

INDEPENDENCE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING ON April 19, 2006

Commission members present

Shawn Irvine
Lonnie Sanner
Vern Wells
Carl Nightengale

Absent:

Terry Allen
Kie Cottam
Tim Hinds
Beau Horn

Visitors:

Julie Bonnett

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

No quorum - will vote on June 28, 2006 meeting

VISITOR BUSINESS:

Ms. Bonnett brought to our attention some traffic issues around the Henry Hill Elementary School. A raised crosswalk on 5th St. from the school to across from the school where the parking lot is was suggested. This area is especially bad on weekends and summertime because of the swim center. Vehicles tend to ignore pedestrians trying to cross the street. The raised crosswalk is probably very expensive. An alternative may be grooves in the pavement in places noted on the attached map.

Another problem is the lack of sidewalks in front of the Headstart building and the new house next to it on I Street. If sidewalks were available, children wouldn't have to cross the street to avoid the flooding and mess when it rains.

Carl will take photos of the area, and get an overhead map for the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. ODOT traffic control training for CERT members. Kie reported quotes of \$820 per-person, from two companies. This is far too expensive.

Training is Tabled for now.

2. Problems with traffic flow and parking in the IES area. Redesign of 4th and/or C Streets would help, but would be far too expensive. This issue being referred to is short in duration and the alternative (double parking, parking in bus lane, etc.) is just as bad or worse.

Issue Tabled for now due to high cost for reasonable fixes.

3. Resident complaint of speeding vehicles on Polk St. near Main St.
Speed trailer was deployed. No further action.
4. Corvallis road speed reduction. Carl is working with Polk County Engineering, and starting the whole process over (again.)
5. Speeding issues on 7th Street. The City Manager has approved the TS Committee's suggestion of 4-way stops on Chestnut and Cedar Streets.

City Shops has been given a work order. Issue pending installation of signs.

6. Vehicles blocking sidewalks. An officer has placed warning notices on many vehicles, and if the same vehicles continue, the officer will cite them.

Continuing enforcement effort. No further TSC action needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resident request for stop signs on 7th and G , and 5th and G Streets.

Carl will take photos and observe the intersections. To report at the next TSC meeting.

2. Resident request for no-parking signs on the west side of 11th Street, near Monmouth St. Only one car at a time can get through if vehicles are parked on both sides of the street.

Carl will measure the street width (27'), and will photograph and observe the area when cars are parked on both sides.

3. Resident request for a safer intersection and crosswalk on 4th and A near the turn to Ash Street.

Carl will take photos, get an overhead map, and report at next meeting.

4. Citizen request for direction signs to Salem to be placed on both sides of the bridge on Main St.

Carl will find out who has responsibility (City, County, State) for signs placement here, and will report at the next TSC meeting.

5. Resident in 6400 block of Corvallis Road complaint to speeding. Carl will contact him and either add his name to the list of complainants or have him call ODOT.

6. Resident at 8740 made his driveway turn-out available for patrol cars.

Message passed on to patrol officers. No further action needed.

7. Resident request for decoy car or speed trailer on Main Street near Main Street Antiques.

Carl got the OK from IDA (takes up a parking space in heavy traffic area) to do this, and will deploy the decoy car by April 27th.

NEXT MEETING - JUNE 28, 2006 6:00 pm.