

City of Canby
Traffic Safety Commission
Minutes of the meeting of October 9, 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: Eric Forsell, Canby Planning Department; Jerry Nelzen, Canby Public Works; Spencer Polack, Canby Public Works

Excused: Janet Bailey, Officer Chris Macom, Canby Police Department

Others present: none

Approval of Minutes: The draft of the August 14th minutes were reviewed, moved, voted upon, and unanimously approved. It should be noted the Commission's September Meeting was previously cancelled due to wildfire evacuation orders.

Introduction: Everyone present introduced themselves.

Citizen Input: none.

Old Business:

New Business:

Chairman's Report: Clint shared the following report.

- 1) He explained the Canby City Council had selected Scott Archer as the new City Administrator. He is scheduled to start on November 9th.
- 2) He shared a recent study found Canby was rated 3rd in the state on the list of "the best cities for raising a family".
- 3) He thanked the Canby Fire and Police Departments and all of the City's staff for all of their tremendous effort in coping with the challenges during this year and most recently with the fires and virus.

Jerry Nelzen and Spencer Polack, Canby Public Works: Jerry explained Public Works is currently involved in tracking many developments in the City including the Dobb Project on Territorial and storm/flood water reviews. He continues to meet and track the progress of the joint Ivy Street redesign and upgrade. They are between 60 to 90 % finish with the design phase. He will be forwarding information for the Commission regarding Ivy St. titled –"Virtual Open House Status".

Spence explained he had visited the S. Fir /13 Street's intersection to review the concept discussed at last months meeting of adding a designated right turn lane. He also met with the City's contracted engineer to review the concept with him.

Jerry also explained Public Works is making progress on the street improvement project on N Locust and N Knotts (the portion between NE 3th and NE 4th). On this small portion of N. Knotts they are considering turning it into a one-way street to provide enough roadway space/width to provide sidewalks on one side, adequate traffic lane space, and parking on one side.

Discussion of S Fir St. designated right turn lane: There was a discussion led by Tom and Bob about the need for a S Fir St. designated right turn lane. They explained, currently the area served by S. Fir is being heavily developed. It is scheduled for 3 phases of development. It has two current exits – S. Fir and Elm streets. An additional new exit to Ivy Street will be developed during Phase 3. It should be noted SW 13 St. is a very busy connector street especially during rush hours. Thus, this dedicated

right turn lane will provide needed relief on waiting traffic trying to enter SW 13 St. In addition, SW 14th Court is very close to this exit. This relief lane will allow these residents to not be trapped by cars lining up at the exit. Tom shared he had organized a site visit where measurements were taken. They indicated there is room to create this relief lane and help remedy a problem.

A Motion was made: Move the Traffic Safety Commission strongly recommends to the City of Canby it expanding the S. Fir exit to SW13st (from the Hope Village side of the street) to create a dedicated right turns only lane. Motion was voted upon and approved.

Eric Forsell, Liaison from the Canby Planning Department: Eric explained they are working on several pre-application planning projects including Redwood Landing phase 3 (approximately 45 townhouses), Beck's (25 approximately homes), a project in the N. Territorial and Locus St. area (approximately 20 homes).

Planning has been working with DKS Engineering, who the City uses for many projects, to utilize more real time and up to date data in their evaluation of projects. Their goal is to have executive summaries be more user friendly and understandable to the citizens.

The plan for hiring a new Planning Department Director has been pushed out to facilitate a better recruitment.

The Planning Department workload continues to be challenging with lot of development proceeding. The pandemic has not negatively affected the pace of developmental growth.

Efforts are continuing to advance the Walnut St. connection to Hwy 99 project. It is on the agenda for November's Planning Commission meeting.

Pending Motions from the previous month regarding N. Redwood:

1) Clint and Bob summarized the issue from previous months' discussions. The motion was introduced, seconded, voted upon, and approved. **"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."**

North Maple St. Planned Road and Safety improvements:

Clint asked for an update on the N. Maple development. Jerry for Public Works explained the roadway paving was being done this week and they will be paving the new pedestrian/bicycle pathway next week.

13th & Berg Parkway Recommended Safety Discussion:

Commission members stated drivers are not obeying the "No Parking Sign" which Public Works installed near the shopping center's entrance/exit on Berg Parkway. It is especially problematic during rush hour and dinner times. It was felt it is an enforcement issue. It was recommended to Public Works they paint the curb to further restrict parking. Public Works indicated they will examine the possibilities including whether it fits a "Fire lane" designation.

In addition, DeAnna reported there continues to be parked cars attending softball games at the high school field on S 13th St. violating the no parking painted curbs and also over lapping in the bike lanes.

Board Members Reports:

DeAnna Ball-Karb asked the question if the City's Planning Department or the City get notified when the Oregon Department of Transportation make changes on Hwy 99. The example and concern was the recent change of speeds limits. Jerry from Public Works explained they had requested the change and should have given the public notice of the change and will certainly have that done in the future.

She explained the neighborhood near the N 10th /N Birch intersection has an issue with speeding and is requesting a 4 way stop be considered. Bob explained national standards do not recommend the placement of 4 way stops for the control of speed. Clint recommended a field trip to review the area. It is scheduled for the next Friday at 9 am.

Bob Cambra reviewed his summary of speed/traffic data provide by Public Works. He had previously found sent it out by email to everyone. He believes it clearly indicates the identified streets have a speeding problem. He plans to try to arrange a meeting with the Chief of Police to discuss the data.

Jackie Jones shared drivers are not stopping at the 4 way stop on S Elm and S. 13th. She also discussed concerns regarding neighborhood-parking issues and was encouraged to call Code enforcement. She raised a question about the Truck Route Sign near S. Ivy and 7th.

Tom Rushton advocated for the traffic signal at S 13and S. Ivy to be adjusted to provide a designated left turning option. He explained the rationale for this continued need and growing future need. Public Works indicated this is being planned by the state but they have no definitive timetable for it implementation.

Chris Wadsworth shared The Redwood Landing 3 developer has scheduled a Neighborhood meeting for Monday October 19, at 7:30 pm. She also questioned whether as part of the Redwood Landing development will there be a crosswalk installed in the area where an older house remains.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Cambra
Secretary