

City of Canby
Traffic Safety Commission
Minutes of the meeting of December 13, 2019

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

City members present: Officer Macom, Canby Police Department; Jerry Nelzen, Canby Public Works;

Members Excused: Sandy Freund, Canby Planning Department;

Others present: Florence Ball, Chris Wadsworth, Eric Van Zandt

Approval of Minutes: The edited draft of the November 8th minutes were reviewed and amended to read: Jackie Jones and Tom Rushton both met with Public Works to discuss location of signs on S. Fir. It was moved, voted upon, and the minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

Introduction: Everyone present introduced themselves.

Citizen Input: Clint asked for a follow-up discussion to Mr. Johnson's concern. Officer Macom explained he had received and shared the Commission's email about Mr. Johnson's concern, with the evening supervisor. The night shift and Officer Macom several times when he was on duty have observed the area but have not to date encountered the problem. He encouraged the people to report if they encounter problems.

Clint introduced the three citizens in attendance who are applicants for the open position on the TSC. He then asked each Commission members to briefly explain how they had become involved in the Commission. After everyone shared their stories, Clint asked each of the applicants to share why they were interested in serving on the Commission and their availability to serve. Clint will be obtaining feedback from the Commission members and will share the input with the City Council and City Administrator for their decision on the selection of the new member.

Old Business:

New Business:

Board Members Reports:

Bob Cambra discussed following issues:

1) He introduced and discussed the following motion regarding last month's carry over discussion of County Roads located in the City: **"The Traffic Safety Commission which works to advocate for the improvement of traffic safety conditions for all of the citizens of the City of Canby, would advocate for the City of Canby and Clackamas County to continue to negotiate about the county roads presently located in the official city limit of Canby. We hope individual/ specific roads would be plan fully turn over to the City under the following conditions: 1) when the City determines it is advantageous for responsibility to be taken because of planned development and or traffic concerns; 2) when it is financially feasible to proceed; 3) the County provides reasonable financial assistance for road upgrades."** The motion was discussed, moved, seconded and approved.

2) He explained at a recent Planning Commission Meeting material presented indicated the Canby Planning Department is introducing a condition for development which requires the use of flaggers for

construction truck when necessary. He felt this was a good start but it should be required whenever the trucks are moving within established neighborhoods.

3) As a follow up to last month's discussion regarding bicycle usage: Bob found an article titled "Bicycle, Sidewalks and the Law (in Oregon)" posted on 7/2/2015 by Cynthia of Thomas, Coon, Newton & Frost Portland Law Firm. A relevant section stated: "Oregon Revised Statute 811.050 makes it a Class B traffic infraction for a motorist to fail to yield to the right of way to a bicyclist on a sidewalk, unless the bicyclist is in violation of another statute, ORS 814.410, which provides that a person commits the offense of "unsafe operation of a bicycle on a sidewalk" if the person:

- Suddenly leaves the curb or other place of safety and moves into the path of a vehicle, causing an immediate hazard.
- Fails to give an audible warning before passing a pedestrian while riding on the sidewalk.
- Fails to yield to all pedestrians on the sidewalk.
- Rides carelessly or in a manner that endangers others or endangers property.
- Rides at a speed greater than an ordinary walk when approaching or entering a crosswalk, driveway, curb cut or pedestrian ramp if a motor vehicle is approaching.

He will be exploring, what do we need to do to educate the public regarding this information and other topics we discuss.

Jackie Jones thanked Public Works for their follow up painting of the corners on the S Elm intersection. She shared a report about a wreck in a driveway for which police responded. She also spoke about contractor trucks are starting once again to use their air brakes at developments. She was told to encourage reporting these incidents to police on the non-emergency number for their follow up. She also clarified she was at Public Works when they explored locations for the signage on S Fir.

DeAnna Ball-Karb spoke of the unmarked intersection at N. Grant and 1st and the difficulty seeing a pedestrian crossing in dark clothing. Officer Macom clarified all intersections whether marked or not provide the same priority to pedestrian crossing where drivers must yield to pedestrians crossing. Public Works spoke about the difficulty marking these downtown intersections because of the brickwork built into the intersections. Jerry also explained how the lighting in this area should be enhanced once the new City welcoming arc way is built with added lighting. She also continued to be concerned with the speeding on Berg Parkway. She updated the group about the traffic congestion at the entrance of the Ace Hardware /Dutch Brothers Parking lots. She believes they will need a designated turn lane.

Tom Rushton thanked Public Works for the speed signs on S Fir. He indicated there has been a difference. He has continued his examination of traffic in Canby and believes traffic studies need to better reflect livability issues. Tom also suggested a "ride along" for S. 13th street.

Janet Bailey expressed concern for the amount of speeding she has seen occurring on S Township. She recently had an incident where a speeding car even overtook her on this roadway. She strongly recommended the next available Digital Speed sign should be placed on township.

Chairman's Report:

Election of new Commission Officers:

Clint explained since there was an open Vice Chair position, it would be a good time to have an election on all three Commission positions. He asked each person for their interest in running for any of the three positions. There were nominations from the list, and voting on each position. The following is the list of newly elected positions: Chairperson: Clint Coleman, Vice Chairperson: DeAnna Ball-Karb, Secretary: Bob Cambra

Jerry Nelzen, Canby Public Works: Jerry provided an update on the motion from last month regarding changing the speed limit on S Ivy to 30 mph to the river, paperwork is being prepare and will be submitted soon. They have been making progress on the signal light at the Fred Meyers intersection, the downtown train quiet zone, and the Industrial Park extension to HWY 99.

Officer Chris Macom, Canby Police: He shared the Canby Police Monthly (November 2019) Traffic Safety Report. It indicated during the Month of November there were: 336 total citations issued by Traffic Officers, 10 DUII arrested by Traffic Officers, 18 Traffic Crimes arrested by Traffic Officers, 29 Traffic Complaints handled by Traffic Officer, 18 Traffic Crashes handled by Traffic Officers, 5 truck inspections done by Traffic Officers. In response to being asked about the holiday season crimes, he explained Canby has had a number of cars being broken into. These occur mainly when car are left unlocked or with keys in the ignitions. His other warning for citizens is to avoid leaving valuables in plain sight in cars. Also packages have been taken from fronts of houses. There does not seem to be a targeted neighborhood but is occurring in all areas. The primary causes of crashes are busy, crowded parking lots such as Fred Meyers.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be January 10, 2019 at 8:30am.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Cambra
Secretary