

## TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, July 10, 2006

Newberg Public Safety Building  
401 E. Third Street, Newberg, OR

### Members

**Present:** Chair Michael Simpson      Leland Parks      Becky Simpson  
Doris Brandt      Dick Meyer      John Feather  
Ron Sult (arrived at 7:55)      Tamera Wimmer

### Members

**Absent:** Joyce Vergets

### Staff

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

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

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| <p><b>MOTION: Brandt/Simpson</b> to approve minutes of June 12, 2006 as amended. (Unanimous)<br/>Motion carried.</p> |
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### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

#### A) ACTS Oregon

**Purnima Unni** stated that she was at the meeting representing ACTS Oregon. Ms. Unni stated that it is their mission to reduce fatalities, injuries and the severity of injuries resulting from vehicle crashes throughout Oregon. Ms. Unni stated that the 2006 Oregon Transportation Conference is August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Unni stated that this is a great networking opportunity. Ms. Unni stated that there will be a mini golf challenge and two different traffic safety tours. Ms. Unni also spoke about guidelines for grants that are available through ACTS Oregon.

**Chair Michael Simpson** stated that he went to the conference last year and it was very interesting and informative.

**Ms. Unni** stated that the information spoken about at the conference is something that can be brought back and used in the community. Ms. Unni stated that they are always open to new ideas or topics that could be lectured on.

#### B) 2<sup>nd</sup> Street/Fernwood and Springbrook Rd.

Public testimony was opened.

**Bob Larson** stated that he was here with the members of Mt. View Park and Nut Tree Park. Mr. Larson stated that there have been many accidents recently at the intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Springbrook because of new development. Mr. Larson stated that they would like to see a stop light there but understand the cost of it. Mr. Larson stated that he would like to see something done quickly.

**Helen Medhaus** stated that she has lived there for 34 year and there is much more traffic than there was when she moved in. Ms. Medhaus stated that the vision at the intersection is good but stated that speed is an issue.

**Thad Green** stated that there is a need for something at the intersection as traffic has increased in the last two months.

**Pat Schwoch** asked what the cost for a stop light was.

**Bob Knorr** stated that it was between

**Gwen Howard** asked why there is a stop light at Hayes St.

**Bob Knorr** stated that it was because it was a condition with the developer.

**Fred Schwoch** stated that he did not see any reason why four-way stop signs wouldn't be economical.

Public testimony was closed.

**Tim Weaver, Police Sergeant** stated that he receives approximately two comments a month from citizens to raise the speed limit from Fernwood Road to Brutscher Street. Mr. Weaver stated that a lot of the complaints are from long time residents.

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| <p><b>MOTION: Brandt/Featherston</b> to conduct a traffic study at the intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup>/Fernwood and Springbrook Rd and report back to the Newberg Traffic Safety Commission with the preliminary results on September 11, 2006. (Unanimous) Motion carried.</p> |
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**Leland Pars** asked if the speed trailer could be put in the area.

**Tim Weaver** stated that it could be a possibility.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A) Request for no parking zone along the north side of Wynooski from driveway of Chehalem Diversified to Hwy. 219 intersection.

**Bob Knorr** stated that this is an area that he drives by every day. Mr. Knorr stated that this was brought to his attention by Scott Steckley. Mr. Knorr stated that it is a concern of his whether or not the city has jurisdiction. Mr. Knorr spoke with Mr. Brierley, the planning and building director and he stated that Wynooski is a county road. Mr. Knorr suggested that this topic be discussed with the county and that city staff would be willing to help some with the issue.

**Scott Steckley** stated that he has spoke with Yamhill County's director of public works, Bill Gille. Mr. Steckley stated that currently Yamhill County does not have a parking ordinance to deal with issues such as these.

**Chair Michael Simpson** asked what the major problem was.

**Mr. Steckley** stated that when vehicles exit the driveway if Chehalem Diversified into Hwy. 219 there is no vision clearance because semi trucks park along that side of the road.

**John Featherston** asked if he had contacted the trucking companies.

**Mr. Steckley** stated that he has been advised by the Sheriff to not contact the companies.

**Chair Mike Simpson** asked Mr. Knorr to find out more information about this topic.

**Mr. Knorr** stated that from what he understands in from the planning and ad-hoc commissions is that the area of Wynooski is going to be annexed in the near future, but believes that currently the city does not want to take control of the road at this time.

**Mr. Steckley** asked if a letter could be sent to the county asking them for help in resolving this issue.

**Chair Mike Simpson** directed staff to write a letter to the County Council stating that there is a problem in this area and ask them if it would they could help resolve the problem.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **A) Police**

**Tim Weaver, Police Sergeant** stated that there were 1060 calls for service in June, 97 adult arrests and 44 of those were DUII arrests. Officer Weaver stated that Officer Del Link is now off of the motor cycle and Officer Drew Boggs has taken his place. Officer Sheldon Clay is now the new detective. Officer Weaver stated that the police department received the new drug dog.

**Chair Michael Simpson** asked what drugs the dog will be able to trace.

**Officer Weaver** stated that it will be able to pick up marijuana and some products of meth.

**Officer Weaver** stated that the radar trailer has been on North Main and Illinois for quite a while now and the downtown association has asked us to put the trailers on Hancock on the first Friday. Officer Weaver stated that with the opening of the hospital, he is keeping the radar trailer in the 40 MPH zone and currently there has been no reply to the speed zone change. Officer

Weaver stated that the photo red light cameras are up and running and there were 29 violations in 7 days.

**Chair Michael Simpson** asked if there has been any accidents.

**Officer Weaver** stated that there has not been any accidents at this time.

**Chair Michael Simpson** asked which light was next for the cameras.

**Bob Knorr** stated that it will most likely be the intersection of Villa and Hwy 99.

B) Engineering

**Bob Knorr** stated that at the June meeting, the Villa median barrier was brought up and as it was understood the chair stated that it could be dropped due to lack of public support. Mr. Knorr stated that he learned last week that the City Manager and the City Council are asking for a formal review.

**Chair Michael Simpson** stated that it is a strange matter; it was something that was brought to staff because the Traffic Safety Commission thought that it could be a problem. The Traffic Safety Commission held a public hearing and no one was in favor of the barrier.

**Bob Knorr** stated that as a committee it is their responsibility to look at the entire region for traffic concerns. The council is asking the commission to go through this process one more time.

**Becky Simpson** asked if the coffee shop will be going in before the traffic study is done.

**Bob Knorr** stated that it will be factored into the study.

**Bob Knorr** stated that the bids for the sewer project at Villa and 219 will go on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Knorr stated that ODOT has granted money to Newberg for sidewalk work from the bridge on Illinois Street to Main Street. Mr. Knorr stated that he would contact ODOT and see what information was available about the speed study by the hospital.

**Doris Brandt** asked if a parking lot was going in on the corner of Fulton and Villa roads.

**Bob Knorr** stated that he was not sure and would have to look at the plans again.

**Doris Brandt** stated that she believes it will cause traffic problems if it is going to be a parking lot.

The Traffic Safety Commission Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.



**Kathleen Bochart**  
**Recording Secretary**

  
**Mary Newell**  
**Support Safety Services Manager**