

CITY OF NEWBERG TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY DECEMBER 8, 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."

Chair Neal Klein called the meeting to order at 7: 05 PM.

Members Present:	Neal Klein, Chair	Karl Birky, Vice Chair	David Venable
	Kari Lawson	Chris Kelley	Tony Roos
	David Hostetler	Ron Johns	
	Mayor Bob Andrews, Ex-officio	Jeff Grider (commissioner elect)	

Member Absent: Megan Siefert, student commissioner

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

Others Present Donald Sasse

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Birky/Roos to approve consent calendar including the minutes from October 13, 2014 as amended. Motion carried (9 Yes/0 No)

NEW BUSINESS - TSC-14-006 / Traffic Calming Request – Knoll Drive

Commissioner Roos abstained from voting due to his participation in the Home Owners Association for this area. Jason Wuertz, civil engineer, presented the staff report (see official meeting packet for full report).

MOTION: Birky/Kelley to accept the engineering departments' recommendations that no permanent calming devices be installed, due to the 85% speeds not excessively exceeding the speed limit and to increase traffic speed enforcement during strategic times to encourage those drivers speeding, to comply with the speed limit. Motion carried (8 Yes/0 No/ 1 Abstain [Roos])

TSC-14-007 / Foothills Dr & Center St No Parking Request – CE Wuertz presented the staff report (see official meeting packet for full report). Chair Klein, Commissioner Kelley, and Commissioner Birky all stated they believed using both alternatives was a reasonable thing to do.

MOTION: Venable/Johns to direct the engineering department to distribute an educational letter informing residents on the current parking laws, and contact information for the police department for enforcement when necessary and paint the curb yellow along the North and South legs of the intersection of Church Street and 2nd Street, indicating no parking within 20 feet of the implied crosswalks of the intersection. Motion carried (8 Yes/0 No/ 1 Abstain [Roos])

TSC 14-008 / Church St and 2nd St No Parking Request – CE Wuertz presented the staff report (see official meeting packet for full report).

Review of 2014 Log of Decisions - Commissioner Birky stated he was thinking about when adding a stop-sign

to Hoskins and Crestview was discussed and remembered wanting to be sensitive to the neighborhood. I think we should try to be consistent on these kinds of things.

OLD BUSINESS TSC-14-004 \ Stop sign request at 5th Street and S Meridian Street

CE Wuertz said he met with the resident living at the NE corner of 5th and Meridian and spoke with them about the decision that was made. He also was seeing what their willingness was to remove their fence. They did not want to remove the fence, but were fine with the tree being removed due to the fact that it was at the near end of its life.

STAFF REPORTS – GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Engineering

Mr. Jason Wuertz reported we are going to host a training session on traffic engineering which will be put on by a professor from the university. This is something that would be very valuable for this commission as well as those in the community that are interested in traffic safety.

B. Police

Chief Casey reported this time of the year is busy for the police department because of more alcohol consumption. The city received a grant for increased DUII patrol. We have had quite a few car prowls and Fred Meyer has had many shop lifting calls to us for significant amounts. We have two of our investigators on the stabbing the occurred in McMinnville. In February we are starting our citizens' police academy and it seems to be a pretty popular event.

C. Commissioners

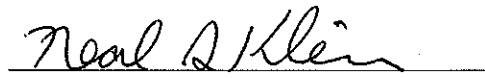
Mayor Andrews extended appreciation to Mr. Grider for joining the commission, and also discussed the new city councilors that will be joining the team next year.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Approved by the Newberg Traffic Safety Commission on this 9th day of February 2015.


Minutes Recorder


Neal S. Klein
Traffic Safety Commission Chair