

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
Minutes
Monday, March 11, 2002
7:00 PM, Public Safety Building

PRESENT: Bob Andrews, Doris Brandt, Everett Clarkson, Jack Stephens, Becky Simpson.

ABSENT: Howard McDonald

STAFF PRESENT: Jadene Stensland, and Mary Newell

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Bob Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A) Review and approve minutes of January 14, 2002

Brandt/Meyer to approve the minutes of January 14, 2002, as written. Minutes will be placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bob Andrews asked that Community Development review the possibility of installing a temporary three way stop on Villa and Haworth. There's no traffic control as traffic exits the George Fox driveway. His feeling is locals would benefit from the added traffic control. Stephens added that Engineering was supposed to be looking at moving the stop bar back on Haworth anyway, and that he appreciates the work that's been done on the curve on Villa.

Simpson raised the issue of metal plates on Hancock, noting they need signage and are dangerous for motorcycles. The plates are not even and are very long.

Noted that Caravan Coffee is moving to the industrial park out by the airport.

Regarding trains backing up traffic, Dick Meyer said that the time limit for stopped trains begins once the train comes to a complete stop.

Andrews visited Arlington Drive and reported that the street appears to be a narrow street, even though it is considered a standard street. He asked that Community Development confer on this issue and report at the next meeting. Per Ms. Stensland, regarding the mailboxes, the residents and the postmaster are in disagreement on where the mailboxes should be located.

Bob Andrews announced that he would be discussing with the City Attorney the possibility of assigning community service in lieu of fines when possible.

STAFF REPORTS - GENERAL INFORMATION:

A) Chief of Police - None.

B) Engineering -

Jadene Stensland provided a written report for Bob Knorr, Civil Engineer.

C) Traffic Safety Committee Sub-Committees:

1. Community Relations

Dick Meyer advised of an upcoming meeting regarding the ODOT reconfiguration. A 55-Alive driving course is scheduled for March 18 & 19. Mary will follow up and get a flyer to post in the lobby and distribute.

2. Pedestrian Safety

Questioned how best to get sidewalks repaired. Traffic Safety Commission advised that sidewalks are generally repaired based on a regular maintenance grid, but if there are serious issues needing immediate attention, they should contact Community Development.

3. Parking Safety (passenger vehicles & trucks)

Doris Brandt reported vans blocking the visibility at the north exit to Spaulding Oaks and that this issue will probably come before Traffic Safety in the near future.

4. Traffic Control & Obstructions - None.

REPORTS:

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR:

Ann Holder, Transportation Safety Coordinator, ODOT, introduced herself, noting that she was attempting to visit all Traffic Safety Commissions in the district. She outlined some of the projects under her jurisdiction:

Pedestrian Safety

Bike Safety

Motorcycle Safety

Youth Programs

Law Enforcement and Judicial programs

Safety Belt and Child Safety Seat program

Ms. Holder provided a variety of transportation safety materials for distribution, including new brochures, noting she works mostly with changing behavioral issues through education and coordination with Engineering.

Following her short presentation, Ann opened the floor to questions and the following was discussed:

- Newberg Police received an ODOT pedestrian safety grant for crosswalk enforcement
- Ms. Holder will follow up on concern that the timing of the lights on Hwy. 99 are causing traffic to back up to Jay's Restaurant.
- ODOT is now responsible for the high school Driver's Education program and is no longer under the purview of the Department of Education.
- Ms. Holder will check on status of cones on Hwy. 99W at Villa

ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING: Next meeting April 8, 2002

Motion: Brandt/Simpson to close the meeting and the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Nease