

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
7:00 p.m., Monday, January 12, 2004
Public Safety Building
401 E. Third Street, Newberg, OR

PRESENT: Dick Meyer, Becky Simpson, Doris Brandt, Everett Clarkson, Joyce Vergets, Ron Sult, Mike Simpson, and Tameria Wimmer.

ABSENT: Howard McDonald.

STAFF PRESENT: City Engineer Dan Danicic, Sargent David James, and Fire Chief Michael Sherman.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

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

- A) Nomination and election of Chairperson of the Traffic Safety Commission for 2004.
- B) Nomination and election of Vice-Chairperson of the Traffic Safety Commission for 2004.

Motion: Brandt/Sult to nominate Mike Simpson as Chairperson and Becky Simpson as Vice-Chairperson of the Traffic Safety Commission for 2004. Motion carried.

- C) Review and approve minutes of October 13, 2003

Motion: Clarkson/Brandt to approve minutes of October 13, 2003. Motion carried.

- D) Review and approve minutes of November 10, 2003

Motion: Brandt/Becky Simpson to approve minutes of November 10, 2003. Motion carried.

- E) Review and approve minutes of December 8, 2003

Motion: Meyer/Brandt to approve minutes of December 8, 2003. Motion carried.

2. PUBLIC HEARING:

- A) Appeals to reconsider General Decision to install three "No Parking, Fire Lane" signs on the north side of Aaron Way per construction plans dated 08/04/99.

Chairperson Mike Simpson opened the public hearing.

Steven Amerud, 160 Aaron Way, Newberg, discussed his letter and petition he sent to the Commission.

Mike Simpson asked when the petition was done.

Steven Amenrud said it has all been in the last month.

Everett Clarkson asked where are the visitors going to park.

Steven Amenrud replied in front of the garage of the home or down the street on the public road.

Everett Clarkson asked if he meant before Aaron Way.

Steven Amenrud answered yes.

Everett Clarkson asked if Mr. Amenrud had talked to the residence on Lauren Court.

Steven Amenrud said no and they have not been told about the parking situation.

Jeremy Odam, 149 Aaron Way, Newberg, said the Commission made a good decision the first time and should uphold it.

Jim Lancaster, 170 Aaron Way, Newberg, said I am here in support of the decision you have already made. In regards to an appeal I believe the facts were present the time the decision was made at the last meeting. I don't think facts have changed since the last meeting. At this point a reversal of that decision would make a financial impact and a potential loss of value in the properties on that street. I guess in regards to the petition that was present at the last meeting, I have one right here dated August 10th entered into evidence in the last meeting stating that the residences of Lauren Court do not want residences of Aaron Way parking on their street. The width of the street is not unusual for Newberg and the decision that was made is consistent with how Newberg has treated other streets in the past. (Mr. Lancaster entered into the record his written testimony)

Cindy Odam, 149 Aaron Way, Newberg asked how many times this issue can be appealed.

Bonnie Lancaster, 170 Aaron Way, Newberg, said there has been concern for boats and large trucks being able to get out of driveways if cars are parked on the road. The purpose of a residential neighborhood is not to house boats and trucks.

Everett Clarkson asked how wide is the boat.

Mr. Amenrud said it is a 18 foot aluminum fishing boat.

Everett Clarkson asked where is it parked.

Ms. Lancaster said it has been parked in several places. They have been on the street or out in front of the house.

Mike Simpson closed the Public Hearing.

Fire Chief Michael Sherman reported that he researched the City's and County's official records on this issue and stated as follows:

- June 3, 1998 approved signs to be posted on both sides with no parking on Aaron Way.
- subdivision was denied on June 11, 1998 due to significant discussion regarding private drives.
- developer appealed on June 18, 1998 because of driveway standards.
- July 1998 Council sated fire standards were applied and meets fire code with no parking on both sides. They approved the development with no parking on both sides.
- July 20, 1998 Barb Mingay wrote a letter to the developer stating signs needed to be posted on both sides for no parking due to fire lane.
- The actual County plat map dated May 24, 1999, Book 12, pg. 9 has no signs located on it and this plat is subject to approval by City of Newberg.
- Public Access Code Section 10.501.10 anything adopted by the City should be altered.

Michael Sherman continued to state that there is nothing in the record that states there is to be parking on either side. He entered into record a picture of a fire truck after it has been set up for use in a fire. As you can see from the Picture there would be no room for fire fighters to get to the house if there were cars parked on the street.

Everett Clarkson asked if we park on the one side how much room would be available.

Michael Sherman replied I could not get the truck set up and I could not get hoses off the truck. If we park on one side I would have fire fighters running hoses around cars.

Joyce Vergets stated this is an unfortunate experience that people were not advised on this decision. This decision is made for the safety of the people. If we can not allow parking at all without jeopardizing fire safety then we are obligated to go back to the original decision that was made to not allow parking on either side.

Motion: Meyer/Clarkson to abide by fire code and go with no parking on both sides of street.

Mike Simpson asked when signs will be posted on Aaron Way.

Dan Danicic said if there is an appeal in the next 14 days it will go to Council, but it is on hold until that is over.

- B) Appeal to reconsider decision to take the position that truck traffic is not conducive to hospital development as explained and requested that City Staff and City Counsel look at accommodating zoning which is beneficial to both issues.

Pulled from the agenda.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Report on request for stop signs on Vittoria Way at Libra and Gemini and speed signs.

Dan Danicic reported staff is still collecting data due to weather problems and software. The data will be finished in the next two weeks and will come back in February.

Shawna Cappleman, 1700 Gemini Street, Newberg, said the stop signs would benefit the road because it would slow the traffic down.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Simpson welcomed Tamera Wimmer to the Commission.

Dan Danicic entered into the record an e-mail to himself from Mary Newell regarding Friendsview Manor.

Motion: Brandt/Meyer for staff to approach contractor to resolve the issue.

5. STAFF REPORTS - GENERAL INFORMATION:

- A) Police - none.
- B) Engineering - Dan Danicic reported that at the last meeting there was question about leaves being blown at the City Hall onto the travel lanes of First Street. It was a Public Works member blowing the leaves and should not happen again. It is general practice to sweep or blow them in the parking area. Second, he updated them on the pedestrian safety on Highway 219. This has been forwarded to ODOT. Our contact person has been passed away recently and there is no new news.

Mike Simpson asked about progress on the a four way stop near Safeway.

Dan Danicic said he would contact Safeway.

Mike Simpson said he does not want to sit on this issue.

- C) Traffic Safety Committee Sub-Committees:
 - 1. Community Relations - none.
 - 2. Pedestrian Safety - none.
 - 3. Parking Safety (passenger vehicles & trucks) - none.
 - 4. Traffic Control & Obstructions - none.

Dick Meyer announced the Planning Commission Public Workshop on Thursday, January 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Public Safety Building, Training Room.

6. REPORTS:

- A) No appeal filed on residential parking at 1200 E Sheridan Street

Mike Simpson asked where they were at on posting signs.

Dan Danicic said they will be purchased and installed soon.

- B) Staff report on request for no parking on N Main at narrow roadway between

Crestview and Lynn.

Accepted as written in staff report.

7. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR:

Dick Meyer thanked everyone for supporting him while he was Chair.

Doris Brandt thanked him for being Chair.

8. ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING: February 9, 2004

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Safety Commission, Chairman Mike Simpson closed the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Norma Alley pro tem by Mary Newell
Mary Newell, Recording Secretary