

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
7:00 p.m., Monday, October 13, 2003
Public Safety Building
401 E. Third Street, Newberg, OR

PRESENT: Dick Meyer, Becky Simpson, Doris Brandt, Howard McDonald, Everett Clarkson, Joyce Vergets, Ron Sult, and Mike Simpson.

STAFF PRESENT: City Engineer Dan Danicic, and Mary Newell, Newberg Police Support Services

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

- A) Review and approve minutes of August 11, and September 8, 2003

Dick Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Motion: Mike Simpson/Brandt to approve minutes of August 11, 2003, as corrected. Motion carried.

Motion: Mike Simpson/Clarkson to approve minutes of September 8, 2003, as written. Motion carried.

2. PUBLIC HEARING:

- A) Consider posting the curb along the west side of Main Street "NO PARKING" for 50' on the north side of West North Street, and approximately 30' south of West North Street to the telephone pole.

There being no objection to the Traffic Safety Commission's jurisdiction to hear this matter, Dick Meyer opened the public hearing.

Shawn Magoon, 405 Nathan Drive, pastor, questioned the reasoning for requesting '30 foot of space on one side and 50' on the north side, noting the 50' is adjacent to the church and the parking space is needed by parishioners. Danicic indicated that occurred by default, that the existing utility pole was the determinate factor.

Magoon expressed concern with reducing parking, and asked that the Traffic Safety Commission consider the following facts:

- currently have 13 parking spaces, with visitors also using those spaces
- the church has ongoing activities, not just on Sunday, like weddings, funerals, memorial services, banquets. The church is available for outside use.
- Veritas School also uses this building and needs the additional parking

Mr. Magoon concluded that while he understands the vision clearance issue, he stated that the street frontage parking is needed.

Michael Simpson stated that he would have trouble taking 50' of frontage from one neighbor while only taking 30' from another neighbor and considered this a fair request.

Motion: Michael Simpson/Brandt to post the curb along the west side of Main Street as "No Parking" for 30' north of W North Street and 30' south of N Main Street. Motion carried.

The audience was advised that a fourteen day appeal period would be in effect.

- B) Consider establishing a no parking zone along both sides of Villa Road in the vicinity of Fulton Street.

There being no objection expressed as to the jurisdiction of the Traffic Safety Commission to hear this request, Chairman Dick Meyer opened the public hearing.

Scott J. Olsen and Kim, 716 Villa Road, residents since 1984, expressed concern that removing parking and frontage would make the area dangerous for residents as well as those traversing Villa Road. Further, Mr. Olsen is against installing a left turn lane. He indicated that people slow, but he does not see any big delays. He reiterated his main concern is that it would be extremely unsafe and difficult, near impossible, to exit his driveway.

Responding to a question from Michael Simpson, Dan Danicic explained that the left-turn lane was a condition of approval by the City on the Friendsview development request based on the traffic engineers report. In addition, the interjections of Fulton & Meridian and Fulton & Haworth were reviewed.

Michael Simpson stated that every single house on the east side of Villa Road would be affected, possibly dramatically changing the property values and livability of those homes, all because Friendsview has chosen to expand.

Steve Bolling, Villa Road resident, agreed that it would create a dangerous situation. He cited concern for the number of high school and college teams who run along Villa Road as well as children using the pool and park who use that side of the street for pedestrian travel. In addition, the lack of off-street area will require some residents to travel around the block in order to enter their personal driveways. Speed is also an issue. He suggested that GFU be required to take 10' from their property to install the left turn lane and allow parking on the east side. Bolling also suggested that another alternative is a three-way stop at Haworth or Fulton, instead of a left turn lane on Villa at Fulton.

Dan Danicic indicated that currently there is no requirement that George Fox install a sidewalk.

Mark Okazaki, 1704 Villa Road, questioned the length of the project. Danicic indicated that it extends only as far as 1801 Fulton street.

Clarkson questioned the feasibility of a three-way stop at the intersection. Danicic indicated that the idea has potential but would require another traffic study.

Motion: Mike Simpson/Brandt to table this proposal and for Staff to go back and evaluate the proposal of a three-way stop.

The motion was withdrawn.

Motion: Mike Simpson/Clarkson moved to deny the motion as presented. Motion Carried.

Motion: Brandt/Mike Simpson to direct Staff to return to the Traffic Safety Commission with a feasibility study for a three-way stop at the locations. Motion carried.

Dan Danicic will discuss with Friendsview the condition n of approval. Joyce Vergets requested that he also discuss with GFU to consider r altering their property to accommodate the left-turn lane.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Denial of request for stop signs at the intersection of Howard and Fifth Streets

Dan Danicic requested a formal action on this request, noting that this had not occurred at the last meeting.

Motion: Vergets/Brandt to deny the request for stop signs at Howard and Fifth Street. Motion carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Request for crosswalk improvements across HWY 219 near Walgreen's.

Consensus was this area does need to be evaluated.

Motion: Brandt/Becky Simpson to direct Staff to contact ODOT and request a study be conducted on the appropriateness of crosswalk improvements across Hwy. 219 near Walgreen's. Motion carried, with one, Howard McDonald, opposed. Mr. McDonald indicated he does not feel this are is appropriate for a crosswalk.

Dan Danicic indicated ODOT would do a count and video surveillance to determine how the area is being used, that he will be asking ODOT to look at the entire area, not just this specific location.

5. STAFF REPORTS - GENERAL INFORMATION:

- A) Chief of Police - Interviews for Reserve Police Officer are underway. Akay will be visiting the Citizens Police Academy tomorrow night.
B) Engineering -

Dan Danicic introduced Ryan Truair, Engineer, who conducts the traffic studies for the City of Newberg. A copy of the Code Enforcement form was distributed.

The Traffic Safety Plan is being updated.

Red light program is proceeding with ODOT on board. Falconi Consultants are preparing the report for submission to ODOT.

Danicic indicated that a final design agreement had been reached for the plaza and the project will be completed by Christmas.

Sheridan Street update.

- C) Traffic Safety Committee Sub-Committees:
1. Community Relations - Halloween Party downtown between 5-6:30.
 2. Pedestrian Safety - None.
 3. Parking Safety (passenger vehicles & trucks) - None.
 4. Traffic Control & Obstructions - The motor home on Meridian was moved into the driveway.

6. REPORTS:

- A) Report on Limited Decision on Springbrook/Haworth intersection and Limited Decision on GFU request for No Parking on Meridian Street

No appeals were filed on these issues.

7. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR:

Presented was a communication from Leslie Caffall, 408 Edgewood Drive, requesting no parking on N Main for that narrow strip of roadway between Crestview and Main, and Lynn and Main until the road is improved.

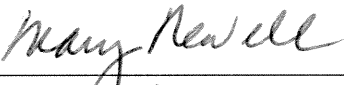
Motion: Simpson/Clarkson to direct Staff to prepare a report on this matter. Motion carried.

Ms. Vergets indicated she had a citizen complain about truck traffic on Main Street.

Dick Meyer is concerned that handicapped placards are left hanging on the mirrors all the time and suggested this could be a subject of an article in the Newberg *Graphic*.

8. ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING: November 10, 2003

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Safety Commission, Chairman Meyer closed the meeting at 8:33 P.M.



Mary Newell, Recording Secretary