.
2404 Willow Dr.
2308 Willow Dr.
1103 N. Sitka
1106 SITKA

Signature

Address

Michael W. Adams
Robert O. Adams
Eddie Spear
Sheila Sperling
Robert Adams

2300 Hawthorne Dr.
2300 Hawthorne Dr.
2305 Hawthorne Dr.
2302 Hawthorne Dr.
1103 N. 5th Ave.

Signature

Address

Marvin O. Krueger

2205 Hawthorne Loop

Tracy L. Sturges

1906 Birch Lane

Paul Sturges

1906 Birch Lane

DAROL BROWN

1905 BIRCH LN

Jocel. brown

1905 Birch Ln.

Laura Hilten

1907 Birch Ln

Nadine Krueger

2205 Hawthorne Loop

Philip Krueger

2204 Hawthorne Loop

Brenda M. Stagle

2400 Hawthorne Dr

Ketty Wilson

1202 Elm Ln Newberg Or 97132

William D. Long

1204 Elm Lane Newberg, OR 97132

W. J. Wedde

1205 Elm " " " "

Recap of Canvas of
Newberg High School Neighborhood
on Permit Parking

	<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Unable to</u> <u>Contact</u>	<u>?????</u>
ADLER LANE	5			
BIRCH LANE	4			
ELM LANE	4		3	
HAWTHORNE DRIVE	11		1	
HAWTHORNE LOOP	14	1		1
SITKA AVE S. OF WILLOW	5		1	
SITKA AVE N. OF WILLOW	4			3
WILLOW DRIVE	11	1	6	
TOTALS	58	2	11	4
PERCENT	77%	3%	15%	5%

This is a PROPOSAL awaiting to be polished and implemented before the start of high school in the fall.

Restricted Parking Zone

8 am to 3 pm
on
School Days

Parking on the designated streets during these hours and days would require a parking permit. To secure a parking permit, it would be necessary to prove residency within the zone. Permits for visitors could be secured. Permits would cost \$10 per year, sold on a two year basis.

Approval of the majority of the residences of the zone would be necessary.

Proposed streets involved:

Hawthorne Drive
Hawthorne Loop
Birch Lane
Willow Street

Sitka (South of Willow)
Sitka (North of Willow)
Alder Ct.
Elm Lane

Those of you who do not live on Hawthorne Drive are invited, yea urged, to drive down Hawthorne Drive during school hours. If the Parking Permit Zone were to apply only to Hawthorne Drive, heavy parking would move to adjoining streets hence it is considered prudent to widen the Zone.

Newberg High School offers more on-campus parking than any other high school in neighboring towns. Additional parking places, on and off campus, are under consideration.

The City Council will make the decision whether or not a Restricted Parking Zone is allowable. It has worked in Tigard.

My name is _____
My address is _____
My phone is _____

RECEIVED
6/8/2000

June 6, 2000

Newberg Traffic Safety Commission
PO Box 970
Newberg, Oregon 97132

Attn: Mary Newell

It is my understanding that your group will be accepting information at your June 12 meeting as regard residential parking zones in and around the neighbourhood located next to the Newberg High School.

I would urge your group to help establish some restricted parking zones in the vicinity of the High School to help make that area a bit more liveable for those residents. I reside on Sitka, past the Hiaworth intersection and am not directly affected by student parking adjacent to the school premises, however, I recognize the need to help those residents affected by the excessive use of the students on those streets. It causes limited access and also hinders their view of traffic when leaving or returning to their homes. It also has made it difficult for any package and/or mail deliveries, so please consider the need for some residential parking zones in a positive manner to give those people relief.

I would also like to encourage your consideration for a speed barrier here on Sitka, possibly near the Cherry Street entrance as we who live here have excessive speeding when the students leave campus at the lunch hour. It has become exceedingly more dangerous in current years due to more cars being driven by the students. There has been good co-operation from policing of the area, however, that does not deter those speeders for more than several days. It has become very dangerous for us who live on Sitka, just past the stop at Hiaworth. After the vehicles make the stop there the tendency is to speed across Hiaworth, down Sitka to get to 99W fast food places. It has become a speed way for those students leaving campus and it could be resolved easily with a speed barrier being placed in the street, approximately at Cherry Street intersect. I would suggest that your group strongly consider this

as a means to slow vehicles before someone is seriously hurt here on this section of Sitka.

I appreciate your commitment to a safer area and hope that you will recommend these needs to the City Council. We really do need to have some relief here in this area, especially for the speeding problem as it will only get worse with the numbers of vehicles being driven to school increasing greatly each year.

