

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 12, 2001

PRESENT: Richard Meyer, Doris Brandt, Don Matthews, Terry Mayfield, and Everett Clarkson.

ABSENT: Howard McDonald, Jack Stephens and Becky Simpson

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Tardiff, Larry Anderson, Mary Newell, and Duane Cole

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

A) Review and approve minutes of January 8, 2001

Brandt/Clarkson to approve minutes as written. Motion passed.

2. OLD BUSINESS:

B) Discussion on four way stop at N. Main and Edgewood Drive
Larry Anderson, engineer representing the Community Development Department, indicated a four-way stop at N Main and Edgewood Drive would not meet the warrants for installing a four-way stop. Policy is to stop minor streets for major streets so there is no "right hand rule." If an intersection is uncontrolled, whoever reaches the intersection first gets to go first. If vehicles meet in a tie, the person on the right goes first. On a major/minor intersection this is avoided.

The difference between the Mountainview and N Main intersection from N. Main/Edgewood, is that eventually both Mountainview and N Main will have equal traffic, although it is understood that traffic volume has not reached that point at this time. The four-way stop allows everyone to take their turn and clear the intersection.

Mayfield said he understands the speed concern because there are vehicles speeding through the area; however, he suggested that the situation will change as the traffic patterns change with development. He suggested another speed survey be conducted during the summer.

Larry Anderson indicated that he needed to check with the School District regarding a student crosswalk at Edgewood, although he suggested a better place for children to cross is at Foothills because it is safer. Anderson, stating it will be a while before development is filled, voiced opposition to installing a temporary stop sign.

Clarkson raised the issue of summertime traffic; Anderson felt it most likely that sports activities would speed more than school attendees.

Motion: Mayfield/Clarkson to conduct a second traffic study in July, and based on the information, make the decision concerning installing the four-way stop at Edgewood and N. Main. Motion carried, with no opposing votes.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

City Manager Duane Cole reported that the City Council is seeking a member for a Transportation Task Force which will be charged with reviewing Newberg local improvement projects and setting priorities. He is seeking a member of the Traffic Safety Commission to sit on the task force, which will meet six or eight times with a report due in 4-6 months.

Doris Brandt volunteered to represent the Traffic Safety Commission on the Transportation Task Force.

4. STAFF REPORTS - GENERAL INFORMATION:

A) Chief of Police

Speed signs will be added on Villa.

Discussion regarding signs in the vision triangle. Doris Brandt suggested developing a form letter which could be sent to those who may have issues, just to let them know and solicit voluntary compliance. The City will develop a letter.

B) Engineering

Regarding the Fraiser letter requesting a sidewalk on E. Second Street, Anderson indicated this would probably be one of the issues discussed by the Transportation task force.

C) Traffic Safety Committee Sub-Committees:

1. Community Relations

Newberg Downtown Association hosting a Future Fair, March 3, 10-2; and March 10, 10-12

2. Pedestrian Safety - No report

3. Parking Safety (passenger vehicles & trucks)

Expressed concern with the Nap's parking lot if ODOT intends to turn Second Street into one-way traffic.

4. Traffic Control & Obstructions - No report.

5. REPORTS:

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR:

William Donovan, 200 N School, reported a possibly dangerous situation, i.e. a skateboard ramp located in the middle of N School Street. He indicated it is set out by kids around three o'clock, and is basically an iron bar approximately 8 feet in length and 3-4 feet high. This is a traffic hazard. Police Chief Robert Tardiff indicated that the Police Department will investigate.

Sharon Faring, 822 S Columbia, reported overgrown shrubbery at Columbia and 11th blocking visibility, vehicles parking too close to the corner obstructing visibility, and reported a floodlight on an adjacent house which strikes drivers in the eyes.

Larry Anderson indicated that the City wouldn't want to ticket anyone for parking too close to the corner if it's not marked, noting that 11th is a truck route. He suggested the City may want to

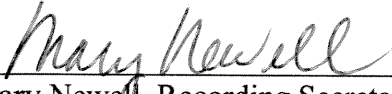
paint the curb yellow back 20 feet from the intersection because of the assumed crosswalk. Regarding the floodlight, there are regulations for lighting on commercial property. Brandt indicated that the property owner may not know there is a problem.

Jim Robbins, Papa Murphy's, asked whether or not there was anything he or the Traffic Safety Commission could do to reduce the impact that the ODOT Brutscher To Main Project is having on his property located at the corner of Hancock and Main Street. He is losing property, parking and driveways, creating in his opinion an unsafe condition for citizens. Hazards are being created, and he does not see the City or anyone questioning ODOT on the issues. The changes in his parking lot are very unsafe, and the project is creating a bigger problem than before.

Larry Anderson, noting he has had conversations with Mr. Robbins before, indicated that the City has looked at the project as a whole but has not really looked at it property-by-property. Further, ODOT is concerned about safety and when their design effects a business, ODOT comes up with a number of what the damage is and tries to compensate the business. Anderson indicated turn lanes are designed by standards not set by ODOT; designers do look at truck lanes and make allowances for that. He does not anticipate much luck in changing the road design, but might be able to look at keeping the entrance open.

7. ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING: Next meeting March 12, 2001

Motion: Brandt/Clarkson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Mary Newell, Recording Secretary