

CITY OF NEWBERG TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES
APRIL 13, 2015, 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 a liaison with the City and promote traffic safety within the community.”

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Karl Birky called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Karl Birky, Vice Chair	Jeff Grider
	Ron Johns	Kari Lawson
	David Hostetler	Chris Kelley
	Tony Roos	Meghan Seifert, Student Rep

Members Absent: Neal Klein (excused); David Venable (excused); and Bob Andrews

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

Others Present:

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Citing ongoing parking issues, Ron Hatfield requested the Traffic Safety Committee paint the 16-foot strip between his and his neighbor's driveway yellow, making it a no parking zone. Noting the site is not large enough to accommodate a full size vehicle, Mr. Hatfield indicated that persons frequently park and encroach into his or his neighbor's driveways. This makes it difficult or impossible to enter or exit their driveways. He calls the police when necessary (TSC-15-0003).

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Review and approve meeting minutes of February 9, 2015.

MOTION: R. Johns/K. Lawson approving the Consent Calendar including the Traffic Safety Commission minutes as amended for February 9, 2015. Motion carried (7 Yes/0 No/2 Absent/0 Abstain/0 Vacant).

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. TSC-15-0002 / 2nd Street (West of Church St) No Parking Request

City Civil Engineer Jason Wertz presented the staff report. (Full report filed with packet.) Wertz noted the space is less than the 20-22 foot size of a parallel parking space. He explained the different options, i.e. paint vs. signage, associated costs and maintenance. Wertz recommended that the yellow curb be installed adjacent to

1318 E Second Street, Newberg.

Vice Chair Birky closed the public hearing.

Discussion followed. R. Johns suggested yellow curbs would be easiest. Chief Casey said it's less of a burden to paint than have the police respond there, and could always add signage later, if necessary. T. Roos, noting oversized driveway, concerned with taking away parking. J. Wertz indicated new duplexes plus coming development will increase parking needs, but reducing by one small space would not have much impact.

MOTION: C. Kelly/R. Johns moved to accept the staff recommendation to direct the Public Works Department install yellow paint along approximately 11 feet of the curb adjacent to 1318 E Second Street, Newberg, eliminating one small parking space. Motion carried (6 Yes/1 No; Roos/2 Absent/0 Abstain/0 Vacant).

B. TSC-15-0003 / Villa Road & Mountainview Drive Intersection Sight Distance.

Jason Wertz presented the staff report. (Full report filed with packet.) Staff recommendation is to enforce the sight vision clearance setback requirements outlined in the Newberg Municipal Code section 15.410.060, to include removal of vegetation only.

Discussion ensued. T. Roos noted the vegetation has a fence behind it. Birky stated the difference between vision site triangles and intersection sight distances. Jason Wertz could not speak to the future alignment of Villa Road and Mountainview, or the ability to purchase an easement to address sight clearance issues.

Responding to Chris Kelly, Mr. Wertz said stop signs could be installed on Mt. View, but he does not recommend stop signs for sight distance correction. Stop signs should not be installed without meeting warrants.

Chief Casey, noting people often pull forward into a crosswalk, did not recommend installing crosswalks because it is a violation that is not routinely enforcement.

Birky said not a lot of accidents, supports improving the vision triangle but did not support removing the fence or acquiring right-of-way to fix the intersection.

MOTION: R. Johns/J. Grider moved to direct Staff to enforce the sight vision clearance setback requirements outlined in the Newberg Municipal Code section 15.410.060, to include removal of vegetation only. Motion carried (5 Yes/1 No; Hostetler/2 Absent/0 Abstain/0 Vacant).

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Consensus that the presentation by Mojie Takallou, Ph.D., P.E., Associate Professor of Civil Engineering, University of Portland, was beneficial; suggested it be offered again, as there was information not covered.

V. STAFF REPORTS – GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. Engineering Update – Jason Wuertz advised:
- Curbs on Fulton Street, adjacent to Friendsview Manor will be painted yellow.
 - Working with owner of Dutch Brothers to improve traffic flow in the area of Deborah & Hwy. 99
 - City is accepting proposals for improvement along Villa Road, from Hayworth north of

Crestview, for construction to start summer 2016.

B. Police Update – Chief Casey advised:

- Department is celebrating National Telecommunicators Week, recognizing 9-1-1 dispatchers
- Department's new drug dog begins training in May
- Arrest made in local arson case;
- Arrest made on residential burglaries involving theft of handguns.
- Non-injury accident involving 10-year old hit in crosswalk, but not fault of driver.

C. Commissioners Updates – Commissioner Lawson said she enjoyed the Citizens' Police Academy, that is was well done and she learned a lot about police operations.

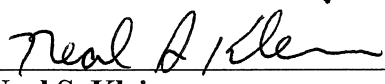
VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Safety Commission, Vice Chair Karl Birky adjourned the meeting at 7:52 PM.

Approved by the Newberg Traffic Safety Commission on this 13th day of July, 2015



Minutes Recorder



Neal S. Klein
Traffic Safety Commission Chair