

**CITY OF NEWBERG
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, June 11, 2013
7:00 P.M. MEETING**

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING TRAINING ROOM (401 EAST THIRD STREET)

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Neal Klein, Chair	Karl Birky	Doris Brandt
	Dianna Cotter	Shannon Eoff	Ron Johns
	Kari Lawson	Suzanne Stich	Greg Martin
	Mayor Bob Andrews (Ex-officio)		

Members Absent: Hannah Kinney, Student Commissioner (unexcused)

Staff Present:	Brian Casey, Police Chief	Mary Newell, Support Services Manager
	Paul Chiu, Senior Engineer	Mandy Dillman, Minutes Recorder

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Neil Klein opened and closed public testimony as there was no one to testify.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Approve meeting minutes for May 13, 2013

MOTION: Brandt/Cotter approving the Consent Calendar including the Traffic Safety Commission minutes for May 13, 2013. Motion carried (9 Yes/0 No)

VI. OLD BUSINESS

a. TSC-13-002: E First Street – No Parking Request at Grocery Outlet Driveway. An update from ODOT

Mr. Paul Chiu, senior engineer, reported Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has sent a response saying they will not agree to the request to restrict parking in the driveway entrance to Grocery Outlet after much consideration. Chair Neil Klein asked staff if there was any interest to pursue the item further, and there was none. Mayor Bob Andrews asked who had made the request. Mr. Chiu responded a citizen from Dundee who was concerned. Mayor Andrews mentioned they might like to inform the requesting party and Grocery Outlet. It was decided they would create a newspaper article to inform the general populace, as well as contact Grocery Outlet and the individual from Dundee.

b. TSC-13-005: 99W-Hwy 219 Crosswalk Safety. An update from ODOT

Mr. Chiu updated the commission by reminding them of a concern Mr. Mike Ragsdale testified about last year in regards to a dangerous crosswalk at the intersection of College Street and First Street where he witnessed a student getting struck when using the crosswalk. Staff contacted ODOT and exchanged emails discussing possibilities to improve the intersection. ODOT has informed the city there is not much room for additional signal-heads or signs overhead. They have not made any further progress in the decision. Chair Klein asked if they would need ODOT's permission to put in signage meant to warn the pedestrians instead of vehicles. Mr. Chiu felt it best if they contacted ODOT to coordinate putting in something like a pedestrian countdown at the signal area for pedestrians. He felt perhaps a flashing countdown would attract drivers to look for pedestrians as well as inform the pedestrians of the danger.

Commissioner Karl Birky feels they should not close the crosswalk. If they ask ODOT to "fix" the problem, they may come back with a solution the city does not like. Mr. Chiu agreed with Commissioner Birky, closing the crosswalk would cause issues with businesses which benefit from it being there. Chair Klein mentioned closing the crosswalk pushes pedestrians to crosswalks with no signals at all which would lead to more accidents. Mr. Chiu said he would send Mr. Ragsdale and Chapters Book Store information to inform them they are taking steps to find a solution.

c. TSC-13-010: College-2nd 4-way Stop Request

Mr. Chiu explained several citizens have asked for a four way stop at College Street and 2nd Street. He reviewed the data collected from traffic studies and a four way stop is not warranted in this area. His suggestion was to remove parking on the west sides of the intersection to increase the line of sight for cars at the stop sign. Mr. Chiu showed several examples and explained how the removal of parking spots would increase the line of sight. He feels removing the spaces would not impact adjacent businesses because there is a public parking lot one block west of the intersection.

Commissioner Shannon Eoff asked if they could just bump the crosswalks out into the intersection to allow cars to move out farther before crossing. Mr. Chiu explained it would make the intersection more compact and it is a very expensive solution. Commissioner Dianna Cotter asked if the removal of the parking spot would create issues with the amount of required parking by the Planning Commission for the business. Mr. Chiu did not know. Commissioner Ron Johns asked if College Street was part of ODOT's jurisdiction at this location. Mr. Chiu replied their jurisdiction ends just north of that intersection; however any kind of change would be of interest to them.

It was discussed the east side of College has yellow zones for two parking spaces, a four way stop could potentially cause backup into First Street and Hancock Street, and because of C.S. Lewis High School moving to a new location the parking spaces are less likely to be used as frequently.

MOTION: Johns/Lawson to table item TSC-13-010: College-2nd 4-way Stop Request and to invite the four occupancies next month to discuss the possibility of reducing on street parking. Motion carried (9 Yes/0 No).

d. College Street and Sheridan Street

Mr. Chiu reported there has been a higher than usual amount of crashes at the intersection of College Street and Sheridan Street. They asked ODOT if they could make it into a restricted left turn from 3:00PM- 7:00PM on weekdays and ODOT has concurred. The next step is to send notification to residents and have ODOT do more research on what type of signage will be needed.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. TSC-13-015: Tunes on Tuesday

Mr. Brian Casey, chief of police, asked the council for the annual street closure for Tunes on Tuesday from July 9th, 2013 through August 27th, 2013.

MOTION: **Birky/Stich** approving the Tunes on Tuesday request to temporary close streets from July 9th, 2013 to August 27th, 2013. Motion carried (9 Yes/0 No).

VIII. REPORTS

Mr. Casey spoke about a recent police fundraiser and the preparations taking place for Ms. Joan Austin's memorial.

Mr. Chiu reported on the road maintenance projects happening throughout Newberg this summer.

Mayor Andrews mentioned Mr. Chiu will be part of a statewide arts program. Additionally he mentioned there will be an ODOT open house from 6:00PM-8:00PM on June 12, 2013, at the Chehalem Armory to give an update on the bypass.

VIII. DORIS BRANDT

Traffic Safety Commission held a celebration for the retirement of Commissioner Doris Brandt.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Approved by the Newberg Traffic Safety Commission this 12 day of August, 2013



Dawn Bevil
Minutes Recorder



Neil Klein
Traffic Safety Commission Chair