

CITY OF NEWBERG TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

MONDAY, January 9, 2023 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	Bret Adkins	Greg Stiffler
	Dan Kizer	Jesse Cadd	Neal Klein
	Michael Rossman	Lesley Woodruff	

Members Absent: Dan Carpenter

Staff Present: Kaaren Hofmann, City Engineer
Sarah Wilson, Assistant City Engineer
Brian Hagen, Police Sergeant
Zen Buganan, Engineering Administrative Assistant

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was performed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Grier discussed the issue of derelict vehicles, especially on the south side of town. The code was not being enforced for these traffic hazards. He also thought traffic cameras should be used for people running red lights at intersections.

Commissioner Rossman said the City Manager was actively pursuing traffic cameras. City Engineer Hofmann explained the City was working with ODOT, who had to approve the cameras.

There was discussion regarding possible code changes for derelict vehicles and whether they were causing issues.

V. INTRODUCTIONS

The Commission and staff introduced themselves.

VI. ELECT CHAIR/VICE CHAIR

The Commission elected Lesley Woodruff as Chair and Dan Kizer as Vice Chair for 2023.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. 2023 Meeting Dates

B. Traffic Safety Commission Meeting Minutes September 12, 2022

City Engineer Hofmann noted the minutes were not in the packet and could be approved at the next meeting.

MOTION: Woodruff/Klein moved to approve the 2023 meeting dates. Motion carried (9 Yes/0 No).

VIII. STAFF REPORTS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Sergeant Hagen gave traffic statistics from 2022 and 2021. They were down one radar trailer.

City Engineer Hofmann reviewed the active issues log and gave project updates.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Complete Streets

City Engineer Hofmann said the Commission had wanted to start a discussion about what Complete Streets in Newberg should look like. They had talked about putting together a subcommittee of the Traffic Safety and Planning Commissions to work on it in preparation for the Transportation System Plan update.

There was discussion regarding what was meant by Complete Streets and the benefits as well as potential objections.

Commissioner Roos said the next step was to schedule a kick off/introductory meeting with the Planning Commission.

B. Bike Lane Update

City Engineer Hofmann explained the process for putting in new bike lanes.

Commissioner Roos thought they should require developers to build and stripe bike lanes instead of a fee in lieu. City Engineer Hofmann said in most cases they were not allowed to do a fee in lieu.

Chair Woodruff said the issue for her was not developers putting in bike lanes, but that cars were parking in the bike lanes. She suggested using sharrows. City Engineer Hofmann said the TSP dictated which streets required bike lanes and which allowed sharrows. All of these ideas could be part of the TSP update.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. In-street Crosswalk Signs

City Engineer Hofmann said these signs had been installed through the Safe Routes to Schools program, but were taken out for construction. Once the construction was done, they would be put back in. The signs would be evaluated over the next couple years to see if they helped.

B. Historical Stamps

Chair Woodruff discussed the need for coordination between preserving historical sidewalks and replacing curbs for ADA.

City Engineer Hofmann said there was no coordination right now.

There was discussion regarding reaching out to the Historic Commission and restamping the curbs.

C. Abandoned Vehicles

There was discussion regarding changing the rules for better enforcement, what other cities did, whether cars were licensed or not, street sweeper and abandoned vehicles, purview of the Commission, process to make a recommendation to Council, need for a summary of the current code and to clarify the goals they wanted to achieve, and getting a recommendation from the Police Department.

Staff would bring back the information requested.

XI. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Cadd asked about an article he sent to staff. City Engineer Hofmann clarified as of January, the authority for setting speed limits could be delegated to the City instead of the state. Traffic investigations would still need to be done, and currently staff does not have the resources to take that on.

Commissioner Cadd asked about the process to slow down traffic on 99W. City Engineer Hofmann said it would be done through the state. She thought the chances of reducing the speed on 99W were slim.

MOTION: Klein/Roos moved to direct staff to add reducing neighborhood street speeds to 20 mph on a future agenda. Motion passed (8 Yes/1 No [Rossman]).

Commissioner Rossman wanted to know more about bringing County roads up to standards with development. City Engineer Hofmann explained the process.

Chair Woodruff noted there was still an open student Commissioner position.

There was discussion regarding the worst intersection list and Bypass construction.

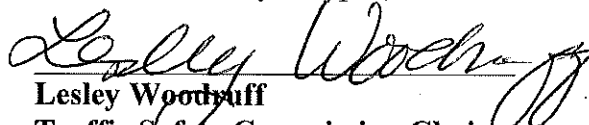
The next Traffic Safety Commission meeting would be held on April 10, 2023.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM.

Approved by the Newberg Traffic Safety Commission on this 10th day of April, 2023.

Minutes Recorder


Lesley Woodruff
Traffic Safety Commission Chair