

City of Canby
Traffic Safety Commission
Minutes of the meeting of July 10, 2020

Note: Due to the COVID-19 this meeting was held using Zoom

Commission members present: DeAnna Ball-Karb, Bob Cambra, Clint Coleman, Jackie Jones, Tom Rushton, Chris Wadsworth,

City members present: Sandy Freund, Canby Planning Department Director; Officer Chris Macom, Canby Police Department; Spencer Polack, Canby Public Works

Excused: Janet Bailey, Traci Hensley, Jerry Nelzen

Others present: none

Approval of Minutes: The draft of the June 12th minutes were reviewed, moved, voted upon, and unanimously approved.

Introduction: Everyone present introduced themselves.

Citizen Input: none

Chairman's Report: Clint introduced and discussed several topics.

He asked police for an update regarding the change in the speed limit on S. Ivy from the intersection with S. 13th to the river. Spence Polack from Public Works will follow up on the Request for a speed change.

He discussed the need for the median on Hwy 99 to be cleaned. Spence explained this was an ODOT responsibility. He has a contact person for ODOT and will call requesting a clean up.

Clint explained the 4 way stop at 13th and Sequoia St. despite a misalignment works. So, he questioned why a 4 way stop would not work at S. 13 and Fir. Bob explained this issue was previously studied and voted upon as not being appropriate at the time the development was being considered. The primary reasons were its closest to the established 4 way stop at Elm St., the noise factor of trucks having to stop and start in such a short distance, and the disruption to traffic flow where there is a large disparity in traffic numbers.

Clint reported the traffic device on N. Vine was not working and wanted to know if it was going to be fixed. Spence explained he has been trying to work with the company to get it repaired. He hopes to get an answer.

Clint reintroduced the idea with budgets being tight he mentioned the idea of a Public / Private Partnership whereby if a Neighborhood bought one digital speed sign the City would buy one as well. Bob indicated his objections to the whole concept, as it would discriminate against lower income neighborhoods. According to the concept if a neighborhood purchased a speed sign the city would provide another. Given budgets restrains and limits all new signs would go to neighborhoods that purchased a first sign. He felt signs should go to areas based on highest need not prior purchases. Clint explained this was not the intent of the idea.

He reintroduced the topic of the best location for Digital signs on S 13th/Berg Parkway. Officer Macon, Canby Police indicated the school park area or near the water tower are areas with potential. Spence and Officer Macom will have a discussion of possible locations utilize the radar speed device to check on speeding levels.

Clint asked Sandy Freund when the City is planning on taking over N. Redwood. She explained the City has no idea when N. Redwood will be fully built out (example with sidewalks etc.). Financial lags and timing are issues. The discussion moved to the topic started last month regarding parking on N. Redwood between N 18th St. and Hwy 99. Parking in this area of the street is impeding the flow of traffic and requires vehicles to enter the on coming lane to pass a parked vehicle. There was a side issue discussed regarding a pattern developing where homeowners are increasingly utilizing their

garages as living space or storage adding to utilizing streets as vehicle parking. This is creates and will create problems for traffic movement unless streets are wide enough and making sure sidewalks are not blocked. **Bob introduced the following motion to be placed on next month's agenda. DeAnna seconded it and the motion was passed. "Moved this motion be placed on next month's agenda for a final vote. Move the Traffic Safety Commission strongly recommends to the City of Canby it not allow any parking on N. Redwood St from Hwy 99 to N. 18th Street of N. Redwood except in officially designed areas."**

Clint thanked everyone for their continued efforts in behalf of the city and it's citizens.

Old Business:

New Business:

Board Members Reports:

DeAnna Ball-Karb expressed concern how fast vehicles are driving pass the Rackleff Place on S. Berg Parkway. This regularly occurs during rush hour (715 am) and becomes more problematic when there are softball games at the Park. She would like to see an answer for this regular problem.

Bob Cambra asked about the City's standard for repairing cuts in the roadway due from development or from repairs. Spence explained the standards were just addressed / reviewed this past April. They require a hot patch of asphalt after the initial patch has settled. He asked Bob if he had any examples. Bob did not at the moment but would start to be more aware to record them.

Jackie Jones expressed concern for "so many vehicles running red lights". Officer Macom indicated Police are addressing these on a regular bases. She also expressed concern about the crosswalk near Canby Rental. It is a busy area with a lot of traffic and off setting streets. Spence indicated the area would have some adjustments when the work begins to address the downtown Quiet Zone project but there isn't a good timetable at this point. She also felt while the traffic on S 13 seems a bit less they are going faster. Spence will ask Ronda from Public Works to get some data from the digital speed sign in the area. It was confirmed a regular speed sign would be installed at Holly and 13th.

Tom Rushton explained during the past month he did visit N. Redwood and examined the entrance Garden Crossing to understand the difficulty describe by Chris W. He also explained he had a chance to experience the parking issue on N. Redwood when he found a parked car on N. Redwood and had to move over into the oncoming lane to get past. He indicated the trees branches on S. 13th make it difficult to see the coming traffic from Fir Street. He also shared a situation where the traffic light at Ivy and Hwy 99 failed and backed up the traffic. But the drivers reacted well and cooperated in moving the traffic. He explained a drive by the Columbia development gave the impression they would be ready for operations soon. He hoped the signal lights at Fred Meyers would be operational soon.

Chris Wadsworth thanked Tom for checking out the situation at both N. Redwood and Garden Crossing. She reviewed the concern she presented in detail at last months meeting (see last months minutes for more detail). She highlighted "the vehicles parking in spaces on N. Redwood just north of 11th at the entrance to Garden Crossing add to the issue of not being able to have a clear line of site when pulling out of Garden Crossing." She explained this creates an unsafe situation. There was a discussion with a general feeling the present yellow painted zone needs to be extended.

Bob introduced the following motion to be placed on next month's agenda. Tom seconded it and the motion was passed. "Moved this motion be placed on next month's agenda for a final vote. "Moved the Traffic Safety Commission strongly recommends to the City of Canby it extend the existing yellow painted no parking restricted area on both sides of the exit/entrance to the Garden Crossing Housing area by 16 feet on each side (approximately a small truck length) to

improve traffic visibility while attempting to leave the area.” Spence and Public Works will review the area and provide input on the motion at the next meeting.

Sandy Freund, Canby Planning Department: Sandy explained the Planning Department continues to be very busy. She shared the following project updates: the Redwood Landing Two development (with 28 lots) is scheduled for the July 27th Planning Commission Meeting, and scheduled for City Council on August 19 for the zone change and annexation component of the project; the Hope Village South Campus development (with 156 units) is scheduled for August 24th Planning Commission Meeting. She highlighted the new Baker Center development in the industrial park area scheduled for August 10 Planning Commission. She explained the City was applying for a grant to update the Canby Transportation System Plan. This request for a grant will be submitted by the end of July. If granted, funds should be available in 2022 to start the process. In addition, she described two other active projects, the Arndt Road extension scope of work by Clackamas County and the Trail Crossing Apartment buildings on N. Territorial (a seven building complex).

Spencer Polack, Canby Public Works: Spencer explained the signal lights are being install at Fred Meyer intersection soon and the project should be done by some time next month. He was asked about who is responsible for the tree limbs that over hang into a street. He explained it is the property owner’s responsibility.

Officer Chris Macom, Canby Police Department: Officer Macom indicated he would provide his regular report for the next meeting. He also reported the Department is training new officers and have two presently attending the Academy. They have a Task Force focusing on various things including seat belt enforcement, distracted driving, speeding, and truck inspections.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be August 14th, 2020 at 8:30am.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Cambra
Secretary