

**City of Canby**  
**Traffic Safety Commission**  
**Minutes of the meeting of November 13, 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,

**City members present:** Eric Forsell, Canby Planning Department; Officer Chris Macom, Canby Police Department; Spencer Polack, Canby Public Works

Excused: Chris Wadsworth, Jerry Nelzen, Canby Public Works

**Others present:** Kyle Lang, Executive Director Canby Area Chamber of Commerce

**Approval of Minutes:** The amended draft of the October 9th minutes were reviewed, moved by DeAnna, seconded by Janet, voted upon, and unanimously approved.

**Introduction:** Everyone present introduced themselves.

**Citizen Input:**

Kyle Lang, Executive Director of Canby Area Chamber of Commerce, spoke to the Commission. He explained he wanted to provide a “short introduction to the Chamber's new Committee, ‘The Transportation Committee’ and let the Commission know what their purpose is for forming this committee.” He explained “the focus is the latest chamber’s effort to make sure that local business and industry has a voice in decisions regarding critical infrastructure in our community and region.” They are concerned about creating a strong and safe community.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Board Members Reports:**

**DeAnna Ball-Karb** explained they had the previous scheduled site visit at 10<sup>th</sup> and Birch and explored the concern. The problem was mainly a visibility issue caused by trees and brush. Public Works was thanked for their quick response in trimming the area and solving the issue.

She then updated the concern regarding illegal parking at the shopping area on Berg Parkway. This becomes a greater problem when delivery truck also park on the sidewalks. She noted the curbing was not painted and drivers are creating a hazardous situation when they go straight across between the two shopping areas during rush hours.

Public Works indicated they have been trying to educate truck drivers when they see them.

Unfortunately, they have missed their opportunity for painting because of the weather but will be looking at putting up more signage.

**Jackie Jones** praised Code Enforcement for their efforts to confront car owners parked on SW 13<sup>th</sup> who are not moving the vehicles for long periods of time. She reintroduced the concern of drivers are not stopping at the 4 way stop on S Elm and S. 13<sup>th</sup>. She will be filing a complaint with the police.

Officer Macom indicated police would do periodic checks on this situation.

She also discussed concerns of drivers no yielding to pedestrians using the crosswalk near the softball field on SW Berg Parkway. It was asked if this area could be included during crosswalk enforcement sweeps. Officer Macom explained these sweeps are usually focused of high volume streets such as S Ivy but he will submit the concern for consideration.

**Tom Rushton** asked about the work being done on S. Ivy and the detours. It was explained in the area of S. Ivy and Township, the company is running computer cables. In the area of S. Ivy between S. 2<sup>nd</sup> and S. 13<sup>th</sup>, they are replacing sewer lines. These projects are requiring the redirecting of traffic. He also reported the developments in the Hope Village area are progress. The Beck Pond Phase seems all occupied. The second phase has approximately half a dozen buildings in construction. He emphasized the need for the right turn lane recommended at last month's meeting.

**Bob Cambra** explained he had a meeting with Captain Tro and Sargent Green of the Canby Police and shared the speed data that was previously presented to the Commission. The Police appreciated the data and asked if it could be periodically updated. Bob will be working with Public Works to see what can be scheduled.

**Janet Bailey** shared temporary blockage and rerouting from S. Ivy is having people utilize the four way stop at Township and Redwood and they are running the stop signs without coming to a stop. She recommended more temporary signage needs to be put up to alert people who maybe unfamiliar with the area.

She also explained the cables being laid is related to efforts to provide WIFI coverage at local parks. Public Works indicated they would review the traffic flow. They recognize there may be some confusion because with the work going on they are also trying to meet the needs of the businesses in the area. It was further explained this was the second week of the work, which is projected to last till January. It was noted greater public notice and more signage would be helpful.

**Officer Chris Macom, Canby Police Department:** Officer Macom reviewed the Canby Police Monthly (October 2020) Traffic Safety Report. It indicated during the Month of October there were: 183 total citations issued by Traffic/Patrol Officers, 9 DUII arrested by Traffic/Patrol Officers, 19 Traffic Crimes arrested by Traffic/Patrol Officers, 8 Traffic Complaints handled by Traffic/Patrol Officer, 7 Traffic Crashes handled by Traffic/Patrol Officers. He further explained there has been less traffic recently but drivers are speeding more. The DUII arrests rates are fairly consistent. They do have extra shift on weekend to target this type of behavior. Currently, the department does have an Officer who has complete the legally required drug recognition training. The Officer is one of only a dozen officers in the State of Oregon to have completed the training. In response to a question about traffic crashes, he explained the trend continues with the majority of crashes occurring in parking lots especially bigger shopping areas. He also shared police officers were no longer during truck inspections but do cite truck for any violation like any vehicle.

**Spencer Polack, Canby Public Works:** Spencer explained the previous discussion about the detours on S. Ivy is a reflection of the necessary work that has to occur with grown. But Public Works is committed to working with the public to make it workable.

He also shared Public Works has been busy cleaning up the property targeted for the future Walnut St access to HWY 99.

Several projects have been busy. The Beck Pond Units are all most done. The Dobb complex on Territorial is quickly making progress. The 7 Acres development on N. Maple has completed the paved path but no internal development streets have been completed.

**Eric Forsell, Liaison from the Canby Planning Department:** Eric reported the N. Redwood II development, which will include 43 units including duplexes and triplexes, just finished their traffic study. The study's scope spanned a month's time. The Hope Village expansion project is beginning site work.

He also shared several new pre-application subdivision projects are planning to be submitted.

He shared he realizes growth can be viewed as painful sometimes but it has a silver lining as we enhance our tax base for future improvement and provide well planned development.

Efforts are continuing to advance the Walnut St. connection to Hwy 99 project. At the November's Planning Commission meeting they stated they needed more information to proceed and rescheduled the matter to return in December. This was viewed a helpful step toward achieving a positive outcome. The Planning Department is still pursuing grants to help with the need to update the City's Transportation System Plan.

He was asked about if a right turn lane is being considered at the Territorial to N. Locus intersection. Eric indicated these would be good questions to be considered during the pre-application process for developments and would try to provide notice to the commission member of those opportunities.

**Chairperson's report:**

Clint thanked everyone for their continued services to the community.

He wished everyone a HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Cambra  
Secretary