

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

7:00 p.m., Monday, January 10, 2005

Public Safety Building

401 E. Third Street, Newberg, OR

PRESENT: Michael Simpson, Chairman; Doris Brandt; Everett Clarkson; Bob Ehmann; Joyce Vergets; Tamera Wimmer; Becky Simpson.

ABSENT: Ron Sult and Dick Meyer.

STAFF PRESENT: Dan Danicic; Tim Weaver and Dawn Nelson

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson Mike Simpson called the meeting to order 7:00p.m.

A) Nomination and election of Chairperson of the Traffic Safety Commission for '2005

Motion: Vergets/Wimmer nominated Mike Simpson as Chairperson. Motion Carried

B) Nomination and election of Vice-Chairperson of the Traffic Safety Commission for '2005

Motion: Brandt/Clarkson nominated Becky Simpson as Vice- Chairperson. Motion carried.

C) Review and approve minutes of October 11, 2004

Motion: Ehmann/Wimmer motioned to approve October 11, 2004 minutes. Motion carried.

D) Review and approve minutes of November 8, 2004

Motion: Ehmann/Clarkson motioned to approve November 8, 2004. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR:

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A) Public hearing on request to remove parking near the business of Halstead Cabinets, 511 N. Howard Street

Chairperson Simpson opened public hearing.

Ron Halstead – 2301 Jody Ct. Newberg – Mr. Halstead explained how in the early 90's he was requested by the City to reroute truck route he then discussed traffic change in use it is currently more difficult for trucks to use because of cars being parked on certain streets. Discussion was held as to whether there had been any damage to property to date and there hadn't. Parking limits and designations were then discussed.

Joyce Engberg 413 E Howard St – Ms. Engberg voiced her concerns of where residents would park their cars that do utilize these parking areas. She inquired about a bare piece of property north of the building and wondered if it could be used for parking.

Chair Simpson – asked Ms. Engberg if she had an objection to the 20' requested, and she didn't.

Dan Danicic – reported that the engineering group didn't oppose this change but did point out that the map included in the packet was marked wrong and was concerned whether the resident on the corner would have an issue. Mr. Danicic recommend 2 situations either amend the application now and post the decision and then wait for 2 weeks for any objections or table the discussion to a later date and send out notices to all affected parties. The committee chose the first option.

Motion: Ehmann /Clarkson to approve restricted parking the north side of Franklin Street west of Howard and 35 feet of the east side of Howard Street south of Franklin Street from the hours of 7a.m. – 5p.m. Monday thru Friday and send out a notice of change and wait the 2 weeks for objections and review if received. Motion carried.

Residents across from Engberg only have the parking meridian in front of their home they may have issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Request of V.F.W. to install a properly signed and enforceable Handicapped parking space on S. Howard Street

Staff report presented by Dan Danicic– staff recommend not approve this it is usually done only when no Practical alternative is available.

Ed Savage, 510 S School St, Newberg, - Mr. Savage reviewed the letter included in packet Discussion was held as to how many spots the VFW had with their building (10). Mr. Savage stated that the City Manager had agreed to back the VFW on this handicap parking issue. The committee inquired as to why the VFW couldn't just designate one of their own spots as handicap, but the area that could be used as handicap they need for loading and unloading of equipment.

Leon Blanchard, 314 w 5th Street, Newberg, or – expressed his desire for handicap parking in front of the building talked with City at length thought they were in agreement. Discussion of location of current locations of handicap parking and feels there is not enough around city hall feels the space they are asking for would benefit City Hall also.

Dan Danicic stated that he had no knowledge of discussions with City Manager / City Attorney

Motion: Brandt/Simpson to table issue. Motion carried.

- B) Request of Coffee Cottage for yellow paint on the street frontage on Meridian in the immediate area of new coffee drive thru at 814 E Hancock, and to re-paint the parking crosses with white paint on the street between the driveway and the alley on that block of N. Meridian.

Discussion of who would do the painting. Discussion of traffic flow off Hancock back on Meridian. They are not asking to change, just asking for refresh of white paint for parking spaces.

Motion: Ehmann/Clarkson to approve repainting. Motion carried

Sue Lampson, 703 N Main St – spoke with Mary Newell submitted letter to Chief Tardiff containing concerns about the Main St/Illinois St. corner, would like to raise awareness about safety in that area.

Chair Simpson – expressed appreciation for Ms. Lampson's input and recommended she apply for commission needs people like her.

Dan Danicic– very aware of issue in this area, updating transportation system plan that intersection is in the plan but no solution yet it is going to take specific plan but being in the plan will make it visible. Transportation task for 2001/2002 identified 15 priority projects that intersection is on the list.

Officer Weaver - biggest problem all the stop signs at that intersection, we are working the neighbor hood more.

Discussion of who will attend planning commission meeting Thursday 1/13/05.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Ratify Limited Decision to modify speed signs along S Springbrook Road per report dated November 3, 2004. No appeal submitted.

STAFF REPORTS – GENERAL INFORMATION:

- A) Police

Officer Weaver – it has been busy month all day session internal investigations Thursday
Nathan James will graduate Jan 21 spent week with him mid December
Huntly Miller new hire – bilingual off to OBSA Jan 24 for 10 weeks
Updating equipment in dispatch
DUII grant there were 15 arrests over the month that is up from previous
Applying for pedestrian safety grant will have answer next meeting
Discussion of authority of private parking lots (Fred Meyer) disabled parking enforceable specific statutes

- B) Engineering

Dan Danicic – Transportation system update
Photo red light project – get ODOT review process started have done letter to send off
We are painting stop on pavement at Springbrook and Haworth
MountainView LID adopted at last council completing design advertising for construction next week
MountainView drive 's' curve speaking with ADEC for shift in alignment at aspen way will have to go to council for this change

- 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

REPORTS:

- A) Staff report on illegal traffic motion at intersection of Hwy. 99W and Villa Road

Discussion of how to prevent traffic from turning left into Mikes Pharmacy median needs 6' of width problem not that much space to accommodate. Concerns hospital parking lot used to turn around discussion of how many people are using that driveway.

Motion: Ehmann/Clarkson to direct staff to contact ODOT and do analysis of traffic study driveway @ Mikes. Motion carried.

- B) Staff report recommending request for curb painting at the intersection of E 9th Street and Commerce Parkway be approved.

- C)

Motion: Ehmann/Simpson for staff to paint. Motion carried.

ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING: February 14, 2005

Motion: Brandt/Simpson to adjourn at 8:47p.m. Motion carried.


Dawn Nelson, Recording Secretary Pro-tem