



**TRAFFIC SAFETY**

**COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF MEETING ON August 15, 2007**

Commission members & staff present:

Kie Cottam  
Tim Brass  
Shawn Irvine  
Carl Nightengale  
Lonnie Sanner  
Vern Wells

Absent:

Terry Allen    Tim Hinds    Beau Horn

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**

Approved

**VISITOR BUSINESS:**

Mike Lodge representing the Masonic Lodge – see new biz #7.

Kate Murphy, the Community Traffic Safety Program coordinator for ACTS-Oregon.

Kate mentioned three upcoming traffic safety related conferences.

1. Governor's Highway Safety Alliance Conference. There are limited scholarships available.
2. ACTS annual conference is October 15 and 16 in Bend.
3. The Lifesaver's National Conference on Highway Traffic Priorities 2008 conference session is coming to Portland in the spring. There are sessions for law, media, and more.

Information available at [www.lifesaversconference.org](http://www.lifesaversconference.org)

With a recent survey, Kate asked if we have a youth liaison on the TSC.

We don't, and it's a good idea. See #10, New Biz.

The TSC does work with high school students and their teacher with their senior project, a PSA traffic safety movie. Their video last year was shown extensively, and we hope to continue with this project.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Speed reduction request for North Main/Ret 51 to ODOT, and awaiting their action.
2. Intersection visibility problems at G and 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Photos are with city shops. City code may limit their ability to take action. Kie will advise.
3. Intersection visibility problems on four streets intersecting Stryker. Photos are with City Shops. City code may limit the shops ability to take action. Kie will advise.
4. Suggestions for the ACTS 2008 were requested. Grant deadline is September 7<sup>th</sup>.  
See VII, #1.
5. City Council approved NO PARKING signs on Monmouth Street from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Shawn will get Kie a work order for this task.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Resident complaint of 8<sup>th</sup> Street traffic traveling the wrong way. IPD will continue additional enforcement.  
No further action.
2. Large trucks are continuing to use Stryker Street from N. Main/Rte 51 after the North Main St. improvements are complete, because signs directing trucks to turn on Stryker are still up on Rte. 51. The subcontractor, Morse Brothers, needs to remove these signs.  
There also have been two trucks tipping over at the Rte. 51/Stryker intersection. The intersection may need to be widened.  
Kie will check this.
3. The sidewalk in front of 150 C Street has a large ramp, which bicycles are using to jump, sometimes causing them to crash into the Running With Scissors store front window.  
This is in the Local Improvement District, and there will eventually be all new sidewalks (and light poles, signs. The signs are at city shops, but what needs to be determined is where to place them. This is in the Historic District, so that committee has to be involved.  
Further discussion at next meeting.
4. Large trucks are using Gun Club Road. It needs to be determined whether to continue with the “no trucks” ordinance on GC. If Gun club isn’t available for trucks, they have to use 16<sup>th</sup> or Main Streets to get to Central Plaza. There are no “No Trucks” signs at the Plaza.  
The street is eventually going to be wider, and will be an arterial route.  
The bridge on GC is safe for trucks.  
Further discussion at the next TSC meeting.

- 5.** Resident complaint of speeding on Hemlock Loop. Resident hasn't returned calls. No further action.
- 6.** Residents complain of vehicles passing on the Talmadge Road section the runs by the phone company building. A short distance further south by the S curve is Polk County, and their section is double-striped. Striping will be done.
- 7.** A vehicle crashed at Main and Monmouth, through the Dusty Spur's window. Some type of barrier(s) needed here, especially because the restaurant seats people on the sidewalk on Main Street.  
Some type of barriers/bollards are needed here. Mike Lodge presented good information about bollards, and photos of the previous crash here. Bollards/barriers need to be removable for deliveries, and for farm vehicles (state regulations.). Bollards start at \$800 each, and they need six of them, 4 feet apart.  
City Planning needs to explore what needs to be done here and Mr. Lodge will continue to work on the problem.
- 8.** Visibility problem at the intersection of Polk St. and Main. Vehicles wanting to turn from Polk have views blocked by the Lee Garden bushes, and vehicles parked in front of Lee Garden. In the other direction, the market cigarette sign isn't mounted high enough.  
Yellow striping on the curb in front of Lee Garden is needed – Kie will advise.  
For the cigarette sign, the Community Resource Officer needs to have the market raise the sign to the legal level.
- 9.** Vehicles parking in front of the gas station on Monmouth St. and 2<sup>nd</sup> during the day on Monday through Friday. They block visibility of oncoming traffic from the east. Two of these vehicles belong to the service station.  
Because we can't reduce the number of parking slots, maybe the parking spaces can be reduced to compact-car parking only. Shawn will advise.
- 10.** Because committee members at times have other commitments that conflict with the TSC meeting, we are sometimes not able to have enough voting members available for these meetings.  
Chief and Carl will prepare a request for City Council to consider adding more members to the charter. This would include adding a high school student as a voting member.
- 11.** Worth noting, the school district is adding a crossing guard on Monmouth Street during lunch hour at the high school.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION**

**1. Safe Routes to School – Tim Brass update.**

Unfortunately, Tims' time with Independence is over on August 17. He did a great job for the city, especially the SR2S program, which is a TSC sub-committee. Two SR2S grants have applied for by Tim.

With our 2008 ACTS grant application, we will request funds for a part-time person to keep the SR2S program going with the same commitment level

**2. The Independence Transportation Plan will be discussed at the next meeting.**

**3 – 6. These were handouts.**

Complete.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**October 17**

**ADJOURN:**