

**TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**7:00 p.m., Monday, May 9, 2011**  
**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**

Chair Neal Klein called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members**

<b>Present:</b>	Neal Klein, <b>Chair</b>	Lesley Woodruff, <b>V. Chair</b>	Doris Brandt	Karl Birky
	Dianna Cotter	Shannon Eoff	Ron Johns	James Oravetz
	Ronald Sult	Josi Fettig		

**Staff**

<b>Present:</b>	Brian Casey, Police Chief	Paul Chiu, Senior Engineer
	Terry Mahr, City Attorney	Jennifer Nelson, Recording Secretary

**Ex Officio**

**Present:** Mayor Bob Andrews

**Others**

**Present:** Councilor Ryan Howard, Kat Ricker, and Don Clements

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A) Review and approve minutes of April 11, 2011**

<b>MOTION #1: Brandt/Cotter</b> to approve the Traffic Safety Commission Minutes for April 11, 2011. (9 Yes/0 No) Motion carried.
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**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

Councilor Ryan Howard gave an update on the bicycle safety event they held on May 16, 2011, with the funds from the ACTS Oregon mini-grant. He informed the commission there were several bike safety items left from the event and they are considering opening a booth at the Newberg Farmers' Market or the Old Fashioned Festival to distribute the remaining items and further inform the public.

Mayor Andrews suggested working with Juliette's House and Kiwanis since they are co-sponsoring an upcoming safety fair on June 16, 2011, for young children. Councilor Howard stated they have already contacted him and he will be working with them to put together a bicycle rodeo similar to the one held at the library last year.

Chief Brian Casey thanked him for his efforts with this event because it is a valuable benefit to the community and bicycle riders. Councilor Howard offered several leftover bicycle lights to the police department if they see kids around the city without bike lights.

Mr. Chiu also offered words of appreciation for his efforts from the public works department because it is a crucial element in transportation.

Chair Klein suggested he work together with the Newberg Bicycle Shoppe to maybe do some events in summer. Councilor Howard stated he did get a thank you card from the owner of the shop stating their appreciation and hopes of working with us in the future.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A) Heritage Trail – Presentation by Kat Ricker, CPRD PIO  
TIME – 7:09 PM

Commissioner Lesley Woodruff spoke of the Chehalem Park and Recreation District (CPRD) and their efforts to reach out to other groups in town including the Traffic Safety Commission (TSC) regarding their efforts with the Chehalem Heritage Trail. Two CPRD representatives gave a presentation with visual aides (see official meeting record for full report).

Ms. Kat Ricker, CPRD Public Information Coordinator, and Mr. Don Clements, CPRD Superintendent, presented the Chehalem Heritage Trails report, a seventy-seven mile system linking Newberg and Dundee with hopes to extend from Portland to the pacific coast. It provides mobility for pedestrians, bicyclists, hikers, and equestrians running along greenways by Hess Creek and Springbrook Creek. The first phase of the project's master plan is the Quaker Trail which is the sixteen miles connecting Newberg and Dundee. It has taken twenty years of laying out segments, talking to property owners, and polling public interest to get to this stage and they are gaining traction to prepare for a formal survey to gauge interest and support.

Commissioner Dianna Cotter asked if the trails would be paved or partially paved as it may not be ideal for equestrians. Ms. Ricker replied there would be a mix of hard and soft surfaces beside each other and referring to a graph depicting residential areas including the Dayton area; the bike riders would be next to the walkers, but there will be delineation. Mr. Clements added it would be a ten to twelve foot area and they are asking for twenty feet of easement to expand.

Commissioner James Oravetz asked about the area at Hess Creek and if they are taking that section to Mountainview Drive eventually. Mr. Clements said it would eventually go through George Fox University to Fulton Street, up to Haworth Avenue, then to Springbrook Road and down. One day they plan to expand all the way through, but first phase will stop there. Some people have said they will donate property and others have asked for compensation, but many people are supporting this and they do not see anything that cannot be adjusted at this point. He also spoke of building social capital with more recreation activities through the golf course and cultural center; this trail system will help to do that along the Willamette River as they are reintroducing the community back to the river, a commodity that has been overlooked for years.

