



CITY OF NEWBERG TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, August 9, 2021 7:00 PM
Zoom Meeting

“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

Vice Chair Woodruff called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present:	Tony Roos (arrived late)	Jeff Grider	Neal Klein
	Lesley Woodruff	Roger Kuhlman	Robert Sherry
	Kasper Czuk		

Members Absent: John Ehrlich and Mark Carleton

Staff Present: Kaaren Hofmann, City Engineer
Brian Hagen, Police Sergeant

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was performed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Traffic Safety Commission Meeting Minutes April 12, 2021

The April 12, 2021 minutes were approved by consensus.

VI. STAFF REPORTS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Sergeant Hagen said there were two full time traffic officers. There had been several DUI incidents lately.

City Engineer Hofmann reviewed the Active Issues Log and gave updates on Scott Leavitt Park sidewalks and ADA ramps, Bypass Trail, Elliott Road improvements, N College Street bike lane and sidewalk extension, pavement preservation projects, North and Sixth Streets pavement maintenance, and Franklin and Willamette pavement maintenance. E Crestview Drive should be completed in October. She asked if the Commission wanted to participate in a virtual meeting regarding concerns on Sheridan Street. The Commission wanted to participate. There would be a Volunteer Appreciation next Wednesday.

Chair Roos attended the pre-proposal meeting for the Hess Creek Bridge. They were not planning to light the path. CE Hofmann could bring that up in a future meeting with CPRD.

CE Hofmann said the Council directed Community Development Director Rux to move forward with an Urban Growth Boundary expansion effort. The Commission would participate in the process.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. TSC 21-002 Hancock Parking

CE Hofmann said this was a limited decision staff issued to remove one parking space on Hancock Street in front of Coffee Cottage. It was in conflict with the drive-thru and Coffee Cottage had requested its removal. Notices were sent out to the neighbors and no comments were received. She asked for affirmation of the decision.

MOTION: Roos/Sherry moved to approve the removal of one parking space on Hancock. Motion carried (6 Yes/0 No).

B. Neighborhood 20 mph Speed Limit

CE Hofmann said the Commission had suggested a discussion about the possibility of moving to 20 mph for neighborhoods. The feedback from the City of Portland was there was not a whole lot of difference on average speeds, however it did bring down higher speeds that they were seeing in the community.

Commissioner Kuhlman was interested in moving forward and reducing speeds in the neighborhood.

Commissioner Klein asked what the process would be. CE Hofmann said the Commission would need to hold a hearing. She thought the Police Department should also participate. There needed to be an education campaign as well.

Commissioner Woodruff thought getting the support of neighbors would be key before the decision was made.

Commissioner Klein thought they should contact all the City partners to get their input as well.

Commissioner Kuhlman suggested getting someone from the City of Portland or Eugene to give a presentation.

Sergeant Hagen suggested getting feedback from a similar sized city.

There was consensus to have a presentation and discussion at the next Commission meeting in October.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Roadway Safety Class

CE Hofmann said the Roadway Safety Class would be held on September 13. She was not sure if it could be done in person due to Covid restrictions. It could be done over Zoom or rescheduled.

There was consensus to keep it in person, and if that was not possible to hold the class on Zoom.

B. Updated TSC 20-005 Meridian Street No Parking

Chair Roos said this was a proposal to eliminate one additional parking stall by George Fox University on the southeast side of Meridian. Staff's decision was appealed by the owners on the southwest side. The decision could be remanded back to staff or the Commission could accept the decision and deny the appeal.

CE Hofmann said this came before the Commission in January and the Commission had asked her to come back with a different suggestion with less impact. This was on the George Fox side of the street and took away one more parking space on Meridian. No parking was removed on the southwest side. The original request came from George Fox who had been concerned about pedestrian crossings.

MOTION: Kuhlman/Sherry moved to approve the removal of one more parking space on Meridian and to deny the appeal. Motion carried (6 Yes/0 No).

C. Worst Intersection List

Chair Roos said there had recently been some serious accidents at the intersection of Sheridan and 219.

There was discussion regarding how the signage was not working, need for better enforcement, and options for the intersection.

CE Hofmann suggested a conversation with the neighborhood about the options.

There was discussion regarding how to get good neighborhood participation, collecting traffic data on the intersection, and having a booth at the Tunes on Tuesday on August 31 to get public input.

There was consensus to hold an open house between now and January and to have a larger discussion on Sheridan at the January meeting.

CE Hofmann discussed the possibility for training on ADA and mobility challenges. The Commission was interested in this training.

CE Hofmann said the City received an email about speeding on Dayton Avenue and a request to put in speed humps. The next step would be to collect speed data and to verify the area was in the City's jurisdiction.

Chair Roos thought she should wait until after the construction in Dundee was completed to let traffic normalize.

IX. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Woodruff discussed a documentary about the history of ADA and discussed tactical urbanism.

The next Traffic Safety Commission meeting would be held on October 11, 2021.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Approved by the Newberg Traffic Safety Commission on this 11 day of October 2021.

Minutes Recorder

Tony Roos
Traffic Safety Commission Chair