

## City of Canby

### Traffic Safety Commission

Minutes of the meeting of August 1, 2016

**Commission members present:** Bob Backstrom; Barbara Rodgers; Curt Ahlschlager, Dick Templeman

**City members present:** Clint Coleman, City Council; Rick Robinson, Public Works; Tim Dale, City Council; Traci Hensley, City Council; Bryan Brown, City Planning; Nolan Booth, Police

The meeting was called to order and the minutes of the July 2016 meeting were approved.

Introductions were made around the room, and Rick Robinson distributed copies of “Chapter 7. Motor Vehicle Plan” from the Canby Transportation System Plan to the TSC members.

Carol Wagner introduced as a concerned citizen. Carol lives on Knights Bridge road and expressed specific concern over volume of speeding vehicles along Knights Bridge, Holly, etc. She is also one of the individuals who wrote a letter in favor of speed humps on Birch. Carol also said that she drives a little bus as a volunteer and sees speeding traffic all over town. It’s the volume of speeding traffic that has her so concerned that she is considering applying for a position on the TSC.

#### **Old Business:**

**N. Locust status:** No speed indicator has been placed yet. PD has the indicator. Robinson will follow up with PD regarding the placement. Coleman asked (Robinson) who should we direct these type of request to, and Robinson responded that it should be “everyone” (he and PD, etc.).

**N. Maple status:** Backstrom reiterated suggestion of some kind of uniformed presence, like volunteer scouts or cadets, during the busiest summer ball games. Robinson responded that it would require coordination of staffing, training, appropriate paperwork and dress code. He does not have staff for that type of effort but would be open to groups such as the TSC orchestrating.

Templeman suggested the parents of the kids on Maple could help. Robinson did mention some reconstruction/improvements efforts on Maple between 10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> that have been proposed (would happen 2017-2018 at earliest) if it gets slated before another project.

**N. Elm:** Question was asked whether this is a potential spot for designated crosswalk signage? Robinson confirmed that there are no plans for a crosswalk there. The corners are painted and he does not see this spot as a concern for the time being.

Brown added that Canby Rental is considering plans involving the house on the corner and changing the traffic flow to exit only on to Elm.

**N. Birch status:** Backstrom reported that the location of humps has been marked, and asked about the status of install. Robinson didn't have specific date but said that the order is in with contractors (Eagle Elsner) and should be soon.

**Donation for speed bumps status – signs instead?:** Backstrom suggested using money for signage such as “Kids at Play” or “Speed Humps Ahead”. Commissioners discussed potential effectiveness of signs. Officer Booth mentioned that people don't obey signs. Donation topic is still pending other ideas.

Officer Booth also added that during a morning of traffic stops patrolling Birch one day, that 6 of the 11 citations were residents that lived on Birch or neighboring streets. Backstrom thanked Booth and said “Shame on those Birch residents.” Coleman asked if there are adequate numbers of speed signs and Robinson responded that there were.

**Traffic counter/speed sign mobile unit: what does city own?:** Robinson stated that we have one traffic counter strip (requires manual observation if specific time counts are desired). Ronda also added that we have 2 large sign counters that captures the count and time and measure the speed. The info can be downloaded into Excel. These are signs that Jerry places.

#### **New Business:**

**Continued efforts to reduce speed and redirect bypass traffic:** Templeman is working on getting updated info on traffic counts in effort to address bypass problem. He is checking with Mark Gunter, and has already spoken with Ronda. Specific areas to capture one week, 24 hours per day:

- Territorial (between Ivy & Holly)
- Territorial (between 99E & Walnut)
- Knights Bridge (between Ash & Holly)

**Well defined crosswalks:** Coleman suggested the consideration of a crosswalk at 10<sup>th</sup> and Birch, as well as maybe one on Territorial somewhere between Holly and Maple. He also brought up doing a field trip with TSC committee members to compile a wish list of appropriate areas. It was agreed, and will plan to do during the September TSC meeting time (leave by 9:30).

The recent crosswalk “sting” was discussed and Officer Booth reported that a surprising number of people were not stopping for pedestrians who were about to enter crosswalk. He said additional stings will be conducted in the next month.

**Better communication with neighborhood associations:** Coleman proposed to work with Backstrom on this matter.

**Better communication with schools:** Coleman expressed that 11<sup>th</sup> & Ivy doesn't seem to be working well, but loves the one at Township.

**Sight-line issues:** Robinson said to let Ronda know if there are any issues and she will dispatch appropriately. Also can let Kari Inness know.

**Traffic enforcement by motorcycle:** Templeman asked if this is a possible option. Booth reported that it's unlikely due to staffing/budget. The investment to equip, train and staff that type of patrol is out of scope but he agrees that additional manpower would be welcomed. He stated that the city needs at least one additional traffic officer. Some mornings it can be just two patrol cars and when he makes a stop that involves drugs, it takes him off the streets for about half the day.

Backstrom asked Officer Booth how his patrol route gets determined. Booth responded that there is no specific plan as to where he spends his time. It is his decision where he patrols, but he always tries to respond to citizen complaints.

**Investigate the offerings of Redflex Traffic Systems:** Coleman mentioned that while the neighborhood areas would not qualify for photo radar, the stretch along Hwy 99 would qualify.

**Tools in the TSC toolbox:** Coleman suggested making a large map of Canby that we can reference and identify the problem areas. Bob has compiled a list of the "hot spots" that we could use to populate map.

**Clint and Bob meeting with Chief Smith – scheduled for August 2.**

Additional discussion...

- Robinson expressed that he's currently very swamped. Bryan Brown expressed the same thing... busy times.

**Next meeting: September 12<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30** (with field trip starting at 9:30)