

**TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2005, 7:00 PM
NEWBERG PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
401 E. Third Street, Newberg, OR**

Members Present: Chair Michael Simpson Vice-Chair Becky Simpson
Doris Brandt Everett Clarkson Ron Sult
Joyce Vergets Tamera Wimmer Dick Meyer

Members Absent: Bob Ehmann

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

1. CHAIR MICHAEL SIMPSON CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM

Minutes from the May 9, 2005 were approved with amended corrections

MOTION: Sult/Wimmer to approve minutes from May 9, 2005 with amended corrections.
(Unanimous) Motion carried.

2. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR.

None.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

A) Request of Friendsview Manor to eliminate parking on the north side of Fulton from the west driveway to the baseball diamond.

Randy Lewis stated that he was at the meeting, asking to extend the no parking area to the walkway by the baseball field.

Ms. Vergets asked if the no parking would be full time or limited to certain hours.

Mr. Lewis stated that it would be full time

Mr. Sult asked how many parking spaces the no parking zone would take up.

Mr. Lewis stated that it would be 18 spaces all together.

Mr. Danicic stated that he didn't see any issues that would currently prevent us from approving this.

Mr. Simpson asked if there were any private houses in the area.

Mr. Danicic replied that there were none.

MOTION: Meyer/Clarkson to call for a public hearing on August 8th, 2005. (Unanimous)
Motion carried.

B) Request for Speed deterrents such as speed humps, roundabouts or other devices on Sitka Avenue and the vicinity of the high school to address speeding traffic concerns.

Shirley Cooper stated that some kind of speed deterrent is needed where Cherry St. joins Sitka Ave. Ms. Cooper also stated that this is where a lot of the speeders are that are coming from the high school.

Mr. Simpson stated that he lives less than a block away and that at times it can be hard to get out of his driveway. There are horns honking and they drive fast for about twelve minutes, twice a day. Mr. Simpson asked if Ms. Cooper has contacted any neighbors if they are interested in a L.I.D.

Ms. Cooper stated that she has not but is able to. Ms. Cooper asked if the residents would have to pay for the speed bumps.

Mr. Simpson said that is correct, the citizens will have to pay for the speed bumps.

Ms. Cooper stated that it was her understanding that the residents around Grant High School they did not have to pay for the speed bumps.

Mr. Danicic stated that as he remembers the neighbors would be the ones to pay.

Linda Miller stated that at one time she had conducted a survey and everyone that was asked to sign did so but two people and that was because they work for the city. Ms. Miller stated that there is a lot of traffic in the area and that something needs to be done to slow it down.

Ms. Vergets asked if a stop sign on Cherry St. would make a difference.

Mr. Danicic said that he didn't think so.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A) Continued: Newberg Public Schools for crosswalks, 3-way stop signs at Meridian & Crestview Drive & Center Street, and a no passing lane in the vicinity of Joan Austin Elementary Schools.

Mr. Danicic stated that he was unable to complete a report before the meeting and will be available at the July meeting.

Ms. Brandt asked if it was possible if there could be a three way stop at Villa Road and Mountain View Drive.

Mr. Danicic said that it was possible there just needs to be a motion to look into the possibility.

MOTION: Brandt/Meyer to look into a three way stop at the intersection of Villa Road and Mountain View Drive. (Unanimous) Motion carried.

B) Continued: The cross walk at the Providence Newberg Hospital on Villa.

Mr. Danicic stated that he has been working with the property owner and the business owner on the corner.

C) Continued: Villa Road Median/Barrier investigation.

Mr. Meyer asked if there has been any progress with the Villa Road Median/Barrier investigation.

Mr. Danicic stated that he has been in contact with ODOT and is looking into options. Mr. Danicic stated that the best option is to put up traffic candles and see if that helps. We are currently putting a report together.

Mr. Simpson asked if the committee can expect to have the report by August.

Mr. Danicic stated that he would have the report done for the August meeting.

5. STAFF REPORTS.

Tim Weaver, Police Sergeant, presented staff report. Mary Newell will be hiring another dispatcher soon. Two of the applicants have pulled out. Currently the police department has three officers in probationary status. Two of them were sent to the academy on Monmouth and will be back in August. June 14th is the Providence Heart Foundation luncheon. Mr. Weaver stated that he currently received an e-mail from a resident on the Oak Knoll housing development. The resident stated that there has been another accident at the Knoll and Hillsdale intersection and someone needs to look into figuring out how to make it safer.

Mary Newell, Support Services Manager stated that the Kids Safety Fair is on June 25th from 11:30AM to 2PM at Edwards Elementary School.

Mr. Danicic, Public Works Director stated that the final plans for the Mountain View Drive S-Curve was submitted today before the meeting.

Mary Newell stated that the July 11th Meeting will be a training session.

MOTION: Sult/Wimmer to adjourn until July 11, 2005. (Unanimous) Motion carried.

Kathleen Bochart
Kathleen Bochart, Recording Secretary

9-12-05
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Mary Newell
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