

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

**Monday, March 13, 2006
Newberg Public Safety Building
401 E. Third Street, Newberg, OR**

Members	Chair Michael Simpson	Vice-Chair Becky Simpson
Present:	Tamera Wimmer	Ron Sult
	Doris Brandt	Joyce Vergets
	John Featherston	Leland Parks

Members
Absent: Dick Meyer

Staff
Present: Tim Weaver, Police Sergeant
Bob Knorr, Engineering
Kathleen Bochart, Recording Secretary

MICHAEL SIMPSON CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:05 PM.

Michael Simpson welcomed John Featherston and Leland Parks.

MOTION: Brandt/Featherston for Michael Simpson to remain Chair of the Newberg Traffic Safety Commission. (Unanimous)

MOTION: Vergets/Brandt to nominate Dick Meyer for Vice Chair of the Newberg Traffic Safety Commission.

MOTION: Wimmer/ to nominate Doris Brandt for Vice Chair of the Newberg Traffic Safety Commission. Doris Brandt declined nomination

MOTION: Simpson/Sult to nominate Tamera Wimmer for Vice Chair of the Newberg Traffic Safety Commission.

VOTE was taken by ballot. Tamera Wimmer was voted for Vice Chair of the Newberg Traffic Safety Commission.

MOTION: Vergests/Brandt to approve minutes from January 9, 2006 as amended. (Unanimous)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bob Knorr stated that he has been working on the traffic studies that were requested by the Traffic Safety Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Consider moving the speed sign on 2nd Street.

Michael Simpson presented a letter written by a concerned citizen about this subject.

Bob Knorr presented a staff report on the request to move the speed sign heading out of Newberg at least one block past 2nd street to help eliminate accidents.

Tim Weaver stated that this is a problem area, it is difficult for some larger trucks to turn and continue south onto HWY 219. Mr. Weaver stated that this area needs to be looked at. Mr. Weaver stated that it would have to go to the state department for roads to look at this.

Bob Knorr stated that they would be contacting the region 2 state high way commission with the recommendations from the Traffic Safety Commission.

Joyce Vergets stated that she drives in this area at least once a day and it is a problem and needs to be taken very seriously.

MOTION: Sult/Wimmer to recommend for the City Council to the state high way commission to extend the 35 mph approx 1000 feet south of 2nd street. (Unanimous)

B) A request for a no outlet sign and a no parking sign at Burl and Bur Oak Drive.

Bob Knorr presented staff report. People are parking on Burl Oak and Hayes and it is difficult to see around the cars. Mr. Knorr stated that he has gone out there and no one is parked in the area.

John Featherston stated that he went out to this area and there was a van parked on the corner. Mr. Featherston stated that when he stopped at the appropriate place for the stop sign he could still see around the vehicle.

Leland Park stated that he drove out there and there was a truck parked in the alley, if a fire truck needed to go through there it would not happen.

MOTION: Wimmer/Brandt to approve staff recommendation to install a no outlet sign on Bur Oak Road. (Unanimous) Motion carried.

Bob Knorr stated that his recommendation would be to extend the no parking yellow curbing along the west curb from the corner.

MOTION: Featherston/Vergets to extend the yellow curb to the same on the east side as it is on the West side of Burl Road. (Unanimous) Motion carried.

Chair Michael Simpson re-opened New Business.

Michael Simpson stated that there is a need to recommend moving the 55 MPH sign on HWY99, 1000 feet North of Providence Dr to effect both North and South Directions.

Bob Knorr stated that it is a state highway and it is to be forwarded to the City Council and then to the state highway commission.

MOTION: Brandt/Vergets to recommend the speed zone be moved 1000 feet North of Providence Dr. (Unanimous) Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Tim Weaver presented a staff report. There were approximately 900 calls for service. There was a meth bust and the DHS took 3 children into custody. The Police Department has secured another \$3000 for pedestrian overtime. The Police Department ended up with more money this year than the previous year. The annual mandatory training is coming up, first-aid, CPR, and fire-arm training is among the topics to be covered. The new alcohol testing equipment has been selected and she be working soon. The new machine takes two tests. Mr. Weaver stated that as he understands it, the machine will only print a report if there is two test performed and if a citizen refuses a second test then it is an automatic refusal. Mr. Weaver stated that Newberg currently has no one at the academy and the new hires are doing well.

Doris Brandt stated that the 55 MPH sign needs to be moved east past the hospital, there is been a couple of accidents in that area.

Bob Knorr stated that one of the City Councilmen has talked to the City Manager about the speed zone, and that they need to be properly placed.

Michael Simpson called for a 5 minutes break at 8:15PM.

Michael Simpson re-opened new business – see new business for this item.

Bob Knorr commented on Photo Red light, what happened was the REDflex had a personnel change, the engineer left in late December, which put the city back at least a month in their work. The new engineer flew up in February and work with the city on the project. It could be mid-April or later when the city finally gets the system installed.

Michael Simpson asked the committee if they wanted to continue subcommittees.

The Committee stated that it was more effective to stay as a group.

MOTION: Brandt/Wimmer to suspend the sub-committees. (Unanimous) Motion carried.

MOTION: Brandt/Vergets to adjourn until April 10, 2006.

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Recording Secretary

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