

## City of Canby

### Traffic Safety Commission

Minutes of the meeting of July 13, 2018

**Commission members present:** Bob Backstrom, Bob Cambra, Clint Coleman, Andrea Warnock

**City members present:** Traci Hensley, City Council liaison for the TSC; Jerry Nelzen, Canby Public Works;

**Others present:** Tom Rushton, Edward Warnock, Sandy Woods, Malachi Cambra

**Introduction:** Everyone present introduced themselves.

**Approval of Minutes:** The draft of the June 8th minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.

#### **Citizen Input:**

**Sandy Woods:** Sandy Woods came today to request signage on SE13th Street from S Ivy to Sequoia indicating it is not a truck route thus restricting commercial trucks. Currently, trucks are using this section of the road and police are not willing to stop them. She explained the City's current traffic study's documents state this section of the road is not a truck route. In addition, it was explained to her, when the new bridge connected Sequoia to SE 13<sup>th</sup> it was documented that between Sequoia to Ivy on SE13<sup>th</sup> was not to be utilized as a truck route.

Discussion: This matter will be scheduled for next month's agenda. This will allow all members time to examine and research the concerns enabling a more thoughtful and complete discussion. It also allows for a more planned agenda. It is expected a member will be assigned to each concern for follow up if necessary.

#### **Old Business:**

**Four way stop on Elm and 2nd street:** The commission examined last month's citizen requests from Carolyn Adkins for a four way stop on N Elm and N 2nd street. After discussion, it was noted the commission did not support this request. It was recognized the need for sight improvement at the intersection. It was requested Public Work paint the four corners yellow to prevent vehicles parking too close to the intersection. There was also concern expressed about the rental equipment parking on the sidewalk and grass area.

**Moving transit bus stop from South 2<sup>nd</sup> and Knott:** The commission examined last month's request by Julie Wehling, Canby Transit Director, to move the present transit bus stop from the intersection of South 2<sup>nd</sup> and Knott to nearer SE 2nds and S. Locus Street. After discussion it was noted the commission recommended the bus stop be moved to S. Locus Street adjacent to the Fred Myers Gas Station.

#### **New Business:**

##### **Board Members Reports:**

**Jackie Jones** was thanked for her service to the city. She also submitted a written update on the next Public Service Announcement (PSA) they are planning. This will focus on "distracted drivers".

**Bob Backstrom** indicated he is a glad to be back actively attending the commission meetings.

**Andrea Warnock** inquired as to the status of the installation of a 4 way stop on N. Cedar and N 2<sup>nd</sup> street and the painting of new crosswalks in the area. She was assured those projects are moving forward but the actual timing is a question.

Regarding the joint effort to address high school students jaywalking and distractively crossing S 13<sup>th</sup> Street at lunchtime, she reported that she is in contact with Dutch Brothers in Canby to gain their support in addressing the safety of High School students who are crossing 13th street without paying attention and endangering themselves.

**Bob Cambra:** Also regarding the joint effort with Andrea, Bob explained he met with Greg Dinse, the Canby High School Principal, to ask for his support in having students become educated about crossing the street without endangering themselves. Mr. Dinse was very willing to show our new PSA on crossing streets to students. He was willing to run it on their broadcast system during morning announcements. I told him I would take the responsibility to contact him in the fall when school starts to make arrangements.

Bob shared a new townhouse development's application, which plans to build 38 new townhouses within an actual block of the intersection of S Ivy and SE 13 Street. After discussion, the commission voted to send a letter to the Mayor and Planning Commission Chairperson expressing concern this development will negatively impact the traffic congestion at this very busy intersection.

**Note:** Upon reflection, Bob realized the commission members did not have an opportunity or time to actually personally review the information provided on the development. He is requesting delaying sending the letter to the Mayor and other to allow the members time and an opportunity to review the available information and then confirm their decision or to change their decision.

**Code Enforcement Concern:** Code Enforcement forwarded a letter from a citizen explaining their frustration with a neighbor on the corner of S12th Loop and Redwood who continuously parks their vehicles up to the edge of the intersection impairing visibility at the intersection. They report near missed accidents caused by the sight difficulties. After discussion, it was recognized the need for sight improvement at the intersection. It was requested Public Work paint the intersection corners yellow to prevent vehicles parking too close to the intersection.

**Two openings on the Traffic Safety Commission:** Clint explained we currently have two openings on the commission. He read a current application for one of the openings. It was decided to recommend the applicant be forwarded to the City Council for consideration. Traci advised the group the current practice is for the committee chairperson and the mayor to interview the applicant and refer to the City Council.

**Canby Public Works News & Announcements:** Public Works was offered congratulation for all of their hard work, which contributed to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Jerry Nelzen shared Public Works is involved with lots of different projects occurring around the city including: an eight home development on Territorial, installing more dry wells on streets, the Timber Park development, the new Pump Station, sealing two neighborhood streets, and finish installing this years budgeted number of ADA sidewalk ramps. Regarding the S. Ivy sidewalks project, he explained the latest project start date is 2021. Lastly, recently it was clarified the city code allows a vehicle to be parked on a city street for up to 72 hours except where signage specifically establishes a different time limit.

**Chairperson Clint Coleman** indicated he was going to attempt to invite the County's Traffic Safety Committee to our meeting to promote connective dialogue.

**Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be Friday, August 10th at 8:30 am.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Cambra  
Secretary