

CITY OF NEWBERG TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

APRIL 14, 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.”

A work session was held prior to the meeting. A presentation was given by the Mr. Truman Stone, city attorney, regarding Oregon public records and ethics laws and presentation was given by Commissioner Karl Birky concerning traffic engineering principals. No action was taken and no decisions were made.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Neal Klein called the meeting to order at 7:17 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Neal Klein, Chair	Karl Birky, Vice Chair	Dianna Cotter
	David Venable	Tony Roos	Kari Lawson
	Chris Kelly	Ron Johns	David Hostetler
	Mayor Bob Andrews, ex-officio	Austin Christensen, student commissioner	

Staff Present:	Brian Casey, chief of police	Mary Newell, support services manager
	Jason Wuertz, civil engineer	Nicole Tannler, minutes recorder

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. Review and approve minutes of January 13, 2014

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

B. Review and approve minutes of February 10, 2014

MOTION: Lawson/Johns to approve consent calendar including the minutes from January 13, 2014, and February 10, 2014, as amended. Motion carried (9 Yes/0 No)

VI. NEW BUSINESS

No Discussion.

IX. STAFF REPORTS – GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Police Update

Mr. Brian Casey, chief of police, reported this week is national telecommunication week where we recognize our dispatchers who are our lifeline. Newberg is very fortunate to have its own dispatch center which is a huge benefit to Newberg and the police and fire department. We were recently ranked fourth safest city in Oregon of population 10,000 and greater. Last Sunday was the protest at George Fox University and it actually went really well and was a peaceful protesting group. Last Monday an eight year old boy was rushed to the emergency room unconscious and tested positive for marijuana because he had eaten some marijuana banana bread by accident. The city council did vote for the moratorium on the marijuana dispensaries which the police and fire did support. We are in the middle of our budget preparation so we are expecting to see some cuts in public safety.

Open house is May 10, 2014, at 11:00 AM at the Public Safety Building and we will have all of our equipment for the public to see. It is a good time to meet officers, take a tour, and bring the kids. We met with ODOT and the logic behind removing the camera at Springbrook and Highway 99 is that there has been an increase in rear end crashes even though we have seen a reduction in red light violations by 800. ODOT would rather have 1,200 red light violations than the 14 rear end crashes. They want to take the light out sometime around 2016 and the plan is not to put it back.

B. Engineering Update

Mr. Jason Wuertz, civil engineer, reported ODOT has agreed to put a crosswalk at Foothills and College. The City staff is currently looking at various scenarios to street lighting changing to LED. LED will be the future for all street lighting and PGE has a proposal to the city for switching out the lights. Over the next several years you will see these changes. Proposed street capital improvements include, sidewalk, bikeway, and ADA improvements, pavement maintenance program and road improvements on Villa Road down under the railroad tracks. There was a report done on getting a signal in at Everest and Highway 219, so this next year we will look at that study and move forward with that. We are currently receiving proposals for Deborah Road and Hayes Street renovations as well.

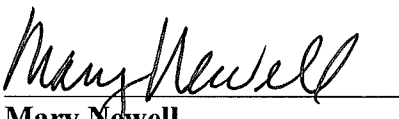
C. Commissioner Updates

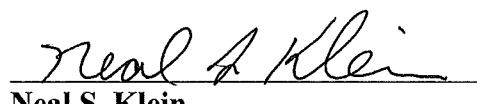
Chair Klein discussed the Christmas party and possibly doing a joint party with the planning commission. Commissioner Tony Roos asked if there were any preliminary results from the Bypass downtown meeting about ideas. Mayor Bob Andrew said it was very successful and many ideas were thrown out. There will be another meeting this Saturday, April 19, 2014, at 11AM-1 PM.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Approved by the Newberg Traffic Safety Commission on this ____ day of July, 2014.


Mary Newell
Minutes Recorder Pro Tem


Neal S. Klein
Traffic Safety Commission Chair