

CITY OF NEWBERG TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, July 22, 2019 7:00 PM
Public Safety Building, 401 E. Third Street, Newberg

“Mission Statement: To give the citizens of Newberg a forum to voice traffic safety concerns, evaluate related issues, provide a liaison with the City and promote traffic safety within the community.”

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Tony Roos called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Tony Roos, Chair	Mark Carleton	Sarah Sand
	Greg Tompkins	Lesley Woodruff	Chris Kelley
	Neal Klein	Jeff Grider	

Members Absent: Karl Birky

Staff Present: Brett Musick, Senior Engineer

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was performed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. April 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Woodruff/Sand moved to approve the April 8, 2019, minutes as presented. Motion carried (8 Yes/0 No).

VII. STAFF REPORTS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Senior Engineer Brett Musick said he had been working with the Police Department on Active Issues Log items including College and Sheridan, Deborah and 1st Street, Chehalem Point Apartments, issues on Parklane after the widening of the street, and speeding issues. They were still working on 6th and River and planned to get a consultant to do the analysis. The Werth Boulevard Roundabout was resolved. He had conversations with ODOT on the timing of the traffic signal and changing out the pedestrian flashing to a rapidly flashing beacon assuming funding could be found. Citizens had made suggestions for improving that area as well. ODOT was doing a review of College and Sheridan as well. There were ongoing discussions about marked crosswalks on Meridian by George Fox. From his observations, crossings were consistent from Sheridan to North. They would look at North Street and Sherman Street as potential candidates for crosswalks. There would be a meeting with business owners regarding Deborah Road to discuss their request to make it a right turn only. There was also a complaint about George Fox students parking on Curren Drive and the surrounding area. Staff was still investigating that complaint.

Ned Knight, Newberg resident, lived on Curren Drive. He discussed how student parking on the street was a major concern due to near head-on collisions as people could not see around the corners at several intersections. He suggested putting in yellow striping around the corners of these intersections. Most

intersections in this area did not have stop signs. Students could not afford to rent places on their own, and had to have several roommates who were parking on the street.

SE Musick said staff would be investigating this issue further. He went on to discuss the crash history on College and Sheridan that had been received from ODOT. ODOT was also looking at the crash history on First and Everest as well as Deborah and 99W intersection. He then explained the limited traffic decisions that had been made on Fulton and Villa and Werth Boulevard. There would be no parking curb painting on the southwest corner of Fulton and Villa and no parking signage south of the Providence roundabout. Notices had been sent to residents within 300 feet of these areas. If two residents wanted to appeal one or both of the decisions, staff would schedule a hearing with the Commission. He had recognized that the City had parking change request and stop sign request forms, but did not have forms for general issues. Staff had developed such a form, although no one had used it yet. Staff was also successful in getting the ODOT Safe Routes to School project identification program grant award. This was a non-infrastructure grant from ODOT that would set the stage for creating a Safe Routes to School program for Edwards School. He would be working with the School District to schedule a Kick Off meeting. There were a number of Capital Improvement Projects that were getting started, such as Elliot Road, E Crestview Drive, and the Pavement Preservation project.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. College Street at Sheridan

SE Musick had pulled together information from the Police Department from 2018 to current and from what ODOT had from 2013-2017. He was waiting to hear back from ODOT on any possible actions going forward.

There was discussion regarding the traffic back-ups at this location. SE Musick said better traffic flow could be part of the analysis for a future project.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Collector Roadways

SE Musick said at the last Commission meeting there was a discussion about collectors and definitions. He then reviewed what the Transportation System Plan said about collectors, street standards, cross sections, shared use paths, sidewalks, planter strips, modifications, and rights-of-way. He explained issues with Mountainview, Villa Road, and Illinois and Main and how improvements would be done in the future. He passed out a map of all the City's collectors for the Commission to go around town and look at.

There was discussion about whether or not current sections of the roadways met what was in the TSP and the challenges of widening streets in some areas.

There was further discussion regarding the design of certain collectors in town and needed improvements. SE Musick said there was a trend to go to narrower lanes for standard cross sections with a context sensitive design. He thought they would be having that conversation in Newberg sooner rather than later.

It was suggested to look into the Complete Streets Program.

Chair Roos said staff had made a presentaton to the City Council regarding sidewalks. There was not a good inventory of missing and failed sidewalks in the City, and the Council directed staff to build that inventory. The next step would be to proiritize the sidewalks for improvements.

B. Traffic Safety Commission Proposed Work Plan

SE Musick asked if the Work Plan needed to be adjusted.

No changes were suggested.

X. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

SE Musick said the ODOT sidewalk project on College was still in negotiations.

There was discussion regarding the need for crosswalks on 99W downtown and the downtown road diet concept.

SE Musick gave an update on 4th and College by the Friends Church and 6th and River intersection. Pedestrian overpasses were also discussed.

The next Traffic Safety Commission meeting would be held on October 14, 2019.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Approved by the Newberg Traffic Safety Commission on this ?? day of ?? 2019.

Minutes Recorder

Tony Roos
Traffic Safety Commission Chair