

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY MAY 13, 2013 7:00 PM
Public Safety Building, 401 E. Third Street, Newberg

“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.”

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Neal Klein called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Neil Klein	Dianna Cotter	Doris Brandt
	Ron Johns (arrived 7:07 PM)	Kari Lawson	Shannon Eoff
	Greg Martin	Mayor Bob Andrews, Ex-officio	
	Hannah Kinney, Student Commissioner		

Members Absent: Karl Birky (excused) and Suzanne Stitch (excused)

Staff Present:	Brian Casey, Chief of Police	Mary Newell, Support Services Manager
	Paul Chiu, Senior Engineer	Nicole Tannler, Minutes Recorder

Others Present: Phat Voong

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Klein opened and closed the public testimony; no citizens appeared.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of minutes of April 8, 2013

MOTION #1: Brandt/Cotter to approve the Consent Calendar including the Traffic Safety Commission minutes for April 8, 2013. Motion carried (7 Yes/0 No [2 Absent: Birky (excused) and Stitch (excused)])

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. TSC-13-011 Mountainview Drive Striping plan: Request for reconsideration.

Paul Chiu, senior engineer, presented the staff report accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation (see official meeting packet for full report.)

Chair Klein opened public testimony on TSC-13-011 Mountain Drive Striping plan.

Phat Voong, Newberg resident, stated he is not opposed to the bike lane, but hoping to get a couple spots of parking in front of his property. There is not a lot of parking on North Main and he needs at least one or two spots in front of his property. He has a trailer and uses the front of his house to get it ready.

Paul Chiu, senior engineer, said the city's desire is to have bike lanes from Mountainview Drive across State Highway 219 to College and Main. The challenge is there will be no frontage parking on Mountainview Drive. What considerations would the Commissioners like to provide for this situation. Staff is not sure either way and would recommend some discussion with the committee.

Commissioner Eoff stated she likes the idea of granting an area of parking even though it might create a curvy road, and doesn't like taking away all the on street parking. Commissioner Cotter said Mountainview Drive and North College transition into a shared lane. Is there a potential possibility to do the same thing at the section on North Main and Mountainview Drive. Mr. Chiu replied there are three active lanes for motorized vehicles and on this particular intersection the bikers merge with traffic. We want to have as much continuity of bike lanes as possible instead of breaking them up.

MOTION #2: Eoff/Brandt to reconsider TSC-13-001 Mountainview Drive Striping plan. Motion carried (7 Yes/0 No [2 Absent: Birky (excused) and Stitch (excused)])

Chair Klein said according to the packet the width of Mountainview is 42 feet wide between 219 and Main. He asked if it would be feasible to create a bike lane with curbside parking in front of the property. Mr. Chiu responded Mountainview west of Main Street does have bike lanes. You would be pushing traffic out and back again in a relatively short distance. Commissioner Eoff asked if the residence across from him opens up to Mountainview as well and will they be able to utilize the on street parking as well. Mr. Yoong said yes.

Chair Klein stated it is more important for me to have residents have on street parking than for properties with no residents. Perhaps we could remove some of the parking in front of the park and add it to the south side of the street.

Mayor Andrews discussed having parking and adding sharrows in the area where Mountainview and Main have two residences. Commissioner Eoff said the simplest solution is adding sharrows. Mr. Chiu replied the easiest solution is to move the parking from the north side of the street to the south side of the street.

MOTION #3: Johns/Eoff to modify TSC-13-011 Mountainview Drive Striping plan and create parking and bike lane on the south side of Mountainview between North Main Street and Mountainview Court and move restricted parking on north side of Mountainview to the crosswalk at Mountainview Court. Motion carried (7 Yes/0 No [2 Absent: Birky (excused) and Stitch (excused)])

B. TSC-12-001 Turn restriction approval (Sheridan @ OR-219).

Paul Chiu, senior engineer, stated the email was an update, in which ODOT approved the right turn only between specified hours from Sheridan to College. This means the 14-day notice of decision can be sent out and the signage installed if there are no objections filed.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. TSC-13-013 Traffic Review at Church and 2nd Street Intersection

Paul Chiu, senior engineer, presented the staff report accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation (see official meeting packet for full report.)

From the traffic review, staff recommends there is no need for any changes.

Commissioner Eoff said after some of the improvements made on 3rd street and Hwy 219 we are going to have to revisit this. A lot of the traffic will be redirected to Everest Road to go left and people will avoid Everest Road and avoid Church Street when it is right turn only. Mr. Chiu responded it is about three years from now.

B. TSC-13-014 stop sign request at 11 intersections.

Paul Chiu, senior engineer, presented the staff report accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation (see official meeting packet for full report.)

Chair Klein asked staff to list the intersections with no crash data. Mr. Chiu stated West 4th Street and South Lincoln Street, West 4th Street and South Harrison Street, South River Street and East 7th Street, East 5th Street and Edwards Street, and East 5th Street and South School Street.

Commissioner Lawson asked of the ones with crash data were they pedestrian or vehicle related. Mr. Chiu replied there appears to be no pedestrian related crashes. Commissioner Cotter asked the cost of putting in a four-way stop sign. Mr. Chiu said in the neighborhood of \$500.00 or more per stop sign and he does not believe there is a need for a four-way stop in residential areas.

Commissioner Johns stated he would like to look at the three on 7th street and leave it at that. He would like a traffic study on east-west bound traffic on 7th Street and Center. Chair Klein responded to put it on the list.

VIII. STAFF REPORTS – GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Police Update

Brian Casey, chief of police, stated they had the first annual open house at the police department on Saturday. They opened up the department and showcased equipment. They had approximately 250-300 people there and feel it was very successful. New drug dog is in training and has about 4-6 weeks of training left. May 21, 2013, is tip-a-cop at L'il Cooperstown and the money will be going toward Special Olympics.

B. Engineering Update

Mr. Paul Chiu, senior engineer said the Newberg Dundee Bypass is still in progress. The Mable Rush Safe Routes to School has an IGA in process.

C. Committee Member Update

Mayor Andrews stated Chief Casey had great turnout for the annual open house, and we also had the bike safety rodeo for bike month and they were handing bike helmets out to children.

Commissioner Cotter said she attended the Yamhill County FEMA exercise.

Chair Klein received official resignation from Commissioner Brandt effective at the end of June.

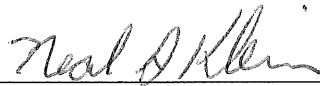
IX. ADJOURNMENT - Next meeting June 11, 2013

The meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Approved by the Newberg Traffic Safety Commission this 11th day of June, 2013.



Mandy Dillman
Minutes Recorder



Neal S. Klein
Traffic Safety Commission Chair