

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 9TH, 2005 7pm
NEWBERG PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
401 E Third Street, Newberg, OR

Present: Michael Simpson; Chair, Everett Clarkson, Bob Ehmann, Dick Meyer, Joyce Vergets, Ron Sult, and Tameria Wimmer.

Absent: Becky Simpson; Vice-Chair, and Doris Brandt

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

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

Minutes from the April 11th, 2005 meeting were approved with amended corrections.

Motion: Ron Sult
Second: Tameria Wimmer
Motion Passed

2. Communications from the floor:

None

3. New Business:

A) Request of Newberg public schools for crosswalks, 3-way stop signs at Meridian and Crestview and Mountainview drive and Center Street and no passing lane in the vicinity of Joan Austin elementary schools.

Presentation by Claire Hertz and Leslie Carsley

On Mountainview Drive, a double yellow line is requested, once the neighborhood to the North is developed as to discourage cars from passing in a school zone.

Joyce Vergets asked if there was enough room on Center Street to put in a turn lane.

Claire Hertz said that she didn't know what the city standards were for putting in a turning lane.

Joyce asked which direction the school busses go when they turn from Center Street onto Mountainview Drive. Claire Hertz said that the busses go to the right so they don't cause such a back up in traffic.

Michael Simpson asked to hear Mr. Danicic's opinion on Center Street.

Dan Danicic said that there are needs for improvement along Center Street and once there are students walking then there will have to be improvements.

Michael Simpson asked if they just put in crosswalks and stop signs if there needed to be improvements. Dan Danicic said there needs to be improvements before you can put in crosswalks and stop signs.

Dan Danicic said that he was hesitant of putting in a 3-way stop sign or a light on Mountainview Drive.

Michael Simpson asked Mr. Danicic for his opinion of a 3-way stop on Crestview. Dan Danicic said that he doesn't know the classification of Crestview so he doesn't know what would have to be done to put in crosswalks. Stated that he was not opposed to adding crosswalks.

Michael Simpson asked Mr. Danicic about putting in a stop sign at Mountainview and Center Streets. Dan Danicic said that he wouldn't recommend it.

Michael Simpson asked about the double yellow lines on Mountainview Drive. Dan Danicic said that on the surface it sounds reasonable but without looking at the criteria said that it is the wrong thing at this time.

Michael Simpson requested Mr. Danicic's recommendation. Dan Danicic said that the engineering staff should do a study on these intersections and then come back to the Commission at the next meeting with the results.

Motion to have engineering staff do a study and report back to us at the next meeting: Bob Ehmann
Second: Dick Meyer
Motion Passed

Staff Reports:

Police: Sergeant Weaver Reporting:

The police has 4 people currently in the training cycle and looking at hiring 2 more people before June 1st.

The department received \$2500 for a bicycle safety grant.

In June or July we will be finishing our crosswalk improvement/enforcement.

We are continuing with our DUII grant. Last month we were down to around 13 DUII's. The department is anticipating getting a new intoxilizer test machine by the end of this legislative session.

The Photo Red Light project is moving ahead. The survey of the intersections is just about complete.

Dan Danicic said that the Video surveillance of the intersections is completed and RedFlex will be coming back to us with the results and from there we will negotiate the payment situation, weather or not we lease the equipment, etc.

Tim Weaver stated that Providence Way light is up and ready to be running hopefully by Memorial weekend and the hospital should be open in about a year.

Mary Newell said that she is still looking for volunteers for the kids fair. Washington County is doing an advertisement for knowing your local non emergency number.

Dan Danicic shared the engineering report. Council almost passed the TSP, they asked staff to go to the planning commission and look into changing the street widths. Letters were sent out to people who are in the vicinity of Zimri Drive and there will be a community meeting on May 24, 2005 at 7:00PM in the Training room. Mountainview Drive will soon be open to Crater Lane.

Public Works Week is the week of May 16th. There will be a presentation at the Newberg Public Library from 10AM to 2PM on Wednesday May 18th.

Danicic asked whether the committee had any more ideas for the July training session. Michael Simpson asked if the committee can do a presentation on how to become pro-active in the community with a mission in mind.

Tours of the Public Safety Building will be offered following the end of the June meeting.

Motion to adjourn: B. Ehmann

Second: D. Meyer

Motion Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Next meeting: June 13, 2005

Kathleen Boehart