

City of Canby

Traffic Safety Commission

Minutes of the meeting of October 11, 2019

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

City members present: Bryon Brown, Canby Planning Department, Officer Chris Macom, Canby Police; Jerry Nelzen, Canby Public Works; Tristan Holechek, Canby Public Works

Others present: Terry Lepire

Approval of Minutes: The edited draft of the September 13th minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Introduction: Everyone present introduced themselves.

Citizen Input: Ms. Lepire came to provide information to the Commission about both the “Community Safety Town” program and the Canby Driver Education program. The Safety Town program focused on children 4 to 6 years of age and “under the guidance of a teacher, police officers, firefighters, and teen volunteers children are introduced to a wide variety of safety concepts with special emphasis on traffic and pedestrian safety.” The instructional area is transformed “into a small city complete with houses, streets, traffic lights and cars. Art projects, movies and guest speakers combine to make SAFETY TOWN a fun learning experience.” Unfortunately, the program was stopped when community education programs stopped in Canby. The Driver Education program is targeted for students to receive an ODOT Certification Card and hopefully enable them to obtain their DMV driving license. The course includes both classroom work and behind the wheel driving. There are many benefits including studies that show students completing this program have far less traffic violations and accidents, and completion also may earn the youth insurance discounts. She explained the programs limitations based on the need for qualified classroom teachers and driving instructors.

Ms. Lepire wanted to educate the commission about the programs and hoped to encourage a rebirth of the safety town program someday and wanted to encourage a conversation and reaching out about the positive impact of driver’s education.

Old Business:

New Business:

Board Members Reports:

Janet Bailey expressed her appreciation to Public Works for painting all of the corners yellow at the intersection of SE 11th and S. Teakwood. It represents a big positive difference.

DeAnna Ball-Karb also expressed her appreciation to Public Works for installing a no parking sign on Berg Parkway near the Tai Restaurant side of the roadway.

She has seen a lot of cars parking at the intersection of S Elm and S.13th, which impedes the sight of drivers turning. She requested the legal parking limits from the stop signs be painted yellow. She will take pictures of the problem and present at next months meeting.

Bob Cambra also expressed his appreciation to Public Works for installing a new speed sign (away from the tree –great solution) on N. Maple and 22nd and installing an additional speed sign on available

(not being used sign post) on the corner on N. Maple and 20th speed sign (facing traffic coming from the county club).

Jackie Jones shared several concerns from social media: 1) Where the CAT driver was stopping. She was encouraged to call the Director of CAT to discuss with details the concern. 2) She shared a complaint about a bicyclist riding on the sidewalk and continuing across a crosswalk without looking or slowing down almost being hit by a driver who had a difficult seeing the quickly approaching rider. It was pointed out, this behavior occurs often enough, we need to explore what the law is and expectations.

Tom Rushton explained he felt the “ride along on Territorial” went well.

He reported he has observed cars parked on S. Fir near Hope Village for long periods of time for weeks at a time. He was directed to Code Enforcement. Bob provide the phone number and name. He also felt S. Fir could benefit from speed signs which seem to be lacking.

Public works want to hear about suggested locations for the signs at the next meeting.

Digital Speed Signs Follow up discussion: (input from City Mgr. / Public Works / Police) & Recommendations of location for 2 signs on (N. territorial Rd):

Clint presented a detailed written account of his actions since the last meeting regarding the placement of the Digital Speed signs on N. Territorial Rd. He explained after the ride along with Lieutenant Tro. The Lieutenant supported the placement of the of the signs one at near the 30 mph sign just past N. Territorial Place and the second sign between N. Redwood and HWY 99E. He also indicated after a meeting with the City Manager (at that time) Rick Robinson, Mr. Robinson was going along with the recommendation. Clint then review the background on how the Commission had gotten to this point. He explained how previously the commission had decided the next two digital speed signs should be placed on Territorial. He then asked for a motion to approve the locations of the Digital Signs. **The motion read: We take the recommendation of Lieutenant Tro of the Canby Police Department to place the first digital speed sign near the 30 MPH sign just past the Territorial Place Heading west toward N. Redwood and we place the second digital speed sign in the same sector between N. Redwood and Hwy 99E near Territorial Place Heading east toward 99E.**

Bob asked for discussion because he was not convinced this was the best location for this device and mentioned several alternative locations. Police Officer Macom explained since the last meeting, he made it a point to monitor this area for speeding during various times and days and did not identify the area as having a notable speed problem. Bob stated, given how few of these devices are available, we should be utilizing it in other areas where it could have a greater impact. Aside from other area needs, he questioned if this location will impact behavior. He explained when vehicles make the turn near N. Vine the signal light on HWY 99 will have a greater impact regardless of this earlier flashing signal. If the light is yellow or red they will probably not speed, if it's green they may speed up to make the light.

The motion was voted upon: All members voted yes except Bob, who voted no and DeAnna who abstained and the motion was approved.

Jerry Nelzen, Canby Public Works: Jerry shared Public Works has been busy on several projects including: 1) Meeting with the County to move forward on the S. Ivy St. project. 2) Continuing discussion with the County regarding concerns for pedestrian safety on N. Maple. 3) The Walnut/Hwy 99 extension 4) Planning for the storm water plant.

Officer Chris Macom, Canby Police: He shared the Canby Police Monthly (September 2019) Traffic Safety Report. It indicated during the Month of September there were: 358 total citations issued by Traffic Officers, 17 DUII arrested by Traffic Officers, 17 Traffic Crimes arrested by Traffic Officers,

41 Traffic Complaints handled by Traffic Officer, 15 Traffic Crashes handled by Traffic Officers, 12 truck inspections done by Traffic Officers.

We discussed the need to examine the school zone on S. Ivy and examine converting the posted 40 miles speed limit (from the intersection of S Ivy and S 13th St. to the river) to 30 miles per hour, as it will now fall under the city jurisdiction. These issues will be placed on the next month's agenda.

Officer Macom shared a recent event of how quickly police work evolves from traffic related work to a more complicated matter. While on a crosswalk detail, a truck was noted for a possible violation and actually was a stolen vehicle which departments have been hoping to find. A chase occurred and the suspects were apprehended with lots of stolen property.

Bryon Brown, Canby Planning Department: Bryon report researching whether the signal lights at the intersection of S. Ivy and S. 13th St. needed adjustment. He stated the current traffic studies do not justify any changes at this time. Maybe when all of the development in the Hope Village area is in this could trigger a need for a change. Bob stated his dissatisfaction with traffic studies that have national acceptable standards which people in Canby would find difficult to accept.

Bryon also identified two new industrial area businesses moving to Canby. Pacific Furniture near the SE 4th area with projected growth of up to 400 employees. The second is Caruso Produce.

Chairman's Report: Clint stated he would be presenting an update of the Commission's accomplishments at next month's meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Cambra
Secretary