

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

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

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

**City members present:** Eric Forsell, Canby Planning Department; Traci Hensley, City Council Liaison for TSC; 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 July 10th minutes were reviewed, moved, voted upon, and unanimously approved.

**Introduction:** Everyone present introduced themselves.

**Citizen Input:** none.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Jerry Nelzen and Spencer Polack, Canby Public Works:** Jerry refer the discussion to Spencer, who explained the signal lights are working at the Fred Meyer intersection and they have not had any reported issues. He shared Public Works is tracking and involved to a degree with many current projects and developments. These include: the S. Ivy Street design, several developments (including Trail Crossing Apts, Redwood Landing, Locus/Holly,) and ODOT projects. He also shared a new digital sign has been installed at N. Vine and the next digital sign is designated for Township.

**Eric Forsell, New Liaison from the Canby Planning Department:** Eric explained Sandy Freund has resigned from the Department. Her departure has stretched the Department even further at the moment. Currently, the Department is work on the Redwood Landing 2 project and is expecting Phase 3 of this Project to be submitting a request. This will result in some improvements on N. Redwood St. In the Industrial Park area, an industrial building is close to completion but there is no timetable for usage. Progress on making improvements to Walnut Street is slowly moving forward. Code Amendments need to be completed. The Planning Commission Meeting for the Hope Village South Campus development (with 156 units) has been rescheduled for early September.

**Chairman's Report:** Clint shared the following report.

1. "At our last meeting I had asked the status of speed limit reduction on S Ivy all the way to the River. ODOT will be taking another look at this request once 17<sup>th</sup> is punched thru to S. Ivy.
2. I inquired about ODOT cleaning up the median on HWY 99E. Thanks to Jerry and his team, ODOT has addressed this.
3. The Flashing Sign on Territorial has been fixed and is now working. Thank you
4. The New Stop light at Sequoia and Hazell Dell way is up and working great.
5. Great job to Public Works for all they're doing striping streets.
6. There was some concern voiced by Bob about my Public Private Partnership idea that we would be neglecting some lower income areas. I would like to know what areas in Canby we are neglecting traffic safety issues.

7. I met with our Canby Police Chief and discussed a variety of issue. We appreciate everything our Police Department does for our community. Discussed revisiting Redflex as a method of paying for traffic safety devices. He is not ready to embrace this idea at this time. Discussed the public private partnership idea with the Chief and he liked the idea. He suggested establishing a foundation to fund traffic safety measures. I discussed this idea with Jerry from Public Works and he shared how this has been used with the Canby School District and Tofte Farms. Specific examples: 1) North Maple St (approx. 1 mile in length straight) good opportunity for speeding on a very narrow road recommended partnership with developer, country club, and citizens that which to participate and the City in purchasing 2 digital speed signs 2.) North Pine St recommend partnership with developers, citizens, and the City 3.) North 10<sup>th</sup> St. recommend Northwoods development, citizens and the City 4.) 13<sup>th</sup> and Berg Parkway in front of Timber Park recommended developers, citizens, and City 5.) As North Locust gets developed this likely will be another street to look at.
8. At the last City Council Mtg they discussed the possibility of moving the CAT Transit Station to the Public Works location (more traffic / more strain on N. Redwood & Territorial). The new fire station location near Public Works will break ground soon (more Traffic /more strain on N. Redwood & Territorial). N. Redwood is Rapidly being developed. A 4 way stop should be a top priority.”

#### **Pending Motions from the previous month:**

**1) “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 requested we do a field visit to the site before we take action on the motion. It was arranged for the following Tuesday morning.

**2) “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.”** The Commission was informed by Public Works, they had already taken action to extend the yellow painted curb area at the entrances. Further action is pending a review of the work done.

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

**Tom Rushton** also found the signal for the Fred Meyer intersection to be functioning well. He noted and thanked Public Works for their restriping of N. Redwood. He shared during the past week there was an accident on HWY 99 resulting in the vehicle blocking traffic. He shared a local resident’s suggestion of changing the 4 way stop from S. Elm St to S. Fir St. Bob explained the details from prior discussions which makes this not a feasible idea including Elm being a complete connector street of the North and South sides of the City. Tom stated there is a need to explore expanding the S. Fir exit to S13st to creating to exit lane—one dedicated to right turns only.

**Chris Wadsworth** thanked Spencer for his efforts in getting the ODOT to clean the median on Hwy 99. She also really likes the new traffic signal near Fred Meyers. While thanking Public Works for their efforts in extending the yellow painted zones at Garden Crossing, she had not seen them kept and would make it a point to check them out.

**Janet Bailey** thanked Public Works for their effort in painting yellow the various intersection curbs in the Timber Park development. She also expressed concern construction trucks are regularly parking where their vehicles are overlaying into bike lanes and their mirrors extend even further. This is occurring on S. Redwood next to the Trost Middle school field. It was recommend that she reports this to Code Enforcement.

**Bob Cambra** explained after reviewing the speed/traffic data provide by Public Works. He found a few pages, which helped target specific speed levels for the roadways. He plans to gather in the information and send it our by email to everyone for discussion at the next month's meeting.

**DeAnna Ball-Karb** recently noted changes that the Canby community should have be notified. She and people on Canby Now observed changes in speed signs as you leave Canby over the bridge toward Canby Ford. The signs now read 35 (not 45) then to 45 and then to 55. She also noted they have placed No Parking signs near Canby Ford to probably discourage people from parking on HWY99 to go down to the river. She is not opposed to the changes but was concerned about the lack of notification or communication to the community of the changes. The question asked how do we encourage this type of communication.

**Officer Chris Macom, Canby Police Department:** While Officer Macom was present for the Zoom meeting but there was technical problem in actual hearing him. He previously had provided the Canby Police Monthly (July 2020) Traffic Safety Report. It indicated during the Month of July there were: 338 total citations issued by Traffic/Patrol Officers, 12 DUII arrested by Traffic/Patrol Officers, 11 Traffic Crimes arrested by Traffic/Patrol Officers, 12 Traffic Complaints handled by Traffic/Patrol Officer, 7 Traffic Crashes handled by Traffic/Patrol Officers, 1 truck inspections done by Traffic/Patrol Officers.

**The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be September 11th, 2020 at 8:30am.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Cambra  
Secretary