Thank you for your consideration for this acute problem which only you can resolve by your recommendations.

Sincerely,


Shirley Cooper
1011 Sitka Avenue
Newberg, Oregon 97132
503-538-7211

E. Lynn Rollins
2404 Hawthorne Drive, Newberg, OR 97132-1437

503 538 2978
E-mail: elr_ortan@juno.com

May 22, 2000

Cindy Bolek
Newberg Police Department
P. O. Box 970
Newberg, OR 97132

Dear Cindy,

As members of the Newberg High School South Neighborhood, we are anxiously looking forward to the next meeting to be held at the school district office on May 31. And we would like you to know how our neighborhood canvas has progressed. We are writing to you, feeling that you are pretty much the coordinator, sharing information with every one involved and it would make for a smoother flow of business when the meeting is in session. So, have at it. All of us are very appreciative of the time and effort all of you have given to us.

Enclosed is a copy of the hand-out that we presented as we made calls on every one of the 75 homes in the neighborhood. If no one was found at home, the hand-out was left in the door and a return call was made until contact has been made at all but 12 of the residences, up until now.

On the back of the hand-out is a summary of the findings of the canvas. Two residents that did not care one way or the other are recorded as "yes". Copies like this one will be brought to the meeting for distribution to the people attending.

One objection was raised over whether or not a resident could have an afternoon party at her home without having a parking permit for each of her guests. The feeling was that after the first week or so of school, policing of the permit parking would fall upon the residents of the neighborhood and that could be the answer to the question of the afternoon baby shower, etc.

You will notice that the hours of the permit parking are shown on the hand-out as 8 to 3 instead of 7 to 3, feeling that some residents that park their cars on the street over night might not be leaving as early as 7 in the morning.

For the neighborhood,

E. Lynn Rollins

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Rth/2000

Newberg Traffic Safety Commission
Newberg, Oregon

June 5, 2000

As I may not be able to attend the NHS Neighborhood Traffic Committee meeting I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the proposals. I am a homeowner living on Elm Lane and have not experienced any of the problems described in your letter. However I still would like to comment on some of your proposals that ultimately would effect my neighbors and myself.

1. Speed Bumps

Before moving to Newberg I lived in a community that had Speed Bumps. Not only are they ineffective they are very annoying. Driving a small light vehicle you will find that the faster you go, the less you notice the bump. I strongly oppose speed bumps.

2. School Zone Designations (Speed limits and Fines)

Do you really think lowering a speed limit or threatening a fine is going to slow a teenager down? Why penalize the residents. Educating young drivers to the importance of driving safely and responsible would hopefully be more effective.

3. Restricted/Residential Parking Zone

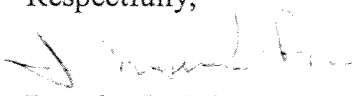
Why should residents have to pay to park in front of their own homes? Make the students pay instead.

4. Expand NHS Parking

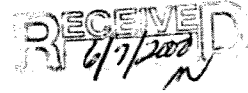
Good idea but expensive. Instead of raising taxes to expand parking have the students pay by fees or student fund raising. Another possibility is to restrict underclassman-parking privileges. Only Seniors (and Juniors if space allows) and students with legitimate hardships could park at NHS. All residential parking would be prohibited.

In conclusion Students need to realize that having a drivers license is a privilege, not a right. With that privilege comes responsibility to drive safely and respectfully. As Adults and Parents it is our responsibility to teach our kids this responsibility by education and example.

Respectfully,


Douglas L. Poler
1203 Elm Lane
Newberg, Oregon

June 7, 2000



City of Newberg
Traffic Safety Commission
c/o Newberg Police Department
401 E. Third Street
Newberg, OR 97132

Ref: Traffic Safety and Parking Problems in the Hawthorne/Sitka Neighborhoods

Commissioners:

First of all, we endorse and concur with the Newberg School District 29J request to establish a "school zone" adjacent to the Newberg High School; a "school zone" in which the fines of certain traffic offenses would be double. The "school zone" is proposed to include Hawthorne from Elliott to N. Sitka Ave, Hawthorne Loop, Willow from Elliott to N. Sitka Ave., N. Sitka Ave. from the high school property to Haworth and Elliott from the high school property to Haworth.

