

**TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**7:00 p.m., Monday, June 14, 2004**  
**Public Safety Building**

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

**ABSENT:** Howard McDonald and Tammeria Wimmer.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Dan Danicic and Mary Newell.

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

Meeting was called to order at 7PM.

**A) Review and approve minutes of May 10, 2004**

Item tabled to next regular business meeting as minutes were unavailable for review.

**2. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Dennis Headrick, 315 E Eighth Street, distributed a letter requesting the Traffic Safety Commission consider eliminating the no parking area on Blaine in front of what used to be the school bus barn:

*June 14, 2003*

*To: Newberg Traffic Safety Commission*

*RE: No Parking Zone between 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets on South Blaine Street*

*The current no parking zone extends from the apartments just north of the School District property (old bus barns) south past the school district property, an alley, the residence at 705 S Blaine and ends at the property line of 315 E 8<sup>th</sup> Street.*

*Since there is no longer the heavy daily bus traffic from the school district property, it seems unnecessary to continue the major restriction of parking in the area. The restriction is an inconvenience to the area residents and one homeowner (705 S Blaine) has no parking in front of his home although there is some distance from the driveways to the school district property. Also, for most of the area, parking across the street is not an option because of the large parking areas adjacent to the athletic fields.*

*Thanks for your consideration.*

*Dennis Headrick  
315 E Eighth Street*

*Newberg, Oregon*

Motion: Brandt/B. Simpson to table this matter to the August meeting and directed City Staff to contact the Newberg School District to see whether or not this request can be accommodated. Motion carried.

Dan Danicic will contact the Newberg School District.

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

- A) Review crosswalk safety at the intersection of N Main Street and E Foothills Drive and consider proposed solutions as presented by report of City Engineer

There being no objections to the Traffic Safety Commission hearing this matter, Michael Simpson opened the public hearing.

Danicic distributed and explained the Engineering Staff Report.

Chairman Simpson read the Staff recommendation into the record: Review of the study shows the three-way stop sign being warranted and one of the cross-walks begin adjusted. In addition, both streets are classified as “collectors” and the intersection has two school crossings directly adjacent to a school zone. Staff recommends, as part of this work, that the school district relocate the Foothills Drive cross-walk closer to the actual intersection and an eventual “stop-bar” stopping point.

**John Stram**, 103 Foothills Drive, has witnessed many close calls at this intersection and increased in speed. Supports the stop sign, feeling that it would improve the existing situation.

There has been no contact with fence owners, but Danicic indicated this is not an issue as it falls within the vision clearance guidelines.

There begin no further discussion, Michael Simpson closed the public hearing and the Commission entered into deliberations.

**Motion: Vergets/Everett** to General Decision to accept the decision of the Newberg City Engineer and install a three-way stop at the intersection of Foothills Drive and North Main Street, and relocating the Foothills Drive crosswalk closer to the actual intersection and an eventual “stop bar” stopping point. Motion carried.

Dan indicated that the City would attempt to have the work completed before the beginning of the new school year.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Consider communication regarding concerns related to planned new housing development on West First (toward Sunnycrest) regarding speeding and storm

water runoff

Lynn Weygandt, 809 W First Street, addressed the Traffic Safety Commission. She indicated that while she has no opposition to the development, she is concerned about the number, speed and amount of vehicular traffic. She indicated there is a blind corner and people ignore the posted 25 mph speed limit, which conflicts with the development entrance. Her second issue is with the storm drain.

Michael Simpson indicated that the storm drain issue should be followed up with the Public Works or the Planning Department.

**Motion: Brandt/Sult** directing Staff to conduct a traffic study and report at the August meeting. Motion carried.

- B) Request for traffic control devices on Chehalem & E 6<sup>th</sup>, Willamette & E 6<sup>th</sup>, and Columbia and E 6<sup>th</sup> Street

Dan Danicic indicated that traffic studies had been conducted in the past at this area, most recently near 9<sup>th</sup> Street when the convenience store was considered an attraction. He does not expect the traffic volumes to meet the warrants necessary to install stop signs. In addition, too many stop signs reduce their effectiveness.

Becky Watt, 1115 E Sixth, supported the need for stop signs based on the number of vehicles and the speeds traveled through this area. Suggested that this neighborhood issued as a major thru fare as people use it to cut through to the other side of Newberg.

Not aware of the shortcut, Danicic indicated he could see how the route would be convenience.

Discussion followed regarding speeds, travel directions and suggested stop sign locations.

**Motion: Brandt/Clarkson** directing Staff to conduct a traffic study of the Sixth Street in the area of Chehalem and Sixth street, and to bring it back to the Traffic Safety Commission at the earliest convenience. Motion passed.

- C) Request for stop sign and/or speed limit signs on Edgewood at the intersection of Burlington Drive, located in the Fenway Park residential area

**Motion: Meyer/Clarkson** to do a study in the are of Edgewood and Burlington and report back to the Traffic Safety Commission at their earliest convenience. Motion carried.

## 5. OLD BUSINESS:

Danicic reported that no response to his letter to ODOT regarding paving College has been received.

Hayes and Springbrook have been designed as a signal and the equipment has been ordered.

Fulton and Villa has been the subject of recent discussions with the architect.

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

**A) Police**

Sergeant Tim Weaver reported on the new scooter and pedestrian laws.

**B) Engineering**

Dan Danicic reported:

- Working with ODOT on the pedestrian safety issue at Hwy219 and Villa.
- Working with ODOT on complaints about River and 99W, and modifications will be made
- Public Works is caught up on all past actions
- A painting and striping plan is being put together for Astor House at Hayes, and a contract firm will do the striping.

**C) Traffic Safety Committee Sub-Committees:**

1. Community Relations – Signs appear to be working for the Chamber.
2. Pedestrian Safety - No report.
3. Parking Safety (passenger vehicles & trucks) – No report.
4. Traffic Control & Obstructions – No report.

**7. REPORTS:**

**A) Report of City Engineer on request for stop sign on Center entering Sheridan Street**

Dan Danicic presented the staff report. He recommended installing the stop sign based on the high number of pedestrians using the area as well as fact that the geometry of the corner directs traffic into the George Fox parking lot.

**Motion: Meyer/Brandt** to install the stop sign on Center. Motion Carried.

This is a Limited Decision and has a fourteen day appeal period.

**8. ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING: July 12, 2004**

The Traffic Safety Commission will hold a workshop at their July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting to determine involvement in City Council and Planning Commission traffic safety related decisions.

There being no further business, Chairman Simpson closed the meeting at 8:50 PPM.

  
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Mary Newell, Recording Secretary