

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES
Monday, January 14, 2002
7:00 PM, Public Safety Building

PRESENT: Dick Meyer, Howard McDonald, Bob Andrews, Jack Stephens, Doris Brandt, Everett Clarkson, Terry Mayfield, and Becky Simpson.

STAFF PRESENT: Dan Danicic, City Engineer; Bob Knorr, Engineering; and Mary Newell, Support Services Manager NPD.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Dick Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- A) Elect President and Vice President of the Traffic Safety Commission for 2002

Motion: Brandt/McDonald to accept nominations for Bob Andrews to serve as Chairman of the Traffic Safety Commission and Dick Meyer to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Commission.

No further nominations for the positions were expressed. There being no further nominations, members called for the question. Motion carried.

- B) Review and approve minutes of November 13, 2001

Motion: Brandt/Clarkson to accept and approve the minutes of November 13, 2001, as written. Motion passed.

City Engineer Dan Danicic introduced Bob Knorr, noting that Bob would be filling in at Traffic Safety Commission meetings until further notice while Dan is working on other projects.

2. NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Quarterly review of Traffic Safety Commission actions

No discussion regarding the quarterly review; information will be placed on file.

3. STAFF REPORTS - GENERAL INFORMATION:

- A) Chief of Police - No report.

- B) Engineering

Dan Danicic gave an update on the intersection of Brutscher and Hwy. 99, at Fred Meyer's. Mac McDonald expressed concern regarding the conflicts of vehicles at the intersection with cars making U-turns and crossing. Danicic indicated no standard signage exists that would accommodate the intersection. It was suggested a "No Right Turn On Red" be installed to reduce the number of conflicts. Danicic will investigate to see if this is feasible. Meanwhile, Bob Knorr explained the difference between the conflict points of that intersection. Further control must be approved by ODOT.

The stop light at 99W and Elliott is due in December. Consensus was the intersection is more dangerous than before and the light should be installed as soon as possible. ODOT is waiting for dry weather to install crosswalks before the light is installed. Noted that ODOT accepts full

responsibility for the intersection because they are fully aware of the concerns surrounding that intersection.

Cones at Villa Road are still out because River Street has not been completed. When the three lanes are completed, the right lane will be opened. Andrews suggested making the lane a right turn only to help alleviate some of the congestion. Key Bank is upset because of the cut-through traffic. Bob Knorr will check out the situation.

Noted concern that line marks disappear under the new lights on 99W from River to Villa east.

Becky questioned need for paint on islands and reflectors. Due to budget constraints, ODOT is open to discussion regarding the maintenance for such painting. ODOT now would like Newberg to maintain the planters. There is a give and take between the State and local agencies as they try to work to resolve budget and resource issues.

Noted that Hwy. 219 continuing North to Villa is not properly aligned and the widths differ between the north and south. ODOT would like to widen the north side, but it's a City of Newberg problem to continue with Villa. Villa needs to be widened and straightened. Bob Andrews suggested a dashed guide to direct the driver into the correct curved lane as they cross 99 to Villa.

Have received twelve requests for bid packages on the Mountain View alignment.

Dan Danicic is working with Anna Rose to follow up concerns with Chehalem Meadows. Contacted the new postmaster about the mailboxes. No sidewalks exist on the north side because the requirement was waived. In order to turn those parcels into buildable lots, the City agreed to allow setbacks to count from the curb. This was part of the negotiations when the PUD was approved.

City of Newberg is working with Yamhill County. Traffic counts were taken on Mountain View Road and Aspen. Both agree that the solution is to stripe Mountain View Drive continuously through the S curve, while dashing through the intersection. County won't stripe until late summer, so as part of the Mountain View project the City of Newberg will stripe that little bit of street. At this time, the County has not agreed on the signs. Danicic will continue to monitor the progress.

Regarding a fence on the south side across Hess Creek, ODOT does not have plans to install a fence. No fence was planned for the north side but ODOT did install one because of the perceived issue of safety.

Regarding the railroad crossing across 99W, Danicic says it meets the criteria outlined in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Dan Danicic reviewed the parking on the east side of Meridian at Fulton. Installing a No Parking the entire length would eliminate three parking spaces. It appears that the vehicle parking there

is within the standard vision triangle. Bob Andrews said this is a constant complaint by citizens. Danicic will look at a traffic count and accident history. To remove parking would require that it be a unique case.

Regarding the request for a stop at 5th and Meridian, Engineering determined that stop signs at that location are not warranted. Question raised whether the School Zone could be expanded. This school zone falls outside of the 300 feet school zone limit from school property.

Engineering met with Caravan Coffee, Mr. Minthorne and other tenants. Mr. Minthorne has been advised that the Traffic Safety Commission cannot assist him. Discussion is proceeding with ODOT. Discussion about parking and off-loading the delivery trucks on Blaine Street, then turning and traveling to the north side of the building. Still undermined what will happen during construction.

Doris Brandt noted that there are no lights on the corner of College and First Streets, near Whites. Also three street lights are out on Main, north of Illinois.

- 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:

Andrews suggested he, Bob Knorr and Dan Danicic meet to determine whether or not to hold a public hearing in February following Dan's conversation with Anna Rose.

Terry Mayfield turned in a letter of resignation from the Traffic Safety Commission, effective immediately, noting new teaching position makes it impossible for him to continue to serve.

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR:

6. ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING: Next meeting February 11, 2002

Meeting adjourned 8:20 p.m.



Mary Newell, Recording Secretary