Recognizing that most drivers are courteous when driving through our neighborhood, and accepting that there cannot be 24-hour police presence, there continues to be an unacceptable amount of speeding and reckless driving on our residential street. In past years we have experienced vehicles coming to rest in our front yard just a few feet before hitting our house; damaging the lawn and shrubbery. The curb in front of our house bares scars from numerous occasions when drivers temporarily lost control coming around the curve in the 1100 block of N. Sitka Ave. We sincerely believe that establishing a "school zone," where traffic fines double, will be a deterrent and add a measure of safety to our neighborhood not currently present.

A second concern we have is the on-going, and increasing, problem of high school students parking on our residential streets, primarily Hawthorne. We, as N. Sitka Ave. residents, recognize this on-going problem and fully support the request and petition that is being submitted to the Traffic Safety Commission. That petition asks that the Commission forward its recommendation to the City Council for the drafting and adoption of an ordinance that would provided for the creation of Residential Parking Zones.

By the creation of this ordinance, establishing the criteria, process and administration for establishing Residential Parking Zones, we feel that the citizens of Newberg would be afforded the opportunity to address, on a neighborhood by neighborhood basis, one of the many problems related to growth in our community. We would expect such an ordinance to be similar to a Local Improvement District (LID).

Parking problems in Newberg are not new and will continue to escalate in the future, and are not limited to the area immediately adjacent to the high school. We believe that the adoption of a Residential Parking Ordinance is good governance and a necessary tool to be available to the citizens of Newberg.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert B. and Mary R. Andrews". The signature is written in dark ink and is somewhat stylized.

Robert B. and Mary R. Andrews
1103 N. Sitka Ave.
Newberg, OR 97132

CARLA J. DUNCAN

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May 22, 2000

City of Newberg
Police Department
ATTN: Cindy Bolek
P.O. Box 970
Newberg, OR 97132

Re: Newberg High School Street Parking

Dear Ms. Bolek:

After discussion with you last week regarding my previous letter, I now have a better understanding of the parking situation that is being proposed around the Newberg High School. I am in favor of the Residential Parking Zone that would restrict student and visitor parking on the streets surrounding the high school between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. I live close to the intersection of Deborah Road and Douglas and we have students parking on these streets Monday through Friday.

The proposed School Zone designation lowering speed limits and doubling fines is also a good idea because during the lunch hour there are many student drivers that drive on Douglas and Deborah that drive recklessly by speeding and not paying attention to their driving. So, I am also in favor of the School Zone designation.

Because I work evenings, I will be unable to attend the meeting that is scheduled to discuss these issues. Therefore, please consider this letter as part of your findings from local neighbors. Thank you for including this letter in your findings.

Sincerely,



Carla J. Duncan

ANTHONY AND BARBARA BENJAMIN
HAWTHORNE APARTMENTS
6150 S.W. 170TH AVE.
BEAVERTON, OR 97007-3309

May 25, 2000

Claudia Stewart, Communications Specialist
Newberg High School
714 E. Sixth St.
Newberg, OR 97132-3498

Dear Ms. Stewart:

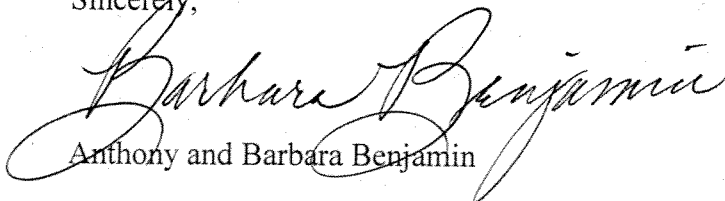
Thank you for your recent correspondence concerning traffic problems near Newberg High School. We own Hawthorne Apartments, located directly south of the high school, and are very much aware of problems that exist in that area.

We would appreciate and support any action that you can take to control parking and traffic problems in the area adjacent to Newberg High School.

Copies of your letter have been sent to our manager to distribute to our tenants. Hopefully, if they have concerns they will attend the meetings.

Again, thank you for keeping us informed.

Sincerely,



Anthony and Barbara Benjamin

cc:

Larry Anderson, City of Newberg
Cindy Bolek, Newberg Police Dept.
Dr. Paula Radich, Newberg Public Schools
Ken Phillips, Newberg High School
Brian Casey, Newberg Police Dept.

MAY 25, 2000

TO: NEWBERG TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

ATTN: MARY NEWELL

FROM: MARCIA F. LEBLANC
1610 DEBORAH RD
NEWBERG OREGON 97132

SUBJECT: RESIDENTIAL PARKING ZONE

MY HOME IS IN THE VICINITY OF THE MABLE RUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. I HAVE READ THE PROPOSED ZONE FOR THE STUDENT PARKING FOR NEWBERG HIGH SCHOOL SENT TO ME BY THE NEWBERG POLICE DEPARTMENT AND AGAIN LATER BY THE NEWBERG HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE.

