

CITY OF NEWBERG TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY OCTOBER 13, 2014 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: 05PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Neal Klein, Chair	Ron Johns, Vice Chair	David Venable
	Kari Lawson	Chris Kelley	
	David Hostetler	Mayor Bob Andrews, Ex-officio	

Members Absent: Tony Roos (excused), Karl Birky

Staff Present:	Brian Casey, Chief of Police	Mary Newell, Support Services Manager
	Jason Wuertz, Civil Engineer	Nicole Tannler, Minutes Recorder
	Jacque Betz, City Manager	

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 from the July 14, 2014 Traffic Safety Commission meeting

MOTION: Hostetler/Lawson to approve consent calendar including the minutes from July, 14, 2014. Motion carried (6 Yes/0 No/ 2 Absent [Roos, Birky])

B. Approval of minutes from the August 11, 2014 Traffic Safety Commission meeting

MOTION: Hostetler/Lawson to approve consent calendar including the minutes from August 11, 2014. Motion carried (6 Yes/0 No/ 2 Absent [Roos, Birky])
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VI. NEW BUSINESS - No Discussion

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. TSC-14-004 \ Stop sign request at 5th Street and S Meridian Street

Mr. Jason Wuertz, civil engineer, presented the staff report with handout (see official meeting packet for full report). He said leaving the obstructions is not a preferred option from engineering standpoint because of expectations which could cause some rear end collisions.

Mr. Ron Johns asked if there is any issues with cutting down the trees. Mr. Jason Wuertz said they are street trees within the city's right of way.

Mr. Jason Wuertz said since the time the study was done previously there have been more accidents. Chair Klein said Meridian Street is a bike path and 5th Street moves along because of the school. I think my preference is the two way stop on Meridian. But I am worried we will have some issues with the residents removing the tree. Mr. Jason Wuertz said there will be additional warnings for the new stop sign for a time period.

MOTION: Hostetler/Lawson to approve Case B1 to remove trees and put a stop control East and West on 5th Street at S Meridian Street. Motion carried (6 Yes/0 No/2 Absent [Roos, Birky])

VIII. STAFF REPORTS – GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Engineering

a. Information Memo: TSC-005 – Remove all 15 MPH signs

Mr. Jason Wuertz said he is doing some research on the complaints of speeding in a 15 mph speed zone. The places that the zones exist are not legal. The City has begun to remove the signs and they are only legally allowed on a narrow street or an alley.

b. Other

Mr. Jason Wuertz said a project of safe routes to school is getting started, which includes school zone signs that will monitor speed limits and bike shelters at Mable Rush. There has been a number of requests for traffic related studies including traffic calming on Wynooski and complaints about visibility at intersections. The Blaine Street speeding issue is still being looked at and speeds were actually lower with the second study. There are two other intersections being considered for stop signs.

B. Police

Chief Casey said the Police Department continues to receive complaints from a resident regarding Blaine Street and other calls for speeding on Morton Street. The City is getting a lot of complaints from Dundee with the ODOT Bypass construction and trucks, so we are anticipating local complaints once Bypass construction begins in Newberg.

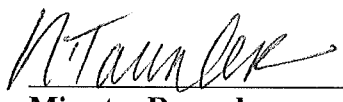
C. Commissioners

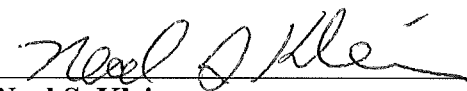
City Manager Jacque Betz stated that the red light running camera on Springbrook will be removed with the Bypass construction. The public works director and I will be meeting with ODOT to go over the Springbrook intersection and I think it would be good for you to be aware of what is happening with that.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Approved by the Newberg Traffic Safety Commission on this 8th day of December, 2014.


Minutes Recorder


Neal S. Klein
Traffic Safety Commission Chair