

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES
7:00 p.m., Monday, October 11, 2004
Public Safety Building
401 E. Third Street, Newberg, OR

PRESENT: Michael Simpson, Chairman; Doris Brandt; Everett Clarkson; Bob Ehmann; Dick Meyer; Ron Sult; Tamera Wimmer, and Becky Simpson.

ABSENT: Joyce Vergets

STAFF PRESENT: Dan Danicic, Tim Weaver and Mary Newell

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Michael Simpson called the meeting to order at 7 PM, and introduced new Traffic Safety Commission member Bob Ehmann.

- A) Review and approve minutes of September 13, 2004

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Michael Simpson raised the issue of the need for a crosswalk across Villa Road to accommodate pedestrians crossing from the medical offices to the hospital. Noting there are 20-25 doctors' offices, he said that most must cross Villa Road in order to get to the hospital to pick up x-rays, blood work, etc.

Followed was discussion regarding what crosswalks exist on the east and west side of Villa, possible crosswalk locations, and budget considerations.

Motion: Clarkson/Ehmann for City staff to evaluate the potential problem for establishing a crosswalk and report at the next meeting with recommendation. Motion carried.

Raised by the Public Works staff, Dan Danicic indicated that they are requesting an increase in the 25 mph speed zone area south to include the intersection of Hayes Street and N Springbrook Road, removing the 35 mph zone.

Motion: Meyer/Ehmann to make a Limited Decision to adopt the City Engineer's recommendation to extend the 25 mph speed limit southbound, removing the 35 mph, and installing a 40 mph speed sign on Springbrook Road, and installing a 25 mph speed sign northbound per attached map. Motion carried unanimously.

There will be a 14 day appeal period. Dan Danicic to supply ownership information for 300 feet surrounding the site.

Following a question from Everett Clarkson about the location of the crosswalk across Fulton, near Friendsview Manor, City Engineer Dan Danicic advised that the crosswalks current location was due to a request from the Friendsview Manor staff.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

STAFF REPORTS - GENERAL INFORMATION:

A) Police

Weaver reporting.

- Newberg Police received a \$5200 ODOT grant for DUII enforcement.
- Dispatch has an updated phone system and a new Dictaphone recording system.
- Nathan James currently attending OSP boot camp for new recruits.
- Newberg Police is assisting the City of Dundee with police services under a temporary contract situation.

B) Engineering

Danicic reporting:

- Distributed color photos of Springbrook Oaks and Crater Lane areas for info only.
- Met with ODOT to discuss Mountain View 'S' curve at Aspen. Would like to begin the process as early as next summer, but railroad process may drag it out to summer of '2006.
- Working on the staff report for the Mountain View LID; will be presented to the City Council in November.
- Working on updating the Transportation System Plan. The document will be presented to the Traffic Safety Commission. The plan is to lay out the future collector and road networks.

C) Traffic Safety Committee Sub-Committees:

1. Community Relations – None.
2. Pedestrian Safety - Complaint on S. College where tables are blocking pedestrian travel in the vicinity of the French Bear restaurant.
3. Parking Safety (passenger vehicles & trucks) - Reported was a 1-ton truck on Hoskins @ Sierra Vista, parked for sale on the parking area.
4. Traffic Control & Obstructions – None.

REPORTS:

A) Staff report on blocked mailbox/garbage delivery in the vicinity of 816 E 9th Street

Danicic reported that Bob Knorr had contacted the US Postal Service and Newberg Garbage. All agree it would be easiest and quickest to approve painting in front of the mailboxes. If this pushes parking off to other parts of the street, City staff may need to look at cluster mailboxes throughout the area.

Motion: Brandt/Ehmann to paint curbing in both directions in front of Mr. James' mailbox. Motion carried.

B) Staff report on Hayes Street re-stripping near Astor House

City will re-stripe in front of Astor House to provide parking. New painting will retain bike lane on south side. Low bid was approved. Astor House will pay for the re-stripping work that is necessary and the contract will be signed in two weeks. Then Astor House will notify their patrons to use the parking, but not park in the bike lanes.

C) Staff report on Sunnycrest Speed sign review

This issue was raised because of concerns with speed. Engineering staff will talk with Yamhill County about installing additional signs in the area. Proposed is to install a new sign just after the city limits, eastbound.

Motion: Ehmann/Wimmer to install another speed sign for westbound traffic at the entrance to the City limits. Motion passed.

D) Staff report on Hwy. 219, Church to Everest Street, pedestrian safety improvements

Discussions continue with ODOT, who prefers that the City of Newberg initiate a project. A proposal has been developed to install a sidewalk at the cost of \$186,000. Working with ODOT to scale back the project.

ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING:

Mike Simpson urged everyone to do a ride along with the Newberg Police Department prior to December.

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Safety Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 following a motion/2nd by Simpson/Meyer.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2004.



Mary Newell, Recording Secretary