

City of Canby

Traffic Safety Commission

Minutes of the meeting of April 11, 2016

Commission members present: Bob Backstrom; Mariluz Stearns; Jackie Jones; Dan Leischner; Barbara Rodgers; Dick Templeman

City members present: Rick Robinson, City of Canby; Bryan Brown, City Planning; Clint Coleman, City Council; Mark Gunter, Public Works Director; Todd Gary, Canby Fire Department; Nolan Booth, Canby Police

Others present: Citizens Patricia and Douglas Smith; Sheri Ferrigno

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the March 2016 meeting were unanimously approved. Jones 1, Stearns, 2

Citizen Concern: Patricia and Douglas Smith again appeared before the Commission, accompanied by Sheri Ferrigno, who was involved in a recent accident at the intersection of 2nd Avenue and N Elm street. Ms. Ferrigno explained that she was inching her vehicle from the 2nd Avenue stop sign while attempting to check for oncoming traffic approaching on Elm street. She reported that her view was blocked by vehicles parked along Elm as well as large “cherry picking” equipment parked near Canby Rental. As she slowly moved into the intersection, her vehicle was hit by a pickup driving north on Elm. Ms. Ferrigno’s vehicle was totaled and she was cited for failing to obey a traffic control sign. She did not feel that she could have taken any action to avoid the accident.

Mark Gunter said that Public Works has recently repainted 20 feet of the Elm street curb, marking it as a no parking zone. Templeman asked if there was a “No Parking At Anytime” sign at the location. Mark said there was not. It was agreed that one will be installed. Mark also said that Public Works has talked with Canby Rental personnel, asking them to keep their equipment well back from the Elm/2nd Avenue intersection.

Birch Street: It was agreed that the public meeting regarding the addition of traffic calming humps on N. Birch street will be held in the Police Department conference area on May 17, at 7:00 p.m. At the meeting, attendees will be advised of the proposed specifications and placement of speed humps and have the opportunity to voice their support or opposition to the plan. A notice of the meeting will appear in the Canby Herald. Public Works will distribute flyers with meeting information to residents along N. Birch street.

Township Speed Limit: The City has still received no word from ODOT regarding the request to lower the speed limit on Township. Public Works will call ODOT to determine the status of this request.

4-Way Stop at 10th and N. Ivy: Mark Gunther reported the results of a 48 hour traffic study performed at this intersection from March 29 to March 31. During this period, 2651 vehicles were reported going north on Ivy and 1323 driving south. 2316 vehicles were counted driving west on 10th Avenue and 1741 were counted headed east.

Mariluz moved that the TSC recommend the 10th and Ivy intersection become a 4-way stop. Dick seconded and the motion passed 5 to 1.

Flashing Crosswalk and School Zone signs: The Commission again discussed priorities for placement of flashing crosswalk signage. Tentatively, the highest priority intersections are at 2nd and Elm and at Township and Pine. Canby Police will soon be conducting a crosswalk “sting” operation. Officer Booth will report the results of that exercise and it is hoped that the data will aid the Commission in identifying the intersections most in need of flashing signage.

Traffic Signage: Councilman Coleman asked if it would be beneficial to have a traffic signage vendor address the Commission to demonstrate what was available and provide cost estimates. Mark said he could arrange that, but to keep in mind that this would be a salesperson, eager to peddle their wares. Clint asked if it would be more advantageous to have a traffic engineer talk with the Commission. Mark advised that that too could be arranged, but could result in a substantial cost to the City, since engineers charge for their time.

New Construction: Brian advised the Commission that the City often requires traffic studies to be done at the expense of developers when it is possible that new developments will impact traffic. Developers are also required to contribute a proportional share of the cost to insure streets, intersections, turn-lanes, etc. meet the City’s adopted standards.

May TSC Meeting: The May TSC meeting will be on Monday, May 2, at 8:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Templeman
Secretary