

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION**  
**7:00 p.m., Monday, January 8, 2001**  
**401 E. Third Street, Newberg, OR**

**PRESENT:** Dick Meyer, Don Matthews, Terry Mayfield, Everett Clarkson, and Howard McDonald.

**ABSENT:** Doris Brandt, Jack Stephens, and Becky Simpson.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Police Chief Bob Tardiff, Public Works Manager Russ Thomas, and Mary Newell

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

A) Elect Chair and Vice Chair of the Traffic Safety Commission for 2001.

Dick Meyer entertained nominations for the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Traffic Safety Commission for year 2001.

**Motion: Clarkson/Mayfield** to retain Dick Meyer as Chairman and Howard McDonald as Vice Chair of the Traffic Safety Commission for 2001. Motion carried.

B) Review and approve minutes of November 13, 2000

**Motion: Mayfield/Clarkson** to accept minutes as written. Motion passed and will be placed on file.

Commission member Dione Baumer has resigned, having recently taken on a full-time job.

**2. OLD BUSINESS:**

A) Appeal of Ms. Flukinger against denial of request for a four-way stop at South Third and Main streets

Ms. Flukinger thanked the Traffic Safety Commission for the opportunity to again address the Commission about excessive speeding. She indicated that she appealed because the decision was made prior to obtaining the traffic study. Ms. Flukinger said after talking with Larry Anderson she understands that a four way stop is not possible, but asked that the City install 25 mph speed signs with a "strictly enforced" sign, and possibility a "Children at Play" sign.

Russ Thomas said the recent traffic study indicates the intersection of South Third and Main streets does not meet the warrants for a multi-way stop because traffic does not meet the 85% vehicles/pedestrians per hour.

Regarding the "Children At Play" sign, these signs are not legal signs and are not recognized by the federal or state highway administrations.

Tardiff questioned the feasibility of speed signs, and Mr. Thomas indicated they could be installed in strategic areas. He suggested that an overabundance of signs would be ignored.

Thomas briefly explained the rerouting that ODOT plans for First Street and Second Street as part of the Brutscher to Main Street project.

Mayfield, noting that some speeders appear on the traffic study, suggested enhanced enforcement.

**3. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A) Quarterly review of Traffic Safety Commission activities

Russ Thomas gave a brief status report on each Traffic Safety item identified in the quarterly review.

Commission members noted no corrections, additions, changes to the decisions outlined in the quarterly review.

**4. STAFF REPORTS - GENERAL INFORMATION:**

- A) Chief of Police - Chief Tardiff provided an update on Photo Red Light. Project is on hold pending the Brutscher to Main project, and in on Legislative agenda for review.
- B) Engineering - Russ Thomas indicated the new uniform sign code, effective January 30, 2001, will be printed and available in July 2001.
- C) Traffic Safety Committee Sub-Committees:
1. Community Relations - None
  2. Pedestrian Safety - None
  3. Parking Safety (passenger vehicles & trucks) - None
  4. Traffic Control & Obstructions - None

**4. REPORTS:**

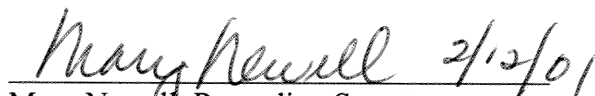
- A) Report on available signage for a "Do Not Block Intersection" sign for the intersection of N. Main and Illinois raised at August 8, 2000 meeting (R. Thomas)

Russ reported that the only location for installing such a sign would not have any impact on the traffic being targeted. He does not recommend installing this the Do Not Block Intersection sign. Regulations prohibit installing the sign on the stop sign.

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

**6. ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING: Next meeting February 12, 2001**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

  
Mary Newell, Recording Secretary