

INDEPENDENCE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING ON February 16, 2005

Commission members present:

Terry Allen	Lonnie Sanner
Kai Cottam	Isaiah Ursprung
Tim Hinds	Vern Wells
Beau Horn	

Absent: none

Visitors: Emma Tilby

Note taker: Carl Nightengale

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Approved - unanimous

VISITOR BUSINESS:

Ms. Tilby stated her concern of bicycle safety on 16th Street. She was northbound, entering the Talmadge west-side parking lot when a bicycle rider ran into the side of her car. The bicycle rider was in the wrong bike lane, headed to Ash Creek School. Ms. Tilby was unable to see the bike rider as she was making her turn. The rider was unhurt, but Ms. Tilby was (and is) extremely concerned. She has also seen some close calls in the same area. Mr. Horn stated that many kids ride in the wrong lane, most headed toward Ash Creek School.

Ms. Tilby recommended bike safety presentations at the start of the school year, and she would be happy to volunteer her help.

Terry recommended a walk-through or video show, and perhaps older kids could direct younger children when the school year starts. Mr. Horn recommends 8th graders be the mentors.

Mr. Cottam suggested exaggerated arrows in 4 strategic bike lane locations. Initially expensive, but would last many years.

This area is a danger zone to kids from Monmouth Street to the crosswalk.

Carl will obtain bicycle and school zone pedestrian information from ACTS, and will prepare some ideas gathered from other areas to present to the next TSC meeting.

Officer Hinds will meet with Monmouth Police to see what they can do from the Ash Creek end.

The Traffic Safety Committee thanks Ms. Tilby for her concerns and improvement suggestions, and will follow up with her.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 4th/C St. Intersection is hard to see oncoming cars.
Mr. Horn said IES will remove the two end parking spaces.
2. Right turn sign only on Hoffman to Stryker. Complete.
3. Street light on 13th/F.
Carl sent another FAX to Pacific Power.
4. Signs to indicate end of 20 mph school zones.
On hold pending state legislative review of the current law.
5. Skateboarding in Riverview Park. IDA action. TSC complete.
6. Stop signs Mt. Fir & 6th/7th reverse signs. Complete.
7. Hedge obstruction on Stryker. TSC complete.
8. Speeding on 7th. See new business
9. Speed reduction on Corvallis Road, and speed zone from the bridge and F St.
Carl working with County and State.
10. Grand & Williams alley speeding. Complete.
11. Curb painting. Complete.
12. F Street enforcement effort. Complete.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resident request for additional stop signs on 7th because of speeders.
Chief Wells will call for additional enforcement.
2. Resident request for crosswalk on Hoffman and Stryker.
Carl will talk to the resident to get additional information.
3. Resident complaining of cars turning too fast and hitting curbs on 10th, Gen club, and Picture streets.
Concerns discussed and matter tabled.
4. Resident complaint of speeding on Ash Street. The speed trailer and decoy car have been deployed many times, but it's an ongoing problem. Although stop signs shouldn't be used a traffic enforcement tools, maybe this is the exception.
Mr. Allen thinks most of the speeders are heading south.
Carl will check from both ends with radar, and when the road warms up, will set the traffic counter out. Carl will check for speed signs North and South.
5. Citizen complaint. The Hoffman at March St. one-way sign is obscured.
Kai and Carl will look at alternatives; maybe a sign on the back of the existing stop sign. Also, the intersection needs a stop bar.
6. New traffic counter is here, and the radar gun purchase is in process.

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