



TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
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MINUTES OF MEETING ON

Commission members & staff present:

Nicolas Clark
Aaron Weimer Tom Takacs
Carl Nightengale Vern Wells

Absent: Terry Allen, Bruce Marshall, Shawn Irvine, Lonnie Sanner

Visitors: John Peterson, Morning Glory Street
Joanne Sestrick, Morning Glory Street

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

No quorum at this meeting. Will vote at November meeting for :
May 18, July 27, September 21.

Minutes can be found here: <http://independencelocalpolice.org/tsc-minutes.html>

VISITOR BUSINESS:

Mr. Peterson and Ms. Sestrick represent home owners on Marigold Street. They reports vehicles speeding, blocking driveways, driving too close to children, and the dead-end sign isn't working. They requested speed bumps, more sign, and extra enforcement. The biggest problem with parking is that many houses are rentals, which add to the number of vehicles.

IPW added non-outlet signs earlier in the year, but the residents are requesting more. IPW will advise.

The TS Committee is considering allowing speed bumps on Marigold. A condition for the bumps would be a petition signed by 51% of the home owners on the street. Extra enforcement has been requested. A suitable location for the speed trailer is being looked for.

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.

Lonnie suggests the school adding lights on the s/w entrance by 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 had Pacific Power increase lumens of the street light across the street.

Pacific Power representative stated the only solution seems to be a new pole and streetlight

(Sept/2011.) Aaron will look for a used light fixture that can be installed on an existing pole. He will also need to borrow a cherry picker truck.

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 discussed options with Public Works regarding what and where for signs and/or paint.

Request was then submitted to ODOT, and may take several months.

September 2011 resubmitted request.

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.

This item is added to the plans for future improvement list.

5) When vehicles are southbound on 16th 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.

The problem with adding the left-turn signal would be more backed up traffic on Monmouth Street, further adding to the Old Business #3 problem.

**Carl requested ODOT study. It may take several months.
Received another complaint September 6, 2011
September/2011 – Contacted ODOT to cancel study.**

6) Resident reported problems in the 300 block of S. 12th 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.

**The streetlight is located on 12th and D Streets, and is 10 lumens.
Light has been upgraded. No further TSC action required.**

7) Visitor Mr. Martin's observation of northbound intersection street marking on N. main and Polk Street. With double yellow lines, you can't legally make a left turn from Main Street.

Photo available.

**Hwy 51 – ODOT has to approve. Matt and Carl will check with them.
Sept. 2011 - There are ODOT signage restrictions at this intersection.
No further TSC action required.**

8. Visitor Mr. Martin's observation of the bike lane on Gun Club Road. Currently the arrows on the only bike path at the north end is one-way, so there isn't a way for bikers to legally head south from Hoffman Road

Photo's available.

**Public Works painted over the bike-rider symbol.
No further TSC action required.**

9. Waiting to hear from the school district about replacing Beau Horn and Chris Hinds as school district liaisons. Emails and voice messages have been sent. Additions to the committee will require city council approval.

Traffic Safety Committee now has required number of members.

See New Business #1.

Carl will continue searching for a CHS student ex officio member.

10. Resident complaint of drivers going the wrong way one-way from 2nd Street to Main St, and suggests more signs, in addition to the five already in place.

The somewhat faded street arrow on C St. is added to the wish list.

Picture available. A suggestion is to add arrows to the one-way signs.

IPW will check for new signs to add.

IPW added more signs after the 09/21 meeting.

11. Business complaints of speeders on downtown Main Street.
Speed trailer deployed. Extra enforcement requested.
Complainant reported improved speed-limit compliance.
The speed trailer will be set out in the downtown location on a regular basis.
No further TSC action required.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Two Traffic Safety Committee names submitted to city council for review and approval.
Nicolas Clark and Bruce Marshall have been approved as TSC members.
2. Complaint of speeding and lack of school signs on 5th Street between E and H Streets.
Speed trailer was set up three times, and extra enforcement requested.
There may be a need for more school zone signs. There appears to be fewer signs for Henry Hill than in other Independence Schools.
Aaron will research, and if needed, install signs if available.
3. Complaint of vehicles running the stop sign at the intersection of Independence Way and River Oak Streets during the morning and early evenings.
Extra enforcement has been requested.
4. Complaint of vehicles running the stop sign at the intersection of Wisteria and Marigold.
Extra enforcement has been requested.
5. The street light fixture on Northgate and Hyacinth Streets is blocked by a tree.
Aaron will talk with city planning to determine ownership of the tree, then action will be tasked.
6. 2010 Oregon traffic crashes and most common driver errors list is attached.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION:

2011 Oregon motor vehicle traffic crashes/common driver errors quick facts attached.

Previous TSC meetings minutes are available on the web site www.independencelocalpolice.org/tsc.html click on meetings

(Wish-List)

PLANS FOR FUTURE IMPROVEMENT - TSC/IPW (funding currently unavailable)		
in-date	item	location
2011	One-way street arrow on C St. - paint faded	C/2nd
Feb-11	Civic Center block people: don't use CW's. With no cross streets, bump-outs would be needed. Any solutions?	555 S. Main
Apr-11	Warning bumps worn down - need replacing.	Main/G

NEXT MEETING:

NOVEMBER 16, 2011 location TBD