



**TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION**  
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**MINUTES OF MEETING ON May 18, 2011**

Commission members & staff present:

Terry Allen	Carl Nightengale
Matt Carpenter	Lonnie Sanner
Tom Takacs	Vern Wells

Absent: Chris Hinds, Beau Horn, Shawn Irvine

Visitors: Jessica Wright and Miky Roberts, of Morning Glory Street.  
Bruce Marshall, of 17<sup>th</sup> Street.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

**IV. VISITOR BUSINESS:**

- 1) Bruce Marshall, to observe.
- 2) Ms. Wright and Mr. Roberts reported speeders on Marigold and careless driving at the corner Morning Glory Street. They requested speed bumps and a stop sign. Because the intersection curves, a stop sign is not possible on the south corner of Morning Glory. City policy is not install speed bumps because other residents would demand them, and part of our job is to maintain and not impede the flow of traffic in Independence. The visitors offered their driveway at 669 Morning Glory for patrol car parking.

Chief will call for extra enforcement, and Carl will loan the radar gun to our visitors.

**This item will be left on the agenda to check for improvements and to see if we can come up with any other solutions for these problems.**

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) Gun Club Road & Hoffman Road intersection:  
Shawn Irvine met with Todd Whitaker, the new county Roadmaster on site to look at the Gun Club at Hoffman intersection. Shawn told us that they came up with some ideas for shifting the crossing closer to Hoffman but Mr. Whitaker was worried we'd have to move that power pole (very difficult and expensive).

Shawn told us that he was going to look at it again because he thought we can do the project without having to move the pole.

**Polk County agrees improvements need to be made, and are waiting engineering approval. Shawn met with Mr. Whitaker in December 2010 and they agreed the project should move ahead. May 18, 2011 -Still no reported progress**

Item will stay on future agendas until project is completed.

- 2) The Central High School driveway and cross walk on Monmouth Street are very dark: Aaron Weimer, Public Works, had reported at an earlier meeting that the power pole by the crosswalk is owned by the City and he is investigating prices for lights. We can't really use one light to cover both the crosswalk and driveway, so will focus first on crosswalk and maybe get a second light for the driveway.

**Aaron reports there is a place for an area lamp on an existing pole, and the bid has been submitted to City Planning/Development.**

**The bid was not approved, so Aaron will check with Pacific Power to increase lumens of a street light across the street.**

**Lonnie suggests the school adding lights on the s/w entrance by the driveway. Carl will check for other existing poles to which a street light could be attached.**

- 3) Westbound traffic on Monmouth Street blocks the Central High driveway, which causes a big bottleneck in the center eastbound lane at heavy traffic times in the morning and afternoon. At times, the center-lane traffic is backed up enough to block the right-lane eastbound traffic. Some "do not block driveway" signage is recommended to be installed by ODOT on Highway 51 (Monmouth Street) at the entrance to the High School.

**Carl will discuss options with Public Works regarding what and where for signs and/or paint. We will then submit the request to ODOT.**

**Carl will check status with ODOT**

- 4) Warning-bumps at the swerve in Main Street near G St. have worn off. Aaron will look for a better way to mark the road.

**New bumps will be added if budget and when weather permits.**

- 5) The intersection of 13th and C Streets has no stops sign. The TS Committee recommends a sign be installed on NE 13<sup>th</sup>. Vehicles use these streets to avoid the Gun Club and Monmouth signal light.

**IPW added a stop sign on 13<sup>th</sup> St. northbound at C Street.**

**No further TSC action required.**

6) When vehicles are southbound on 16<sup>th</sup> St. attempting to turn left onto Monmouth Street, they sometimes have to wait two or more cycles of the signal before they're able to proceed.

Carl requested ODOT study. It may take several months.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1) Resident complaint via IPW with concerns about the intersection at 6<sup>th</sup> and G Streets. This intersection is offset a bit, and is now only a 2-way N & S stop, but used to be a three or 4-way stop. The resident would like to know if it could return to 4-way stop signs. They would also like to have the speed trailer set up there to discourage speeders.

Carl deployed the speed trailer. No additional stop signs required at this time.

**No further TSC action required.**

2) Resident reported problems in the 300 block of S. 12<sup>th</sup> Street. It is very dark, and he regularly runs people off who he suspects of dealing and using drugs. He thinks that if the area was better lighted, the neighborhood situation would improve.

The problem has been reported to IPD. The area is very dark, and needs better lighting.

IPD graveyard patrol and IPW will review for action if required.

3. Resident reported the one-way street arrow is faded on C and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets.

Public Works was notified and if needed, will add to the Spring street painting list.

**Due to budget restraints, this item will be removed from TSC agenda, and added to the "wish list."**

4. Casual observation has shown the most people parking on the west side of 555 S. Main Street do not use either of the sidewalks to and from the Civic Center.

With no cross street, bump-outs would be needed to add crosswalk across from 555 Main, and there is no budget for whole-block street striping.

**Remove from TSC agenda, and added to the "wish list."**

5. Speeding complaints on S. Main from Monmouth St. to the bridge. The decoy car has been deployed several times, and Carl observed speeds using the TS radar gun. The speed trailer will be set out.

**No further TSC action required.**

6. Anonymous visibility complaint of oncoming traffic at the intersection of E and 6th Streets. This is currently a two-way stop for 6<sup>th</sup>. There are so many vehicles here that the E St. vehicles have to drive into the intersection to see traffic.

A 4-way stop is requested.

TSC determined additional stop signs are not required.

**No further TSC action required.**

7. Report of speeders on Marigold and careless driving at the corner Morning Glory Streets. See Visitor Business item 2.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION:**

Chris Hinds and Beau Horn will not be part of the TS Committee, and school liaison replacements are needed.

**NEXT MEETING: JULY 20, 2011  
Ash Creek Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 06:00 PM**