



TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING ON November 15, 2006

Commission members & staff present:

Tim Hinds Lonnie Sanner Shawn Irvine Chief Wells
Tim Brass, for SR2S Carl Nightengale

Absent: Terry Allen Kie Cottam Beau Horn

Visitors:

Irene and Tim Callison
Scott Green

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Approved as written.

VISITOR BUSINESS:

1. Irene and Tim Callison, N. Main St., request a speed reduction on N. Main, Route 51, from Mootharts Market to Polk St. to match the speed limit on S. Main to the bridge. They also noted the lack of crosswalks from A St to Polk St.

The TSC agrees to request a speed reduction request from ODOT. Carl action.

The Commission also thinks a crosswalk, by Grand St., is a good idea, and Carl will check with Public Works and/or ODOT to determine what's necessary to get it done. A benefit of a crosswalk here is the soccer fields are to be built on the east side of the highway across from Grand.

This is a state highway, so approval process through ODOT may be a long process.

Note: The Callison's wrote a nice letter to mayor McArdle thanking the TSC for the efforts

2. Scott Green, of Mooney St., stated speeding concerns on Mooney, especially elevated because of the Rte 51 construction work. It's dangerous walking across the street to mailboxes, it's a narrow street not to standard code, and the house on the corner blocks views of oncoming traffic.

Mr. Green would like to close off Mooney Street by Airport Way, using posts and chain, and has collected several neighbor's signatures agreeing to this proposal.

Alternatives presented are speed bump(s), right-turn-only sign from Mooney on Airport way, and local-traffic-only signs.

The TSC has several questions to consider before putting up a barrier:

- Costs
- Would airport residents want to again remove the barrier in the future

- Fire Department problems
- Can a city street be blocked (is the street up to city standards?)

Action items: Shawn to check minimum street standards.

Carl and Kie check costs of barrier posts and chain, and speed bump.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Hoffman Road crosswalk at Gun Club has visibility problems, especially seeing to and turning from the east.

Chief Wells is submitting a letter to the Polk County Commissioners (attached), because Hoffman Road is the County's responsibility, and would have the bulk of work fixing this intersection., filling and moving the culvert, and move the sidewalk. The City Planning Director is agreeable to improvements on the Gun Club Street section.

2. The lack of sidewalk on Ash Street has been solved thanks to Boise Cascade, Marr Brothers, and the City Shops. Well done. Complete.

3. Corvallis Road speed reduction has been approved by ODOT, and are waiting (their) installation of new signs. Complete.

4. Larger truck traffic problem at the intersections near the Mt. Fir lumber mill. There are no clear directions for the trucks when entering or leaving the mill, and the back gate, which would allow a through-traffic pattern, is locked. Chief Wells will contact the mill for help alleviating this problem, including unlocking the gate, and/or large directional arrows.

5. Complaint of failure to obey one-way signs from 8th St. to Monmouth with large one-way arrows and signs. Complete.

6. Complaints of speeding on Hoffman near Stryker because of the re-routed Rte. 51 traffic. See Visitor Business #2. No further action.

7. Safe Routes to School update, with the introduction of intern Tim Brass, who will be the main contact. Tim has been in touch with schools and organizations.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Irv Allen requested a painting a double-yellow line on the 90 deg. turn on River Oak Road, because people constantly cut across the opposite lane.

Tabled. Will discuss with City Shops at next meeting.

2. Complaints (anonymous) of speeding on N. Main St.

Also see visitor business #1..

3. Good Neighbor awards presented by the mayor to Boise Cascade and Marr Brothers for their efforts on the Ash Street chip-walk. Mayor McArdle also gave the City Shops a big thank-you, noting especially Cliff Nash's part in the project. IES also gave those mentioned a thank-you in their newsletter, Pioneer Press, distributed to 360 residents. Good job, Complete.

4. Resident complaints of vehicles failing to stop for pedestrians on Gun Club Rd. at the crosswalk by the bus exit. Will request additional enforcement by IPD.

5. Other Gun Club resident complaints.

a. Kids walking on the barriers on the bridge. Eventually this bridge needs to be raised to prevent the frequent flooding problem. For now, we need to find some type of cap for the barrier tops, maybe triangle shaped.

Kie action

b. Signs on Gun Club are too close to the flood area, forcing residents who get that far to turn around and find an alternative route. Carl will check to see if signs are in the right place.

6. Railroad tracks meetings are underway. A meeting was held on November 15, 2006, between the City, ODOT, and railroad people, discussing the track area problems on 2nd St. Repair is badly needed to the areas around tracks, as they are a hazard to pedestrians and vehicles. Further meetings are scheduled.

7. On December 6, 2006, an open house will be held regarding the Transportation System Plan, which establishes a city's goals in developing its transportation system for both the short and long term. The Plan identifies both existing and future needs, and includes improvements to meet those needs. The document is intended to serve as a blueprint or master plan to guide transportation decisions as development occurs in a City. Time TBA. Carl will attend, representing the TSC. Any problems or suggestions I should bring up at this meeting, please call me (838-1214) and leave message, or
email: cnightengale@ci.independence.or.us.

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NEXT MEETING: February 21, 2007