

INDEPENDENCE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING ON October 13, 2004

Commission members present:

Terry Allen	Lonnie Sanner
Kai Cottam	Isaiah Ursprung
Tim Honda	Vern Wells

Absent: Beau Horn

Visitors: No visitors.

Note taker: Carl Nightengale

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

approved

VISITOR BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Traffic Hazard on 4th/G is on the curb painting list.
2. Crosswalk painting/bumps on Polk by Marquis Spa complete.
3. 4th/C streets intersection is hard to see oncoming vehicles. Mr. Horn to contact IES principal for input.
4. Right turn only from Hoffman to Stryker. Sign is here and waiting installation.
5. Street lighting requested in the area of 13th and F Streets. The consensus of the Traffic Safety Committee agrees that a light needed
Carl will work with Sgt. Igou to get street light installed.
6. New school zone speed limit signs are installed. We need signs to indicate the end of 20mph-at-all-times zones. Kai will advise.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Skateboarders skating on the new brickwork in Riverview Park. How do we sign the area? The city would need 8 signs (8 streets) at \$250 per sign to buy and install.

Additionally, more signs would be obtrusive.

Instead of signs, we will ask IDA to ask skateboarders to stop. Isaiah will make the request at the next IDA meeting.

We will add a note to the next city newsletter, asking parents to notify their children of the downtown skateboarding ban. Carl action.

2. Stop signs on Mt. Fir Ave and 6th/7th streets will be reversed. Mt. Fir is to be an arterial road. Kai will advise.

3. New Hedges along Stryker make it hard to see oncoming traffic from the north.

The Traffic Safety Commission view these hedges as a hazard, and recommend the city remove them. Motion by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mr. Sanner.

4. Potential foot traffic problems crossing the RR tracks with the new mall on Monmouth and 2nd. The committee agrees there may be a problem when the project is completed. We discussed the value of a mid street crosswalk, with a 'bubble', and the value of curbing along the tracks. Tabled until the mall project is further along.

5. More speeding complaints on south 7th.

The speed trailer and decoy car have been deployed. We can't utilize the traffic counter because it isn't working.

The committee will review again at the next meeting to see if there has been an improvement.

6. More speeding complaints on Corvallis Road by Independence Way.

The county is still pending review to reduce the speed limit to 35 mph.

Carl is in contact with the county engineer at least once a month..

7. Resident complaint of 20 cars a day speeding in the alley between Grand and Williams.

Carl spent time observing this alley, approximately an hour each in the morning and afternoon. Didn't see any traffic (all cars used Log Cabin) and notes there are only 5 houses in the area that would use this unpaved alley.

Carl will try contacting the resident again (she doesn't answer the door) to determine the times of day when speeders come through.

Alley speed limit is 15 mph.

NEXT MEETING:

FEBRUARY 16th, 2005