

**TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 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
Bob Knorr, Engineering
Mary Newall, Support Services Manager
Kathleen Bochart, Recording Secretary

Others Present: Chuck Zickefoose, Dennis Russel, Don Sasse.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Chair Michael Simpson called the meeting to order.

2. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR:

None.

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

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

Bob Knorr stated that a map has been made to show where the requested no parking area would be. Mr. Knorr also stated notices have been sent out to the residents in the area. Mr. Knorr was contacted by George Fox University. George Fox University stated they had no objections to the no parking zone.

There was discussion as to where the no parking area was requested.

Chuck Zickefoose stated during New Business that what bothers him about this area is that Semi trucks parks at the top of the hill and blocks the view and makes it unsafe to turn out of the driveway.

Chair Michael Simpson tabled this item until the next meeting for lack of clarification.

Dennis Russel, Director of Friends View Manor arrived, and Chair Simpson re-opened public hearing.

Dennis Russel Director of Friends View Manor clarified the request for the no parking area. Mr. Russel stated that the request was for no parking from the east entrance of Friendsview Manor to the west side of the access road on the North side of Fulton St.

MOTION: Clarkson/Wimmer to eliminate parking on the north side of Fulton St. from the east entrance of Friendsview Manor to the west side of the access road. (Unanimous). Motion carried.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Villa Road Median Barrier investigation, in the vicinity of Mike's Pharmacy, at the north side of the Villa and Hwy, 99W intersection.

Bob Knorr presented staff report and recommended the use of traffic candles on a trial basis.

MOTION: Brandt/Sult to allow staff to insert traffic candles on the north side of Villa on a trial basis (Unanimous) Motion carried.

Ms. Brandt and **Mr. Sult** withdrew their motion for lack of clarification.

MOTION: Wimmer/Vergets to allow staff to insert traffic candles on the north side of Villa for ____ feet on a trial basis (approx. 1 year) (unanimous) Motion carried.

- B) Continued discussion regarding request for stop signs on Hillsdale and Knoll by Oak Knoll Home owners Association.

Bob Knorr stated that he was recently contacted by the Oak Knoll Home owners Association. The association stated that there was a recent accident at the intersection of Hillsdale and would like for the traffic commission to approve stop signs.

Don Sasse stated that he had been here three or four years ago and since then the problem has gotten worse. Mr. Sasse requested that a traffic study and stop signs be put in place to help slow down traffic.

Bob Knorr recommended that a traffic study be conducted on the intersection. In the study things will like sight distances and traffic amount and speeds of vehicles will be looked at. Mr. Knorr also stated that letters will be sent to home owners requesting trimming of trees and shrubs.

MOTION: Brandt/Clarkson to allow staff to conduct a traffic study on the Hillsdale and Knoll Streets. (Unanimous) Motion carried.

- C) Continued discussion regarding the Villa and Sherman Street Cross walk.

Bob Knorr stated that last time this was talked about staff recommended that a cross walk not be installed at this time. Mr. Knorr believes that once the hospital moves to its new location there won't be a problem with people not being able to cross the road.

Chair Michael Simpson stated that he disagrees with this recommendation. Mr. Simpson stated that the committee wants this crosswalk installed no matter what.

Mr. Knorr stated that if the cross walk is installed it would take away all parking for the business owner across the street from the hospital. Mr. Knorr has talked to the business owner once and she stated that she does not want her parking removed. Mr. Knorr stated that he will contact her again.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A) Engineering Staff report for additional prohibited bicycle riding area.

Bob Knorr presented staff report. Mr. Knorr stated that State regulations do not require a bicyclist to use the bike lanes.

Chuck Zickefoose said that he feels bike lanes have been provided for bikes and that they should use them. Mr. Zickefoose stated that he would like staff to look into the situation and see what can be done. Mr. Zickefoose would also like the committee to talk to more walkers and bicyclists and see how others feel about this issue.

Chair Michael Simpson stated that if the committee decides to enforce this on one road then all of the other roads with bike lanes needs to be enforced.

Mr. Sasse stated that he would like to see skateboards off of the sidewalk. Mr. Sasse stated that they are too dangerous to be on sidewalks where people are walking.

Bob Knorr stated that the next step in the process would be city-wide notification and a public hearing.

Chair Michael Simpson recommended the public hearing be on October 10th.

MOTION: Brandt/Wimmer to allow staff to prepare a notice for a public hearing on October 10th, 2005. (Unanimous) Motion carried.

6. STAFF REPORTS – GENERAL INFORMATION

Tim Weaver, Police Sergeant handed out the July DMV Traffic Newsletter which included a 2005 Legislation update. Mr. Weaver stated that Lori Miller was hired for dispatch and has already started. In August there were four fatalities, two of which alcohol was involved. There are three sessions left in the Public Safety Grant. In June there were 9 DUI arrests and in July there were 13 DUI arrests.

A) Engineering

See Item 7-A for Engineering report.

7. REPORTS:

A) Engineering Staff project update report.

Bob Knorr stated that included in members packets is sheet the shows all of the Traffic Safety Commissions projects.

Mr. Knorr stated that this week he will be finalizing the contract with Redflex for the Red light cameras. Hopefully the city will have the ODOT permits by the end of August.

Joyce Vergets asked about TSC-05-010.

Bob Knorr stated that they are working on the stop sign configuration.

Chair Michael Simpson stated that someone needs to look at this intersection when the school and a-dec gets out because that is when there is the most problems with this intersection.

8. ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING: September 12, 2005.

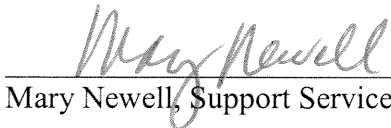
MOTION: Sult/Wimmer to adjourn until September 12, 2005. (Unanimous). Motion carried.
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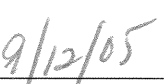
Kathleen Bochart, Recording Secretary



Date



Mary Newell, Support Services Manager



Date