

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES
7:00 p.m., Monday, May 10, 2010
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.”

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Members

Present:	Chair Michael Simpson	Vice-Chair Jennifer Dawson	Doris Brandt
	Dianna Cotter	Ron Johns	Neal Klein
	James Oravetz	Ronald Sult	

Staff

Absent: Lesley Woodruff (excused)

Staff

Present:	Paul Chiu, Senior Engineer	Mary Newell, Support Services Manager
	Tim Weaver, Police Sergeant	Jennifer Nelson, Recording Secretary

CHAIR MICHAEL SIMPSON CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:40 PM.

A) Review and approve minutes of April 12, 2010

MOTION #1: Brandt/Klein to approve the Traffic Safety Commission Minutes for April 12, 2010 as amended. (8 Yes/0 No/1 Absent [Woodruff]) Motion carried.

Chair Simpson commended Mr. Tim Weaver, Police Sergeant, for being recognized and awarded as the number one drug impairment expert of the year in the State of Oregon. Sergeant Weaver gave a short explanation of the award and what it took for him to get it.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Ratify Temporary Street Closures for *Tunes on Tuesday*

MOTION #2: Brandt/Klein to Ratify Temporary Street Closures for <i>Tunes on Tuesday</i> . (8 Yes/0 No/1 Absent [Woodruff]) Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

A) Street Program Funding: Typical traffic safety project costs

Mr. Paul Chiu, Senior Engineer, presented staff report (see official meeting packet for full report).

Commissioner Neal Klein thanked staff for putting this list together and felt it would help the commission in the future when encountering situations where people are asking for specific items to be installed.

Sergeant Weaver spoke briefly on the cost of thermal tape and that only maintenance will be continued on existing traffic safety devices; no new projects will be started because of budget cuts this year.

B) TSC-10-006: Deborah Road – school zone signs on Deborah Road are restored

Mr. Chiu presented the staff report and reported there were missing signs on Deborah Road according to the Public Works department; those signs were restored.

STAFF REPORTS - GENERAL INFORMATION

A) Police Update

Sergeant Tim Weaver spoke of a recent emergency event involving an explosive material at George Fox University and commended everyone who worked to resolve the matter; they did discover that some emergency system notifications need to be upgraded as a result though. He also gave updates on a recent police standoff involving a young man and a gun at the Thriftway grocery store. He told everyone to check out the new police news/update banner on the city website where they can put in some traffic safety tips for the public.

B) Engineering update

Mr. Chiu gave updates on the 2nd Street project between Hwy 219 and Springbrook Road. The road will be closed between Elliot Road and Springbrook Road in front of the mobile home park on 2nd Street. It will only be open to local traffic during the reconstruction of the road and sidewalks. The right of way process has begun with the mobile home park on the south and is expected to take a couple of months. The Downtown Demonstration Block for the Downtown Revitalization is 95% complete with bulbs outs, additional landscape features, benches, etc. The project should be completed by next Monday.

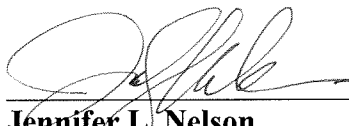
C) Items from Commissioners

Chair Simpson spoke of the work session being moved from the July meeting to the August meeting at 6:00 PM. He also announced his resignation from the Traffic Safety Commission, effective tomorrow; because of additional responsibilities and travel with his employment, he does not feel he will be able to serve any longer. He has enjoyed his time spent with the commission and he is thrilled with the energy of its current members. He passed the responsibilities and the gavel to Vice Chair Jennifer Dawson.

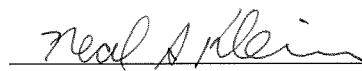
ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM until June 14, 2010.

Approved by the Newberg Traffic Safety Commission this 9th day of August, 2010.



Jennifer L. Nelson
Recording Secretary



Neal S. Klein
Traffic Safety Commission Chair