Commissioner Shannon Eoff asked if there will be camping areas. Mr. Clements stated they are looking at developing some type of camping area since this does not exist in Yamhill County. The State Parks Board is aware of this and we have been working with them, asking them to purchase property and establish some other areas. There will be a board meeting in July and they are hoping to find a willing seller among other issues.

Ms. Ricker spoke of opening the Paddle Launch this summer which is part of this trail system.

Chief Casey asked for further clarification of the plans to connect Portland to the coast. Mr. Clements spoke of plans with other agencies but they are only planning within their geographical area, others are connecting with Metro. It is not being developed as a stand alone system and they are trying to hook up to others to provide fluidity along the Willamette River from Champoege State Park into Wilsonville and into Portland. The pedestrian bridge in Wilsonville is the biggest part right now and they are looking into federal funding and ODOT to get that going. Ms. Ricker offered two website addresses for reference: <http://theintertwine.org> and <http://chehalem-trail.net>.

Chief Casey asked if there is a build out timeline. Mr. Clements said it depends on the community and it could cost eight to fifteen million depending on how much property is donated. He felt this was feasible by asking about \$0.40 per thousand or a dollar a week to get this done and make the community livable with off-street and on-street connections. Many are worried about crime but the statistics actually show a decrease in areas using a system like this.

**B) TSC-11-015: Fifth Street 100 block Request for No Parking**  
TIME – 7:26 PM

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

Mayor Andrews asked for clarification of the complaint specifically being about the driveway being blocked or just general parking complaints in the neighborhood. He was concerned about the individual blocking access to his property and wondered if the city could work with the property owner to mark his driveway and differentiate it from the gravel road. Mr. Chiu stated he did not know the details to the exact nature of the problem only that it seemed to be a combination of issues according to the responding officer and the request came as a suggestion from him.

Commissioner Eoff wondered if this was normal for the scope of the TSC to deal with what seems to be an annoyance issue rather than a safety issue. She was concerned that this type of request would not just start to be made all over the place. She did not think it was a fair use of signs and felt discretion should be used with what the city wants to see here and how to get it done.

Chair Klein asked if there was a procedure for this kind of matter. Chief Casey stated if an officer is called the vehicle is usually cited or the owner is asked to have moved or it can be towed; it depends on the situation when the officer arrives. Staff stated the officer did not write any citations in this matter as the blockage was removed before the officer arrived; there have been four other complaints in this area in the past three years, but this was the only one about parking on the edge of the driveway. Staff recommended waiting to see if the police were contacted again about this same matter.

Student Commissioner Josi Fettig asked if this is a continuing problem with the same car or if that person has been confronted by the homeowner. Staff stated there was no information disclosed in regard to this.

## **STAFF REPORTS - GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **A) Police Update**

Police Chief Brian Casey reported about cases coming to a close concerning the issue of sex abuse and Craigslist and the Dundee homicide; both cases are being worked through the court system. They are also working on some child pornography cases on the internet and arrest in the case of the fourteen month old baby being assaulted.

Commissioner Oravetz asked if there was any follow-up on the parking by the crosswalk with the transit buses. Chief Casey said he spoke to the bus drivers and is sending an email to Yamhill County Transit to arrange a meeting as the Mayor suggested. He has noticed there have been fewer buses there or at least not near the crosswalk.


**B) Engineering Update**


Mr. Chiu reported on the Crestview project through the Oxberg Lake Estates neighborhood being advertised for bid to be received this Thursday. This is for the connector for the future south to meet at Hwy 99W at the Providence Drive intersection and is part of the city's northern arterial system. If a favorable bid is received, construction could start in July of this year.

**ADJOURN TO NEXT MEETING**

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM until June 13, 2011.

**Approved** by the Newberg Traffic Safety Commission this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011.

  
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**Jennifer L. Nelson**  
Recording Secretary

  
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**Neal S. Klein**  
Traffic Safety Commission Chair