

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, July 8, 2013, 7:00 PM

Public Safety Building (401 E. Third Street)

Mission Statement: "To give the citizens of Newberg a forum to voice traffic safety concerns, evaluate related issues, provide 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 7:00 PM.

II. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Bob Andrews administered Commissioner Tony Roos oath of office.

III. ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Neal Klein, Chair	Karl Birky, Vice Chair	Dianna Cotter
	Shannon Eoff	Ron Johns	Kari Lawson
	Greg Martin	Tony Roos	Suzanne Stich
	Mayor Bob Andrews (Ex-officio)	Austin Christensen, Student Representative	

Staff Present:	Paul Chiu, Senior Engineer	Mary Newell, Support Services Manager
	Chris Bolek, Police Captain	DawnKaren Bevill, Minutes Recorder

Others Present: Mark Grier

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Mark Grier has been a Newberg citizen since 1978. He lives adjacent to Sportsman Air Park, with Hwy. 219 on the north and the Bypass construction on the south. The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) plans on placing a traffic barrier at the Hwy. 219 and Second Street intersection making it a right turn only intersection, leaving everyone in that area with only one intersection to exit. He asked if there are any plans to make a controlled intersection at Everest Street and Hwy. 219. Chair Klein replied not to his knowledge as that is located in the jurisdiction of ODOT because it is a state highway. Mr. Paul Chiu said he sent an email to a manager at ODOT asking what their plans are for the intersection at Hwy. 219 and Everest. The response he received stated that intersection will be reevaluated when the improvement alternatives are looked at as part of the Newberg Transportation Safety Plan (TSP) update that is currently in process. Commissioner Karl Birky is a liaison to the TSP committee and can voice Mr. Grier's concerns regarding the intersection along to them.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

Review and approve meeting minutes of June 11, 2013.

MOTION: Birky/Cotter approving the Consent Calendar including the Traffic Safety Commission minutes for June 11, 2013. Motion carried (9 Yes/0 No).

VII. OLD BUSINESS

a. (Continued) TSC-13-010: College-2nd Street 4-way Stop Request

TIME – 7:12 PM

Mr. Paul Chiu, Senior Engineer, presented the updated staff report accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation (see official meeting packet for full report). The traffic report states that while a 4-way stop request is not warranted, as the intersection is operating at an acceptable rate of service and has a low accident rate, the intersection sight distance is somewhat limited and the engineer recommended that one additional parking space be removed from the NW corner of College/2nd Streets and the no-parking be extended. It was discussed the recommended sight distance that should be obtained.

Mayor Bob Andrews viewed cars parked in front of The Painted Lady restaurant in the yellow zone two evenings in a row and is not an uncommon occurrence and is an enforcement issue. Captain Chris Bolek stated a few minor accidents have occurred at that intersection. Chair Klein asked if a 4-way stop would open up more parking spaces in taking away more yellow curb. Mr. Chiu reminded the committee 20 feet of no-parking is needed at the crosswalk and based on the finding he cannot recommend the 4-way stop. Chair Klein stated there is already a lack of parking now without removing any more spaces. Mayor Andrews believes there is no shortage of parking spaces available in the merchant's parking lot, only a shortage of on-street parking.

MOTION: Cotter/Eoff to remove one parking space on College Street southbound in front of the business Pulp & Circumstance creating a no-parking zone to increase visibility to the north of the intersection at College/2nd Streets. Motion carried (9 Yes/0 No).

MOTION: Cotter/Eoff to reduce the yellow no-parking zone on the north side of 2nd Street from the crosswalk to 20 feet. Motion carried (9 Yes/0 No).

MOTION: Cotter/Lawson to remove one parking space on the southwest corner of College/2nd Streets on the west side. Motion carried (9 Yes/0 No).

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

TIME – 7:59 PM

Chair Klein gave Commissioner Tony Roos an opportunity to introduce himself. Commissioner Roos has lived in Newberg since 1999 and has served on the Yamhill County Road Improvement Advisory Committee for six years. He is a civil engineer and manages the transportation department for a civil engineering firm in Portland, Oregon.

Ms. Austen Christensen, new student representative, is a high-school senior and is also in the work study program at the police department. She plans on attending Oregon State University and study law.

IX. REPORTS

Captain Chris Bolek reported that since the prescription drug disposal bin was installed in June, 2011, 697 pounds of unwanted/unused drugs has been collected. Three drunk drivers were arrested last weekend after attending the St. Paul Rodeo. The Special Olympics will be held Saturday, July 16, 2011 - Sunday, July 17, 2011, and Safety Town will be held August 12 – 16, 2011.

Mr. Chiu reported on the two city-wide pavement projects and the invitation to bid on the pavement restoration project. Details are posted on city's website. Mr. Jason Wuertz will be stepping in as the Traffic Safety Commission liaison for the next one - two years. Mr. Chiu thanked the commission both past and present for the help they have given him during the past seven years.

Mayor Andrews asked for a report on the Safe Routes to School Action Plan update. Mr. Chiu stated the city executed an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Newberg School District to receive state and federal funding. The city will be receiving approximately \$360,000.00 to provide two sets of school zone flashing lights on Deborah Road. There will also be money for two bike racks and bike shelters on the school ground.

Mayor Andrews spoke of his trip to Washington, D.C. to speak with the legislative delegation regarding funding to optimize phase one of the Newberg-Dundee Bypass.

Commissioner Suzanne Stitch reported she will be meeting with the head of the Impact Teen Driver's Program from California on July 29, 2013, for a brainstorming session. All are welcome to attend at 1:00 p.m. in the Public Safety Building.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

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



Minutes Recorder

Neal Klein
Traffic Safety Commission Chair