

INDEPENDENCE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING ON APRIL 14, 2004

Commission members present:

Terry Allen(for Kai Cottam)
Chief Wells
Absent: Mike Danko Tim Hinds
Michael Iwai Lonnie Sanner
Visitors: Elinor Titus, of Corvallis Road
Samantha Dulude , of Briar Wa
Laura Seafeldt, of Briar Way
Lynne Muthrie, of ACTS/Oregon

Note taker: Carl Nightengale

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Approved

VISITOR BUSINESS:

1. Elinor Titus told of speeding on Corvallis Road. One of the problems is lack of a speed-limit sign westbound between the bridge and the 55mph sign further out. Ms. Titus recommends a sign be placed across from the incoming 45mph sign. Ms. Seafeldt recommended a 35mph limit replacing the current 45mph. The Commission agrees with these requests, and will draft a letter to Polk County asking for these changes.
2. Laura Seafeldt asks for a street light on River Oak and Independence Way. The Commission will observe this intersection when dark and decide if the light is required.
3. Samantha Dulude and Laura Seafeldt requests a stop sign going west on Independence Way and Briar Way, noting there are at least twelve children in the immediate area. Commission recommends the stop sign.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. No problems adding a right-turn-only sign on Hoffman at Stryker. Sign needs to be procured and placed. Action: city shops.
2. Adding an additional member to the Traffic Safety Commission was approved by City Council. The Commission will ask for recommendations. Carl will approach the school district to see if they have a candidate for this position.
3. The speeding on G Street near the RR tracks has been reduced by police enforcement and deployment of the speed trailer and decoy car. The area still needs enforcement.

4. Parking problem on 16th remains a problem. IPD's Sgt. Roy is putting working on a plan, but it is very difficult area to enforce.

Lynne Muthrie will send info about a national plan [CHIEF – YOU HAD SOME NOTES HERE??]

5. Traffic hazard on 5th and E. City Shops and Planner are against painting curbs.

The Commission recommends a stripe at the 15' mark as a parking boundary, and if OK'd, Carl will notify the affected homes

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Corvallis Road speeding. See visitor business+s 1.

2. Stop sign on Briar Way. See visitor business 2.

3. U turn at Main and C streets. Commission request the City Shops come back with an estimate to replace the 'No-U-Turn' signs. Carl will contact Dr. Bob Archer, whose business in near that intersection, to see if the U turns are frequent, and/or a problem.

4. Recommendation for 4-way stops at 5th and G. We will continue discussion at the next meeting. Carl will map the surrounding streets for reference at that time.

5. Supreme Court and photo radar use.

It's in the record now.

6. Recommendation for Gun Club Road designated as school zone. Carl will research what constitutes a school zone. Ms Muthrie thinks a school zone has to be adjacent to a school building, not property.

7. Cars cutting the corner of Stryker coming from Hoffman.

Committee recommends reflective dots to follow the curve. City Shops will check feasibility.

8. Michael Iwai has missed three meetings in a row, and the city charter states a person has to be replaced if this happens. Mr. Iwai's duties as a State Policeman conflict with meeting dates. We appreciate what Michael has done for the Committee, and the City of Independence.

Recommendations for a replacement person are welcome.

NEXT MEETING: