

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
7:00 p.m., Monday, December 8, 2003
Public Safety Building
401 E. Third Street, Newberg, OR

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

ABSENT: Karl Burkey.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

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

2. PUBLIC HEARING - Deliberations Continued:

- A) Continued deliberations on request to sign Aaron Way as "No Parking, Fire Lane"**
(New testimony will not be taken)

Chairman Dick Meyer re-opened deliberations on the matter of considering a request to sign Aaron Way as "No Parking, Fire Lane."

The Chairman introduced to the Traffic Safety Commission with a letter dated December 8, 2003, from City Attorney Terry Mahr, confirming Commission's jurisdiction to hold a public hearing and to make a decision on this matter. Further, he confirmed that the Traffic Safety Commission should not consider liability for property values when making its decision.

Mike Simpson, stating that this issue should have been completed in 1999, indicated that whatever decision was made would not satisfy all parties involved. The fact that it was missed is the matter under consideration and it does create a danger. He discussed with the Fire Department the space requirements for fire/rescue apparatus and feels that the current situation with parking on both sides creates an impossible situation, creating a safety issue for the City. Because this situation exists, he stated that it does not matter how the situation came about. Rather, it is necessary for safety of the residents that it be rectified.

Motion: Mike Simpson/Vergets to install three "No Parking, Fire Lane" signs on the north side of Aaron Way per construction plans dated 08/04/99. The motion passed unanimously.

Traffic Safety Commission members and the audience were advised that a fourteen day appeal period would be in effect and that public notice of the appeal period would be mailed.

3. OLD BUSINESS: None.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

Becky Simpson expressed concern over City workers using a leaf blower, blowing dead leaves into the roadway in front of City Hall. Dan Danicic will address this issue with public works staff.

Ron Sult expressed appreciation for efforts of Motor Officer Tom Perritt on red light enforcement.

Suggestion for Traffic Safety members send written letter to A-dec regarding traffic issues on Vittoria Way. No consensus. Feeling that new traffic study will reflect increased traffic counts and speeds.

5. STAFF REPORTS - GENERAL INFORMATION:

- A) Chief of Police- Sergeant Weaver is working on the new DUII mini grant.
- B) Engineering - No report.
- C) Traffic Safety Committee Sub-Committees:
 - 1. Community Relations - Advised of annual holiday party on Tuesday, 12/9 for TSC members.
 - 2. Pedestrian Safety - None.
 - 3. Parking Safety (passenger vehicles & trucks) - None.
 - 4. Traffic Control & Obstructions - none.

6. REPORTS:

A) Oregon Federal Credit Union development
Construction has begun and moving smoothly.

B) Mountainview Drive 'S' Curve, forming northern arterial between Aspen Way and Springbrook Road

City Staff working with ODOT to procure some ODOT rail funds to assist with new railroad crossing. Rail funds must be used by 2005 or the funds go away.

7. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR:

Responding to a question from Ron Sult, Dan Danicic indicated that stop lights on Hancock are timed so a driver should be able to flow through town without stopping from Villa.

Traffic Safety Commission members were advised that new member Karl Burkey may not be able to serve on the Traffic Safety Commission as he has identified a scheduling conflict. He regrets the inconvenience.

8. ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING: January 12, 2004

Motion: Brandt/Carkson to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Meeting adjourned.