I HAVE BASED MY DECISION TO OPPOSE THE PROPOSED SITE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- 1) TOO MANY GRADE SCHOOL CHILDREN PRESENT IN THE AREA.
- 2) HIGH TRAFFIC AREA DUE TO PARENTS TRAVELING FOR DROP OFF AND PICK UP OF CHILDREN, SEVERAL EMPLOYEES FROM A-DEC COMPANY USE DEBORAH AND DOUGLAS AS A MAIN ROUTE TO AND FROM WORK, SCHOOL BUS ROUTE INCLUDE DEBORAH AND DOUGLAS, HEAVY EQUIPMENT VEHICLES (DUMP TRUCKS) TRAVELING THROUGH AND A FEW HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PARKING ALREADY IN THIS AREA.
- 3) THIS AREA IS POLICED INFREQUENTLY, WHICH LEADS TO BLATANT DISREGARD FOR THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT FOR THE SCHOOL ZONE AND FOR THE THREE WAY STOP (I HAVE OBSERVED PARENTS DRIVING IN THIS MANNER).
- 4) I AM ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE STATEMENT IN THE NOTICE REFERRING TO TEEN DRIVING AND STUDENT BEHAVIOR.
- 5) THE DEBRIS LEFT BY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM LUNCH AT THE NEAR BY FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS.
- 6) UNDERAGE SMOKING IN THESE AREAS.
- 7) FINALLY LOITERING IN THESE AREAS (STEREO SYSTEM IN VEHICLES DRIVEN BY TEENS).

I AM ASKING MYSELF, WHY WOULD I WANT THIS IN MY BACKYARD. THE PARENTS OF STUDENTS DRIVING TO AND FROM SCHOOL NEED TO PROVIDE A PARKING LOT AT THE HIGH SCHOOL. THIS WOULD ONLY BRING DOWN THE LIVEABLENESS FOR THE HOME OWNERS OF DEBORAH ROAD AND DOUGLAS.

cc Newberg Police Dept.

This is a copy of my thoughts &
suggestions on the proposed parking
for student. I regret that that I
thought your meeting & the school district
notice of meeting were ^{one & the same and not} separate. Thank you
for your notice.

May 26, 2000

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Hi to all of you...

Here is something to share and pass on..

I was given a little bag today with a string tied around the bag in a bow.
In the bag was small piece of paper with writing on it. Also in the bag was
An Eraser, a Rubber Band, 4 Colorful Marbles, 4 Candy Kisses, and a shiny Copper
Penny

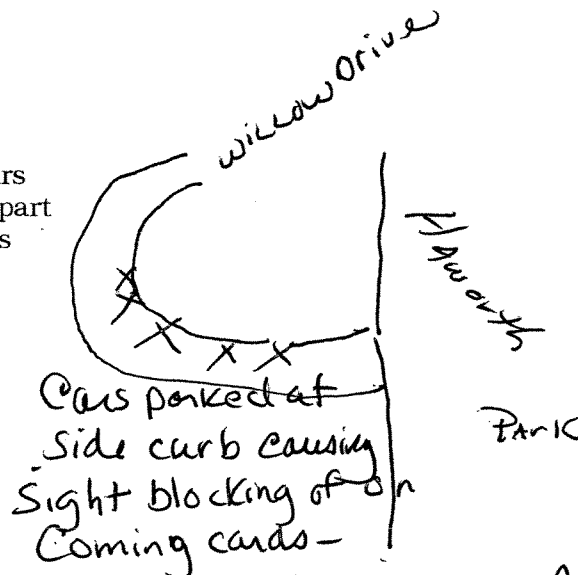
On the paper it read:

FIRST AID FOR STRESS

An Eraser to make your mistakes disappear
A Penny so you will never be broke
A Rubber Band to Stretch your limits
Marbles in case they say you've lost all of yours
A String to tie it together when life is falling apart
And Kisses to remind you that Someone Cares

Take care,

Nicki at Rackleff House



Dear Sir

I live at 2204 Willow Drive
Newburg Area. When I come off of
Harworth towards Willow. There is a
blue house on the right that has
several cars parked out on street on the
curve towards Willow - I have been close
to hitting a car coming around the corner twice
now. Can you please check in to this
Sincerely Nicki Harworth