



**TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, January 10, 2022 7:00 PM
Zoom Meeting**

“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 Roos called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Tony Roos	Mark Carleton	Jeff Grider
	Roger Kuhlman	Bret Adkins	Jesse Cad
	Neal Klein	Greg Stiffler	Lesley Woodruff

Members Absent: Kasper Czuk

Staff Present: Kaaren Hofmann, City Engineer
Brian Hagen, Police Sergeant

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was performed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Each committee member introduced themselves.

V. ELECT CHAIR & VICE CHAIR

MOTION: Woodruff/Kuhlman moved to nominate Tony Roos for Chair for 2022. Motion carried (9 Yes/0 No).

MOTION: Grider/Carleton moved to nominate Leslie Woodruff for Vice Chair for 2022. Motion carried (9 Yes/0 No).

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. 2022 Meeting Dates

Chair Roos said the meetings would remain virtual and quarterly.

B. Traffic Safety Commission Meeting Minutes October 11, 2021

MOTION: Grider/Woodruff moved to approve the 2022 meeting dates and October 11, 2021 minutes. Motion carried (9 Yes/0 No).

VII. STAFF REPORTS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Sergeant Hagen discussed statistics for 2021 traffic citations and arrests.

Chair Roos asked for crash data for 2021 and how many citations were for speeding on local roads. Sergeant Hagen would come back with the data. Most citations were for speeding and distracted driving.

Commissioner Kuhlman asked about the staffing level for traffic citations.

Sergeant Hagen said there were two full time officers dedicated to traffic enforcement. They had started to work in the evening which was helping with catching DUIs. He had not seen any spikes in the crash data.

Commissioner Stiffler asked about winter weather related accidents. Sergeant Hagen would have to research that. There had not been any serious crashes or fatalities.

Chair Roos left the meeting at 7:25 PM.

City Engineer Hofmann reviewed the Active Issues Log. The last several complaints had been about speeding. The data results showed people generally weren't speeding in those locations. Those were Wynooski, The Greens Avenue, and Dayton Avenue. They were still waiting for results on Fernwood. At the last meeting the Commission spoke about abandoned vehicles. They had requested information from the City Attorney about the Traffic Safety Commission's role. One of the tasks of the Commission was to make recommendations to the City Council and they could forward a recommendation to change the code definition for abandoned vehicles. She then gave updates on the sidewalks and safer crossings to Edwards Elementary School grant project, crack and slurry seal projects. ADA ramps, sidewalk improvements, bike lanes, intersection improvements, and street tree trimming.

There was discussion regarding the speed data results.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review TSC Mission

City Engineer Hofmann said the Traffic Safety Commission's mission statement had last been updated in 2011. She asked if the Commission wanted to make changes to it. Any changes would be taken to the City Council for approval.

Vice Chair Woodruff thought they should add that the Commission responded to resident concerns.

City Engineer Hofmann would bring back the revised language.

B. Work Plan Ideas for 2022

Vice Chair Woodruff asked if the Commission had any items to include in the 2022 Work Plan.

Commissioner Kuhlman thought Vision Zero should continue to be worked on. Vice Chair Woodruff suggested researching other cities that had implemented Vision Zero, gathering more information and details about the program, and talking with neighbors about the idea.

There was discussion regarding whether fatalities were a real problem that needed to be addressed or if they should look at solutions for current safety issues in the City such as speeding, distracted driving, and DUIs.

Commissioner Carleton thought they should look at alternate forms of transportation as an item for the work plan.

Commissioner Woodruff suggested looking into the complete street concept and what the City was doing to implement it.

Commissioner Klein thought they should also look at the financial impact for the Vision Zero goal. He thought one of the difficulties with the complete streets was old infrastructure and narrow streets.

There was discussion regarding the cost of speed limit signs in neighborhoods if they were to change the speed to 20 mph, creating an education program, and data the Commission would like to see regarding the safety issues discussed.

There was consensus to focus on the current safety issues, get data from staff regarding these major traffic safety issues, and based on that data, work on an education campaign to the public. They also wanted to look into the complete streets program which included alternate modes of transportation.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Vision Zero Roll Out

This item was discussed above.

B. Worst Intersection List

There was discussion regarding the definition of worst intersections, how the list was created, and the purpose of the list.

City Engineer Hofmann said some of the intersections were on the City's list to be addressed. However, some were ODOT's facilities and the City did not make the decision for those improvements. Another issue was waiting to get traffic counts until traffic went back to normal after Covid. She would update the list with what they were doing or not doing on each of the intersections.

X. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

The Commission thanked staff for their work and research for the next meeting.

Commissioner Grider suggested staff provide new members with a paper map so they could see where these areas were that they were discussing.

The next Traffic Safety Commission meeting would be held on April 11, 2022.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Approved by the Newberg Traffic Safety Commission on this 11 day of April 2022.

Minutes Recorder

Tony Roos
Traffic Safety Commission Chair