

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES
7:00 PM, Monday, May 12 , 2003
Public Safety Building
401 E. Third Street, Newberg, OR

PRESENT: Dick Meyer, Doris Brandt, Becky Simpson, Everett Clarkson, Paul Thompson, and Joyce Vergets.

STAFF PRESENT: Dan Danicic, Engineering; Mary Newell, Newberg Police.

ABSENT: Michael Simpson, Ron Sult and Howard McDonald

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

- A) Review and approve minutes of February 10, 2003

Motion: Brandt/Simpson to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed and minutes will be placed on file.

2. OLD BUSINESS: None.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Request for 4-way stop at the intersection of 9th and Chehalem streets.

Brian Love, 815 S Chehelam Street, requested a four way stop at 9th and Chehalem streets, noting there had been another recent traffic crash. He's concerned with number of pedestrians, many of whom are children. He cited exceptional circumstances with the neighborhood grocery located on the corner of 9th Street. Many children inhabit the area as well as traveling from Scott Leavitt Park and the ball fields. He noted that vehicles do cut through the neighborhood to avoid traffic on their way to Dundee. He said a 4-way stop would be great but would settle for a two-way stop if it were located on Chehalem. The majority of pedestrians/foot traffic comes down 9th Street. The store has only on-street parking.

Dan Danicic explained that a traffic count would be required and that Engineering staff also takes into account the crash history. The neighborhood grocery would also be a consideration, and staff will present a report by the July meeting.

4. STAFF REPORTS - GENERAL INFORMATION:

- A) Chief of Police - The new police dog is in the tracking stage of his training and citizens should see him on the streets soon.
- B) Engineering - Dan Danicic reported the following:
- Spaulding Oaks driveway has been painted.
 - Blaine Street parking lot has been transferred to the City of Newberg and advised Commission to expect a request for "No Overnight Parking"
 - Capitol projects in the budget process has had to delete sidewalk repair funds,

and the majority of the projects except for two interactions.

- Butler building is to be torn down.
- Fred Meyer is expanding.
- Fernwood repair has been submitted for signature; original design had a problem that led to the roadway failure.
- New Austin Elementary school will be built, with both Mable Rush Elementary and Newberg High School to undergo a remodel.
- Crater Lane is beginning development
- A 9-hole golf course is going forward on the north side of Fernwood, with an 18-hole tournament level course scheduled for the south of Fernwood.
- The by-pass is moving forward. They have determined a 300-foot corridor, and are now trying to determine the 100-foot roadway. IT will be another year before they begin on property acquisition.
- Two projects for next fiscal year: LID for Main Street and Extension of Mountainview Drive.

C) Traffic Safety Committee Sub-Committees:

1. Community Relations - None.
2. Pedestrian Safety - The new 4-way stop appears to be helping the traffic on N. Main.
3. Parking Safety (passenger vehicles & trucks) - None.
4. Traffic Control & Obstructions - None.

5. REPORTS: None.

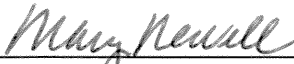
6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR:

Bob Andrews requested that Staff look at painting a yellow setback in the vicinity of Zion Lutheran Church. Dan Danicic will review and get it on the painting schedule if there's no reason to prohibit the request.

Bob Andrews noted that HB 3916 adds Newberg to photo radar as another means of traffic control.

7. ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING: June 9, 2003

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8 PM.



Mary Newell, Recording Secretary