

**TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION**  
**7:00 p.m., Monday, March 12, 2007**  
**Public Safety Building, 401 E. Third Street, Newberg, OR**

*"Mission Statement: To give the citizens of Newberg a forum to voice traffic safety concerns, evaluate related issues, provide a liaison with the City and promote traffic safety within the community."*

**PRESENT:** Dick Meyer (7:15), Doris Brandt, Ron Sult, Leeland Parks, Bryce Jones, and Jenn Dawson.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Paul Chiu, Tim Weaver, Mary Newell.

**ABSENT:** Becky Simpson, Lesley Woodruff, and Michael Simpson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bob Larson

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

**Doris Brandt**, acting as Chairman pro-tem until arrival of Vice-Chairman Dick Meyer, called the minutes to order at 7:08 p.m.

A) Review and approve minutes of February 12, 2007

**Motion: Jones/Sult** to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

**2. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR: None.**

**3. OLD BUSINESS:**

A) Discussion and consideration of traffic data on Hwy 99 @ Villa to record the in-outs of the pharmacy and the coffee shop (TSC-04-003)

Staff report: Paul Chiu said that has done some traffic surveillance with video, recording left turn movements into Mike's Pharmacy and the coffee shop. Those movements are crossing double lines. Past discussions included candlesticks etc to discourage left turn movements in/out of those businesses making left turns crossing the double yellow line. He explained the statistical data, noting the number of the movements, locations of camera, etc.

Summary, 40 or 50 people making those types of turns in the three days of analysis. Will use this data to decide what needs to be done. Suggested a public hearing should be held, and invite the businesses.

Weaver said Providence Home Health is moving back into the health building.

Tim said when the intersection was designed in the Brutscher to Main, there were no u-turns at those traffic lights, but with the new project left turns were allowed at those intersections. The businesses have been closed by ODOT – it has been a very difficult transition and ODOT was not allowing access to those business lots.

Bryce Jones asked whether there was anything to assist the businesses in the area.

Leland Parks asked about the cost of the dividers. Chiu said the distance from the intersection is under the jurisdiction of ODOT. Weaver suggested it was 200 feet, and said it would be difficult to post a no left turn because of visibility and there is not one there now.

Chiu said the busy intersection would be very difficult to see the signs.

Mike Douglas, Mike's Pharmacy, understands the congestion. He indicated that he tells his customers that the best way to go is down 99 and then pull into the back lot. Most crashes are due to the following driverS not paying attention. He cannot imagine why people want to go across traffic, and he feels the number of instances have reduced from the time the situation was created. Does not feel it will be a problem long term, that people will adjust. Has not seen an accident from congestion. Most people routinely come down Villa and pull in and then go out to the right.

If you put something in there, it will require a widening down the way. When the construction was underway, ODOT purchased property to line up the street with 219 but they didn't do that. A turn lane would fix the problem.

Mike Douglas said there had been discussion with GFU about a road behind the pharmacy over to Sherman, but ODOT not see it going anywhere.

Neil Lansing, 203 Villa Road, Neil's Java Jungle. Being a new business, installing traffic barriers would hinder his business. Open since November 14<sup>th</sup> or so. Would reduce his customer base. If you put a road in there you'll put GFU students at risk for those who walk. He concurs with Mike, that people are aware and has not seen many near misses. Does not feel it is

**Motion: Brandt/Sult** to leave the intersection as it is. (Unanimous) Motion carried.

- B) Continued discussion on the establishment of Traffic Safety Commission, goals and objectives

Tabled to next meeting.

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A) Staff report on Springbrook Road & 2<sup>nd</sup>/FernWood Road Intersection: stop sign ahead

Paul advised that this issue has been put on the City Council agenda for Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. The Council will be asked to consider the time line and how to proceed with this. The stop sign ahead was put on the City side. Paul indicated there is no sign on Second Street.

Paul Chiu advised that the Falconi memo had a couple typing errors, and that memo was corrected before sending to the City Council.

Responding to a question from Dick Meyer, Bob Larson said its not in writing, but he feels confident that the County is committed to pay half of the cost of the light.

- B) Review of Traffic Safety Commission decisions

Placed on file.

**5. STAFF REPORTS - GENERAL INFORMATION:**

- A) Police – Tim Weaver reporting. Received a pedestrian safety grant in excess of \$4000 last week. Responding to question from Dick Meyer, Weaver explained that jay walking ordinance.
- B) Engineering – Project updates. Paul Chiu reporting. The Oaks at Springbrook, Phase 5, the local traffic only signs have been installed. Jenn said that they don't seem to be making things safer, that drivers are avoiding eye contact. Paul indicated that two parallel stop bars will be installed to illuminate the crosswalk and make it more visible.
- C) Ratify Limited Decisions:
- 30-minute parking along Illinois Street (TSC-007-003)
  - No parking within traffic circle at Juniper & Edgewood drives (TSC-007-001)

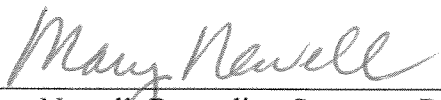
No appeals were filed with the City of Newberg. Paul Chiu indicated that these two matters will be acted upon, weather dependent.

Referring to the First Street/Hwy 99 W presented by Bryce Jones, Paul indicated that this would be under ODOT's jurisdiction and Newberg can do nothing.

**6. ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING: April 9, 2007**

**Motion: Brandt/ Sult** to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Mary Newell, Recording Secretary Pro Tem