

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

**Monday, September 11, 2006
Newberg Public Safety Building
401 E. Third Street, Newberg, OR**

Members

Present: Chair Michael Simpson Vice-Chair Tamera Wimmer
Leland Parks Becky Simpson
Doris Brandt Dick Meyer
John Featherston Ron Sult

Members

Absent: Joyce Vergets

Staff

Present: Paul Chiu, Senior Engineer
Tim Weaver, Police Sergeant
Kathleen Bochart, Recording Secretary

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

MOTION: Brandt/Wimmer to approve minutes of July 10, 2006 as amended. (Unanimous) Motion carried.
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COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

A) Springbrook at 2nd Street

Paul Chiu stated that there was no proposal from the engineering staff at this time.

Bob Larson stated that they had been hoping for a proposal from the committee tonight.

Michael Simpson stated that the committee can only make recommendations to the City Council.

Bob Larson stated that the City Council and County Commissioners are waiting for this committee to make recommendations. Mr. Larson stated that they were hoping for a signal light but understands that it is a lot of money. Mr. Larson stated that something needs to be done soon.

Phyllis Busenbark stated that they keep going back and forth between the City Council and County Commissioners and they cannot do anything until the report is given to the City Council. Ms. Busenbark stated that strips for the traffic count were put out and stated that she feels like there should be some more information as to what is going on. Ms. Busenbark stated that she is concerned because there are so many seniors in that area and she is worried that things are quickly going to get worse.

Bob Gleason stated information on some accidents that have happened at that intersection.

Bob Larson stated that they would appreciate whatever the city could do.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Request for speed limit signs, stop signs, caution – children signs in The Oaks at Springbrook.

Jen Dawson stated that she lives on Oak Grove Street. Ms. Dawson stated that there are many people who exit Fred Meyer and take these roads to go home and who do not live in the neighborhood. Ms. Dawson stated that she is worried about the children in the neighborhood and would like to have something done about it. Ms. Dawson stated some ideas that she had for the neighborhood.

Tim Weaver stated that one option could be to put in one way street signs with a do not enter sign at the entrance from Fred Meyer.

Mr. Featherston stated that the developer should have mandated off street parking.

Mr. Weaver stated that he believes something like that would have to go further than the Traffic Safety Commission.

Mr. Parks asked why the developer did not put fences around the park.

Mr. Simpson stated that it was for accessibility.

Mr. Simpson read the staff report from Bob Knorr. Mr. Simpson stated that the engineering department has studied this and asked for a public testimony.

MOTION: Brandt/B. Simpson to call for public testimony to change Bur Oak alley to a one way. (Unanimous) Motion carried.
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B) Request from CS Lewis to change no parking signs.

Mr. Simpson presented a letter from Mary Newell about the CS Lewis no parking signs. Mr. Simpson asked if there was a history on why the no parking signs are there.

Mr. Weaver stated that he believes the school asked for no parking along the church, that the area was designated for dropping off and picking up children from school. Mr. Weaver stated

that now that it is a high school many of the students are driving and they need more parking area.

Mr. Meyer stated that some people are still driving their children to school.

Ms. Wimmer asked if there is parking along both sides of College.

Mr. Simpson stated that there is parking everywhere except by the school. Mr. Simpson asked if this was affecting any other properties other than the church.

Mr. Weaver stated that it wasn't.

Mr. Simpson stated that he believes because it is only affecting one property, then there is no need for public testimony.

Mr. Weaver stated that he believes this is an Ordinance and that it would have to be recommended to the City Council.

MOTION: Brandt/Parks to recommend to the City Council to rescind the no parking signs in the area by CS Lewis.

STAFF REPORTS

A) Police

Responding to a question from Mr. Simpson, Sergeant Weaver stated that the ODOT report is a compilation of motor vehicle accidents at the intersection of 2nd and Springbrook. Mr. Weaver explained the table. Mr. Weaver stated that there was an accident where the child was hurt in an accident. Mr. Weaver stated that if the child had not been in the car seat then there would have been a fatality. Mr. Weaver talked about speeds and traffic in the area of 2nd Street and Springbrook Rd.

Mr. Simpson asked Mr. Chiu to bring back information on the costs of rumble strips.

Mr. Weaver stated that there were some crashes at the Springbrook and Hwy 99 intersection that was caught on video by the Photo Red Light system. The pictures and a link to the video were sent to the violators. Mr. Weaver stated that Newberg is the first in the state of Oregon to have the video system.

Ms. Wimmer asked if the right turn lane onto Springbrook Road is captured by the photo red light system.

Mr. Weaver stated that there were 1,056 calls for service, 511 citations and 18 DUII arrests. Mr. Weaver stated that they are finish up the DUII and the pedestrian overtime grant. Mr. Weaver stated that they worked considerably at the First Friday Art Walk.

B) Engineering

Paul Chiu stated that the work on Hwy 240 and Illinois started on Friday. The money for the project came from ODOT for safety reasons. Mr. Chiu presented the plans for the new intersection of Illinois and Main Street.

Mr. Simpson asked when to expect this project to be done.

Mr. Chiu stated that the intersection should be done by the end of the month and then ODOT will come in and do the overlay on the road.

MOTION: Brandt/Wimmer to adjourn (Unanimous) Motion carried.


Mary Newell
Support Safety Services Manager