

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

PRESENT: Dick Meyer, Becky Simpson (7:10 p.m.), Everett Clarkson, Ron Sult, Joyce Vergets, and Michael Simpson.

ABSENT: Doris Brandt and Howard McDonald.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

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

- A) Review and approve minutes of July 14 and August 11, 2003

Motion: Simpson/Vergets to approved the minutes of July 14, 2003, as written. Motion carried.

Minutes for August 11, 2003, were set over to the next regular meeting.

2. PUBLIC HEARING:

- A) Consider extending the no parking area on both sides of West North Street, back 50' from Main Street on the north side and back approximately 30' to the telephone pole on the south side.

Because the public hearing notice incorrectly identified West North Street, it was recommended that the public hearing be rescheduled to the next regular meeting in October.

Motion: Simpson/Clark to reschedule the public hearing on this matter to the October meeting, at which time a corrected notice can be mailed and posted identifying the correct No Parking area on Main Street. Motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

- A) George Fox University request for "No Parking" zones at various campus driveways entries

Dan Danicie presented the staff report, noting that George Fox University owns all the property except that area near the alley.

Motion: Clarkson/Mike Simpson to accept the staff report and made a Limited Traffic Decision to approve No Parking areas on Meridian Street at driveways between Sherman and North Streets, and no parking at driveways exiting onto River and Carlton Way, between Hancock and Sheridan Streets. Motion carried.

A fourteen day appeal period will be in affect.

- B) Continued discussion on request for restricted parking in front of residence at 1200 E Sheridan Street

Newell reported that a phone response was received from George Fox College but no further action has been taken. Staff will follow-up.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

A) Request for 4-way stop at the Haworth & Springbrook intersection

Jerry Hafdahl, Metro Property Management, Box 871568, Vancouver, WA 98687, addressed the Traffic Safety Commission. Managing company on behalf of the owners for the shopping center, Mr. Hafdahl indicated that patrons of their tenants have expressed concern with the conditions encountered on entrance/exit of the shopping center at this intersection. He has observed that drivers tend to hesitate and then make a quick move, a dangerous situation. Mr. Hafdahl requested that the four-way stop be installed on both intersections to give all an equal chance at this intersection.

Safeway did engage engineers to look at this intersection. Dan Danicic indicated that Kittleson did a model to look specifically at the intersection for both a light or a four-way stop. Both options will work at this location.

Chris Stanley, Kittleson, 610 SW Alder, indicated that they looked first at how a change would impact the surrounding area. Came to the same conclusion that it is difficult to make a left turn out of the lot and has the potential for creating collisions. While they looked at both a signal or an all-way stop, Kittleson recommends an all-way stop for this location. The left turn currently has a very long delay.

Staff recommendation was to move forward and approve the all-way stop, while at the same time working together to improve the entrance.

Stanley indicated that lane assignment is something that will be evaluated to eliminate the confusing turn lanes that currently exist. They would also look at widening the driveway, perhaps, because it is very narrow and you can't enter at an angle. Regarding the A-dec traffic, Kittleson did a sensitivity check and count for the shift change period and this improvement should not create a failure or problem.

It was noted that this would be the best advantage for pedestrians because it requires cars to come to a stop.

Motion: Clarkson/Simpson to accept the report of the City Engineer and approved implementing an all way stop control at the Springbrook/Haworth streets intersection, at such time that City staff and Metro Property Management, LLC come to agreement on driveway improvements necessary for the safe operation of the intersection. Motion carried unanimously.

B) Request for approval of a "No Parking" zone along Villa Road at Fulton Street

Motion: M. Simpson/B. Simpson to hold a public hearing on this mater at the October meeting. Motion carried.

C) Background information regarding Aaron Way parking issue

City Engineer Dan Danicic reported that this subdivision was created in 1998 and is located off Lauren Court. One of the conditions of approval was that the lane would be posted as a fire lane and no parking would be allowed; however, this was never done. The residents have been enjoying the parking. However, the City Code and the Building Code are very clear on the need of having restricted parking on the street.

Responding to a question from Becky Simpson, some of the new homeowners did not know that no parking was allowed on the street.

Mr. Danicic indicated that the Traffic Safety Commission has two options, make a Limited Decision or hold a public hearing. He suggested the prudent avenue would be to hold a public hearing.

Residents addressed Traffic Safety Commission members:

Azucena Gouger, 140 Aaron Way, agrees that no parking should be allowed, citing issues with child safety, danger when entering/exiting driveways, and lack of emergency vehicle access. She distributed photographs (left with Danicic).

James Lancaster, 170 Aaron Way, owns the last lot on the street. He indicated that at the time he purchased his home there were no signs, no parking restrictions, no ccrs, nor any other disclosures regarding this no parking restriction. He views it as a loss off rights to the street, loss in terms of their use to enjoy and use the street. Mr. Lancaster said it would be a loss in value. He suggested that visitors would have to park in Lauren Court, which would impact that adjacent street. Lancaster agrees with limiting parking to one side in order to allow for emergency vehicle access into the cul-de-sac.

Jeremy Odam, 149 Aaron Way, indicated the issue came up as a fire and safety issue but he feels it is a parking issue. He would support no parking on one side but does not support eliminating all parking. His wife has a hair cutting business from her home and needs some street parking. Mentioned was the fact that the current Fire Marshall lives on the street for two years before issue was raised.

Motion: M. Simpson/B. Simpson to hold a public hearing in November, with residents of both Aaron Way and Lauren Court being notified. Motion carried.

Joyce Vergets requested a report from the Fire Marshall's office. Dan Danicic will obtain a legal opinion since there is a reference to a loss of property value.

4. **STAFF REPORTS - GENERAL INFORMATION:**

- A) Chief of Police - Participated in GFU Serve day with students painting the animal shelter. Also, in early discussion is the possibility of consolidation of the Newberg/Dundee 9-1-1 center with Washington County Communications.
- B) Engineering - Distributed a new draft Transportation map with key.
- C) Traffic Safety Committee Sub-Committees:
 - 1. Community Relations - Harvest Festival scheduled for Saturday.

2. Pedestrian Safety - Sidewalks in poor condition in front of Boys & Girls Club and the tree limbs are too low.
3. Parking Safety (passenger vehicles & trucks) - none.
4. Traffic Control & Obstructions - none.

5. REPORTS:

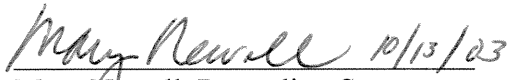
- A) Staff report on the request for stop signs at the intersection of Blaine and 5th Streets

Dan Danicic reported that the traffic study does not support a four-way stop. Volumes are quite low, with speeds below 22-23 miles per hour. From a safety standpoint of the intersection, it is a safe intersection.

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR: None.

7. ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING: October 13, 2003

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Safety Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.


Mary Newell, Recording Secretary