

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES
Monday, April 11th, 2005, 7PM
Newberg Public Safety Building
401 E. Third Street, Newberg, OR

Present: Michael Simpson, Chair; Doris Brandt, Everett Clarkson, Bob Ehmann, Dick Meyer, Joyce Vergets, Ron Sult, and Tamera Wimmer

Absent: Becky Simpson

Staff Present: Dan Danicic, Public Works Director; Sergeant Tim Weaver; Mary Newell, Support Services Manager; and Kathleen Bochart, Recording Secretary.

Chair Michael Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Minutes from the March 14th, 2005 meeting were approved with amended corrections.

Motion: J. Vergets
Second: B. Ehmann
Motion Passed

Communications from the floor:

Old business:

- A) Update and status of a decision on Halstead Cabinets – that the Traffic Safety Commission approve a 35-foot no parking zone adjacent to the southeast portion of the N Howard and Franklin Streets intersection.

Engineering advised that no objection or opposition had been received on this issue.

Motion: Vergets/Ehmann to approve the 35' no parking zone adjacent to the southeast portion of N. Howard and E. Franklin streets. Motion passed.

- B) Update and status of establishing a crosswalk across Villa Road in the vicinity of Sheridan Street.

Dan Danicic attempted to meet with the property owner who is out of state. Renter in the house. Danicic stated that they are in the process of drafting a letter to contact them and putting together a sketch of the crosswalk. Good news is that there is a little extra money in the sidewalk fund which could be used towards the project.

- C) Update and status of establishing a traffic median along Villa Road in the vicinity of Hwy 99W.

Danicic indicated that they are still working with ODOT and are contacting people in the area and asking for their opinions.

- D) Ratify limited decision to designate a handicapped parking space on S Howard adjacent to the VFW building.

E. Clarkson: It has been suggested that the North Space be the handicapped space.

Motion: Ehmann/Sult to designate the north space adjacent to the VFW building be designated as a handicapped space.

Motion passed.

- E) Ratify limited decision to deny stop signs at East Fifth and South Meridian Streets.

Motion passed.

Staff reports

Police: Sergeant Weaver reporting.

Huntley Miller graduated from the Oregon Public Safety academy on April 1st. Sheldon Clay will begin on May 2nd.

Officer Ron Niehus retired March 31st, just shy of his 34th year in law enforcement.

Dispatch is hiring and will start interviewing in May.

This week is National telecommunications week.

Newberg/Dundee 9-1-1 will have a float in the Newberg Old Fashioned Festival parade.

Engineering: Dan Danicic reporting.

The Transportation System Plan was discussed at the City Council meeting on April 4, 2005.

Photo Red Light will be discussed at the City Council. It is expected that additional study of the intersections will be required by the vendor.

Hancock will be rebuilt between College St. and Illinois St. ODOT will rebuild and grind 3 inches off of the top and repave it is estimated that the road will closed for 3 days.

Sub-Committee Report:

Dick Meyer: The Chamber and City Awards Banquet was last week. There was 270 people present.

Ronald Sult: shared story about the man hit by a bicycle last week.

Michael Simpson: stated that he would like to see a program for adults on bicycle safety.

Michael Simpson: There is a ODOT Safety Conference, Monday-Wednesday, September 19-21. He stated that he would like all who haven't attended this conference before to do so this year. The cost is \$95. The next safety training session will be in either July or August. If anyone has ideas for the training session, please let us know.

Motion to adjourn: R. Sult
Second T. Wimmer
Motion Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

Next meeting: May 9, 2005