



TRAFFIC SAFETY

COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING ON May 21, 2008

Commission members & staff present:

Kie Cottam Tim Hinds
Beau Horn Shawn Irvine
Carl Nightengale Lonnie Sanner
Vern Wells

Absent:

Terry Allen

Visitors:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

March 19, Approved as written

VISITOR BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Visitor Business: 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 with blacked-out rear windows parking on the two end spaces.

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

The Committee agreed that no changes are necessary because of the low volume of traffic from B Street.

Complete.

2. Visitor Business: 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.

Mr. Cooper said no further comments, and he thanked the TSC for their effort.

Complete.

3. 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.

Painted - Complete.

4. 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.

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

is the issue.

Flashing lighted installed.

Kie and Carl will work out crosswalk striping.

6. 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.

Now further complaints – no further action.

7. 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 and/or striping
- bicycle safety fairs, helmets
- helmets for schools
- radio talk program
- National Night Out bicycle fair

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

Requested funds for Reserve Officer help with the National Night Out bicycle safety fair, and for helmets for this and other safety fairs.

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

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

Carl contacted 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.

City Council approved the student addition. `1

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resident request: S. Main near D has a jog in the street, and they request reflectors on the center-line to highlight the perceived problem.

Kie will have reflective dots installed.

2. City Council meeting at Central High School – student comments on how to improve our community

No further action.

3. Greystone Apt. resident says signs and landscaping block view of traffic from the south.

She's right. The built-up landscaping mound obstructs.

Carl will request ODOT handle this Rte. 51 problem.

4. Report of students driving across Pfaff Park to the basketball courts.

Carl notified Public Works. Jill notified PD.

Public Works to install bumpers.

5. Complaint about the newly constructed fence at the south-side house next to the bridge, obstructing traffic view from the south.

The view is somewhat obstructed, but it's the utility pole. Not the fence.

The fence meets city code.

No further action.

6. People park in disabled parking slots at HHES to pick up children.
This also emailed by Jill to PD.
IPD to perform extra enforcement.

SAFE ROUTES to SCHOOLS:

Shawn report:

Reserve officer Jesse Poole has organized bicycle safety fairs, is working with schools for 'walk and bike to school,' and will help coordinate SR2S in 2009.

On June 20th, in Portland, there is free 'walk and bike to school' training.

We have SR2S money to bring in Bicycle Transportation Alliance people to train bicycle safety trainers. This is a one day/6 hour session. BTA will then come back in the fall to help the local trainers implement lessons and plans.

Polk County has a large, 8 or 9' X 12' traffic safety mural that we can have.

Where to hang it is the question.

Some suggestions:

Quick Stop

movie theater

pool building

Riverview Park, back wall of the restroom

CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION:

City/County Safety Initiatives, from the 3M Corporation web site.

ADJOURN:



**NEXT MEETING:
July 16, 2008**