



TRAFFIC SAFETY

COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING ON MARCH 19, 2008

Commission members & staff present:

Terry Allen	Carl Nightengale
Kie Cottam	Lonnie Sanner
Beau Horn	Vern Wells
Shawn Irvine	

Absent:

Tim Hinds

Visitors:

Donna Hammersmith, B Street
Kate Murphy, ACTS
Val Cooper

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Approved

VISITOR BUSINESS:

Ms. Murphy was here to observe the meeting, and present ACTS funds which may be available to us.

Ms. Hammersmith reported problems entering 4th Street from B Street, heading east, especially during IES drop-off and pick-up times, and requested 4-way stop signs here. Visibility is particularly bad looking south, as there are large vehicles parking on the two end spaces.

. Action: Kie and Carl will go to the site to observe and photograph.

Mr. Cooper wanted to talk about traffic problems on Monmouth St. at the CHS crosswalk. Mr. Cooper wasn't able to attend, but the Commission did discuss, and noted that the crosswalk guard has greatly helped the traffic flow.

Action: Carl will call to see if Mr. Cooper wants to further discuss this issue.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1.** Four-way stop signs at G & 7th Streets are installed.
Complete.
- 2.** No-parking signs on Monmouth Street between 3rd and 8th are installed. There are other confusing signs that ODOT mandated. Curbs to be painted when weather permits.
Public Works is awaiting good weather to paint curbs.
- 3.** Waiting yellow curbing in front of Lee Gardens to prevent parked vehicles on Main Street from obstructing the southbound traffic lane and the view of Main Street by vehicles attempting to turn from Polk Street. This is a result of the addition of a left turn lane at this location.
Public Works is awaiting good weather to paint curbs.
- 4.** Direction signs to Salem installed on Main Street.
Complete.
- 5.** The crosswalk in front of Colonia Amistad is in mid-block and will be more difficult for drivers to observe. Warning signs have been erected near the crosswalk. Vehicles from C-A are still parking in the turn-out, blocking sight to oncoming traffic.
Carl will initiate a work order to stripe the crosswalk, and will see if 3M Corporation will donate reflective striping tape.
The Committee will determine if a flashing crosswalk light is required, cost being the issue.
- 6.** Resident complaint of lack of speed limit signs on Hwy51/N. Main Street.
There are enough signs, but some are blocked by small trees. Waiting contractor to trim branches or move the signs.
Trimming done – complete.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.** Resident complaints of children crowding too close to the curb at the bus pickup on Gen Club. The worry is a child being pushed out into traffic.
Carl will find out where this pickup point is, and see if this as a potential hazard.
- 2.** In place of the denied grant funding for a SR2S Coordinator, ACTS may provide us with \$1,100. We need to come up with traffic safety ideas for funding. Kate Murphy helped with traffic safety ideas for the funds.
Some suggestions:
 - new batteries for the speed trailer
 - crosswalk flashing lights
 - bicycle safety fairs, helmets
 - radio talk program

Carl and Chief Wells will review suggestions, and then contact Ms. Murphy for funds suitability.

3. The City Ordinance pertaining to the Traffic Safety Commission has been revised.

The Committee decided that adding a student member would benefit us.

Carl will contact Jeff Witt at Central to see if he can suggest a suitable candidate, If the candidate is found, Carl will initiate a letter to the City Manager requesting addition to the TS Committee.

4. Chief Wells presented a letter to Suzanne Dufner, Land Use Planner of the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments. The letter stated concern for traffic flow and emergency services for urban growth on the South side of Independence.

Committee approved the letter as written.
Letters attached.

VII. SAFE ROUTES to SCHOOLS:

The ACTS 2008 grant request for a SR2S coordinator funding has been rejected because this grant and the SR2S ODOT grant funds come from the same pool.

There will be no funding a SR2S coordinator this year.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION:

Carl is looking for students to perform an ACTS grant-funded project. He contacted the project coordinators at Central and Talmadge, but to date, no interest.

See New Business #3.

Since the meeting, Ms. Pflug of CHS requested bicycle helmets for a student project bicycle safety program. Helmets were provided.

In addition, two students are coordinating bicycle safety fairs, and if further grant funds are available, we may provide helmets and officers to help.

See new biz # 2.

IX. NEXT MEETING: MAY 21

IX ADJOURN: 19:40