

City of Canby
Traffic Safety Commission
Minutes of the meeting of February 14, 2020

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

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

Others present: none

Approval of Minutes: The draft of the January 10th minutes were reviewed, moved, voted upon, and unanimously approved.

Introduction: Everyone present introduced themselves.

Citizen Input: none

Chairman's Report: Clint announced Chris Wadsworth was official appointed to the Traffic Safety Commission and she is now a voting member of the Commission. He also announced Sandy Freund will become the new Director of the Canby Planning Department on March 30.

Clint explained he recently had a sit down meeting with Scott McClure the City Administrator at the time. They discussed the Commission's prior recommendation for a four way stop at Territorial and N. Redwood based on such factors as the developments on N. Redwood and on Territorial and the new Fire Department substation. They also discussed how the Commission decisions seek the input of Public Works and the Police.

Clint started a presentation for examining the digital sign needs of S13th St. and Berg Parkway. On the board, he mapped out the roadway from the Timber Park up to S13th St. through to Hwy 99. He noted future developments and posted speeds. The goal was to discuss locations of future digital signs on the roadway at next month's meeting. He arranged a drive along with Officer Macom for feedback.

Clint then asked Public Works to continue the topic by doing their report.

Old Business:

New Business:

Board Members Reports:

Jerry Nelzen, Canby Public Works: Jerry explained the February 19th City Council Work Session will be having an important discussion about the Canby Transportation System Capital Improvement Needs Roadway Project listing totaling over 6 million dollars.

He then introduced Spencer Polack from Public Works. Spencer explained the function of a demonstration Radar device, which Public Works has been testing. He provided detailed examples of data provided from the following locations when the device was temporary placed there: SW 13th (near the school area) facing toward Ivy St., SW 13th facing toward Hwy 99, Township facing outgoing traffic, Township facing incoming traffic. This portable device can be attached to various poles in different locations to establish data on vehicle speed and a count of volume of vehicle traffic over spans of time and days. This is a very valuable tool in establishing accurate data on the levels of flow of traffic and the seriousness of speeding problems with the ease of moving locations. It would be very helpful in addressing citizen concerns, focusing responses, and provide data for decisions.

There was a **Motion: The Commission supports the City purchasing of the Portable Radar Device (an Armadillo Traffic Analyzer by Huston Radar) which provides data on vehicle speed and a count of volume of vehicle traffic over spans of time and days.** Motion was voted upon and approved.

Bob Cambra felt an important factor to consider from the prior discussion about S 13th St. is the signal light at the intersection of 13th and Ivy St. It has no designated turning left light to allow passage as part of the signal system. This problem will grow as the flow from developments and trucks grow. Despite traffic studies saying to the contrary, people experiences express action is necessary now. He also noted the County has new road standards being developed including upgraded standards and requirements for repairing cuts in roadways by contractor or developers.

DeAnna Ball-Karb shared how an accident near the intersection of Hwy 99 and Berg Parkway brought the rush hour traffic coming into town over the bridge to a quick slow down with several near accidents. She was suggesting if accident notices could be posted similar to I-5. Public Works indicated ODOT does not have any plans to upgrade Hwy 99 at this point to provide this type of notice. Office Macom explained Officers respond to accidents as quickly as possible. They attend to the injured, accident scene issues, criminal issues if any, and traffic flow/or redirection as quickly as possible given individual accident circumstances.

Jackie Jones noticed the white flashing speed sign was moved from SW13th and Fir to Township. She requested that at least a regular speed sign should be installed in the same place on SW13th /Fir. She also discussed a situation where an emergency vehicle with its lights flashing resulted in blocking a lane of traffic. It was generally acknowledged that our first responders primary mission is the responding to emergencies situations as quickly as possible and saving lives and property. Drivers need to do their part and respect the situation. It was noted, responders, be it the Fire Department or Police Department, try to clear the area as quickly as appropriate and reasonably possible. She shared the lighted signal by the Space Age gas station seem very short. It was noted this should be reported to ODOT who handles HWY 99. .

Tom Rushton felt the speed data provided from the digital speed sign on SW 13 (location after Elm St.) demonstrates it is doing its job. People are slowing down. He also explained the intersection traffic signal at Elm St and Hwy 99, the traffic lane light signals are not aligned well and it could be a problem for people not familiar with the intersection. It was noted this is an ODOT problem, which hopefully will be addressed when the intersection's truck turn lanes are rebuilt in the near future.

Chris Wadsworth shared on Monday Feb 20th, the developer for the N. Redwood annex is having a neighborhood meeting from 7-8 at the Canby United Methodist Church. She also spoke about an on going concern for parking on the Redwood Street between 12th and 17th. When the cars park there, the passage is reduced to where two cars cannot pass at the same time. You are reduced to having to move over to the other lane to be able to pass. While this is a County road, something should be done. It was pointed out, further up the road the City has already placed "No Parking on this side" signs.

Sandy Freund, Canby Planning Department: Sandy shared the following updates. The Dodd development will be on the Planning Commission's agenda for their March 9th meeting. The Caruso Produce/VLMK appeal of conditions of approval, was heard at the City Council meeting of February 19. The Council remanded the project appeal back to the Planning Commission. The item will be heard by the Planning Commission on March 23 as a public hearing item. The Planning Commission approved Stanton Furniture's Design Review land use application. The Tofte Annexation (Tofte

South) and Development Concept Plan (DCP) project has completed the pre-application process, and are anticipated to submit land use applications sometime in the next 4-6 weeks.

The Planning Department is working on an amendment to the TSP to incorporate a new road alignment of Walnut Street to Hwy 99. They are also trying again for a grant to update the TSP. State Legislation is directing all Oregon cities to create more housing choices in residential neighborhoods by 2022.

The Planning Department is adding 2 addition Associate Planners to their staff reflecting the heavy increase in workload. She also announced Bryon Brown's retirement, his last day with the City will be on Friday March 27th.

Officer Chris Macom, Canby Police Department: Officer Macom shared the Canby Police Monthly (January 2020) Traffic Safety Report. It indicated during the Month of January there were: 217 total citations issued by Traffic Officers, 12 DUII arrested by Traffic Officers, 9 Traffic Crimes arrested by Traffic Officers, 17 Traffic Complaints handled by Traffic Officer, 7 Traffic Crashes handled by Traffic Officers, 3 truck inspections done by Traffic Officers. He also explained, starting last month the City had received Enforcement Grants which provide funds for additional overtime to provide extra enforcement staffing and targeted opportunities to enforce safety issues such as seatbelt usage and distracted driving (ex. Cell phone usage).

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be March 13, 2020 at 8:30am.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Cambra
Secretary