

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES
7:00 p.m., Monday, November 8, 2004
Public Safety Building
401 E. Third Street, Newberg, OR

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

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager James Bennett; Dan Danicic; Tim Weaver; and Mary Newell

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson Mike Simpson called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

A) Review and approve minutes of October 11, 2004
Minutes were unavailable. Item tabled to next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Request to remove parking in the vicinity of 511 N Howard Street
Danicic reported that Ron Halstead, Halstead Cabinets, has made a request to remove parking in the vicinity of their cabinet making business located at 511 N Howard Street. He noted there is potential conflict on Howard Street, but that Staff has not had the opportunity to witness these conflicts. He recommended that the Traffic Safety Commission move forward by holding a public hearing on the request so neighbors could be notified and provided an opportunity for input on this request.

Motion: Ehmann/Wimmer to hold a public hearing at the January meeting. Motion carried.

City Manager James Bennett raised the issue the intersection of Hwy. 99W and Villa Road. A concern expressed through one of the City Councilor is the driveway just north of Mike's Pharmacy, and the left/right turn pockets. He reported conflicts in the operation and how drivers decide how to get to Mike's Pharmacy, back to Attrells.

Options include a right turn only, installing a medium stripe with cones similar to those on Springbrook/Hwy. 99 intersection, or constructing a mountable curb without cones. Does not feel closing the entrance is appropriate.

Bob Ehmann indicated another problem is getting in/out of the bank parking lot.

Danicic indicated that should Traffic Safety Commission want to take any type of action, it would require a public hearing. Staff has not had an opportunity to do a staff report.

Motion: Brant/Wimmer to do a study of the intersection of 99W & Villa road to stop illegal traffic motions, with a report to come back to the Traffic Safety Commission at the January meeting. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

STAFF REPORTS - GENERAL INFORMATION:

A) Police

Weaver reporting:

- Continue with improvements for Dispatch
- Huntley Miller, bi-lingual in Spanish, is the new police officer hire
- Firearms training due next month
- Weaver is coordinating a SFST update, including a wet lab

B) Engineering

Danicic reporting:

- Moving forward with the Transportation System Plan update. Public hearing is scheduled for 11/18 at 7PM.
- Getting close to Hayes Street/Springbrook install; poles will be delivered soon.
- Pavement at new hospital due soon, though road will be closed for the project.

C) Traffic Safety Committee Sub-Committees:

1. Community Relations – Greeters will get tour of hospital construction site.
2. Pedestrian Safety- None.
3. Parking Safety (passenger vehicles & trucks) – None.
4. Traffic Control & Obstructions – Truck reported at last meeting has moved.

City Manager Jim Bennett advised that discussion had occurred regarding best method for addressing some of the areas to make them more ADA compatible and pedestrian friendly, and how best to fit into the next FY budget.

Regarding the development in/around Brutscher/Fernwood/Hayes, whatever develops off Brutscher the traffic will be going down Brutscher to Fernwood. Bennett knows of nothing planned for a stop light at 2nd and Springbrook intersection.

REPORTS:

A) Staff report on Villa Road Crosswalk Investigation

There is not really a safe way to cross Villa road. Recommendation is to direct City Engineer to exercise authority in the City Code to contact folks to require property owners to put in sidewalk. This authority is granted in the Code and would help alleviate a lot of the problems.

Motion: Brandt/Meyer to direct staff to put the crosswalk on the north side of Sherman Street and install a sidewalk on the east side of Villa per the Staff recommendation.

Discussion followed. Ehmann concerned that there will be unhappy owners for such a temporary fix. Danicic argued that it would still need sidewalks long term. Simpson noted there are many motorized wheel chairs in that area.

Motion amended to include approaching the property owners of the two properties north of Dr. Nahm's to ask them to install sidewalks.

More discussion.

Motion: Ehmann/Wimmer to TABLE the motion, subject to holding a public hearing to allow owners to attend as they have an immediate interest.

Motion carried. AYE: Wimmer, Simpson, Simpson, Vergets, Ehmann. Nay: Brandt, Sult, Clarkson.

A Public Hearing will be scheduled for the February '2005 meeting. Dan Danicic will provide property information to notice residents.

B) Staff report on Springbrook Road Speed Sign modification
Fourteen day appeal notice has gone out.

Motion: Ehmann/Wimmer directing Staff to install signs at the earliest convenience if there is no opposition to the action. Motion carried.

ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING: There being no further business, Vergets/Clarkson moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:06 PM. The next regular meeting will be a non-business, dinner meeting Calamity Jane's in Dundee on December 13, 2004.



Mary Newell, Recording Secretary