

# INDEPENDENCE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

## MINUTES OF MEETING ON June 16, 2004

Commission members present:

Terry Allen    Tim Hinds    Kai Cottam  
Beau Horn    Issiah Ursprung    Pete Roy (for Chief Wells)

Absent:

Lonnie Sanner

Visitors: None

Note taker: Carl Nightengale

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Unanimous approval

### VISITOR BUSINESS:

None

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. New Traffic Safety Commission member approved by city council. Complete.
2. Right turn on Hoffman to Stryker – tabled. More info needed. Carl action.
3. Traffic hazard on 4<sup>th</sup> and E (note: agenda stated 5<sup>th</sup> and E). The street is narrow, and hard to see the cross street, especially with vehicles parked close to the stop sign.

Painting stripes is yearly maintenance, shops are under strict budget, and the City Planner is against them. Shops recommend signs rather than paint. Kai will contact the house owner where the main problem is and see if this will correct the problem.

4. Corvallis Road speed limit. The Polk County Works engineer toured the area on 6/15 with Carl. He agreed with a reducing the speed limit, and recommends a limit of 35 mph from the bridge to the existing 55 mph sign and vice versa. Commission agrees, and will present this to the City Manager.

5. Stop sign on Independence Way and Briar is completed.
6. U-turn signs on Main and C Street. Not needed and no further action.
7. 4-way stop at 5<sup>th</sup> and G. Not needed and no further action.

8. Designated school zone. Some discussion about how the pending 24/7 20 mph school speed limits would affect this. Tabled for further study about what makes a designated school zone – Carl.

9. Duplicated number 2.

10. The left turn from Polk onto Stryker gets ‘cut’ by many drivers. Vehicles are coming very close to drivers waiting at the Stryker stop sign. See #2 in new business.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Welcomed Beau Horn, Talmadge Middle School principal, and Isaiah Ursprung, City of Independence Planning to the Traffic Safety Commission.

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a. Marquis Spa crosswalk violations. The Commission approved of the road bumps and sign painted on the road in advance of the actual crosswalk on each side of the road. A suggestion was made the instead of road bumps we use the same warning ‘lines’ similar to the fog lines on Rte 22. Carl will see if they’re available from A1 Striping.

The estimate for the bumps and sign painting is \$296.

b. It was recommended that the turning lane from Polk to Stryker be defined by a row of road bumps and solid-line paint in the middle of the road turn.

The estimate for this job is \$100.

The next step is to find funding. Marquis Spa may help with the crosswalk. Their safety person is contacting the head office to see if they have funds available for this.

Carl is also looking for a grant to cover this work.

3. A letter to the Mid-Willamette Commission on Transportation regarding Hwy 22 and Hwy 51 intersection – completed.

4. There are already 3/15 minute parking limit signs on that area of C street. This is not a Traffic Safety Commission problem; probably an issue for the Independence Downtown Association..

5. Gun Club Road Apartments had a change to multiple housing with no new sidewalks or streetlights to be installed. The lights and sidewalk were planned with the original job. Isaiah action.

6. 4<sup>th</sup> and C Street intersection by IES. 4<sup>th</sup> Street has the stop signs, and it’s hard intersection to see cars coming on C because of the heavy traffic and parking at drop-off and pick-up times. A 4-way stop was proposed. Also Beau will check with IES staff to look for solutions.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

**August 18, 2004**

**City Hall Conference Room**