

**City of Canby**  
**Traffic Safety Commission**  
**Minutes of the meeting of December 11, 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; Officer Chris Macom, Canby Police Department; Jerry Nelzen, Canby Public Works; Spencer Polack, Canby Public Works

**Others present:**

**Approval of Minutes:** The draft of the November 13th minutes were reviewed, moved by DeAnna, seconded by Janet, voted upon, and unanimously approved.

**Introduction:** Everyone present introduced themselves.

**Citizen Input:**

None

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Chairperson's report:**

Clint thanked all the Commission members and Agency participants for their show of care and concern for the community.

Clint discussed the recent graffiti in the community and how to best get it cleaned up. Jerry of Public Works encouraged people to report incidents to the Police non-emergency number and Public Works will respond as they have crews available.

Clint also shared a Traci Hensley's email from a concerned citizen regarding speeding on Knights Bridge Road. He was asking about installing "speed camera to ticket speeder". He was informed under present state law Canby does not have permission to install these cameras on neighborhood streets. He also shared a citizen's expressed concern with the fast pace of developments at N. 17 St. and N. Redwood and the impact on the N. redwood and Territorial Intersection. The citizen expressed "difficulty with slight problems" and traffic flow at the intersection and recommended a 4 way stop there or a roundabout.

Clint then asked for people to start thinking about identify their Commission goals for 2021.

**Officer Chris Macom, Canby Police Department:** Officer Macom reviewed the Canby Police Monthly (November 2020) Traffic Safety Report. It indicated during the Month of November there were: 291 total citations issued by Traffic/Patrol Officers, 11 DUII arrested by Traffic/Patrol Officers, 14 Traffic Crimes arrested by Traffic/Patrol Officers, 7 Traffic Complaints handled by Traffic/Patrol Officer, 4 Traffic Crashes handled by Traffic/Patrol Officers. He further explained some categories went up from last month but this is at a normal level for the month. He shared a department's Officer has completed the legally required drug recognition training and will be joining the afternoon shift. The Officer is one of only a dozen officers in the State of Oregon to have completed the training. Available grant funds will provide extra coverage to target distractive driving (usually cell phone usage while driving), DUII enforcement, and speeding.

**Jerry Nelzen, Canby Public Works:** Jerry explained they recently had a meeting with Mike Bezner of Clackamas County to discuss the County's proposal to have the City take over the following roads:

N. Maple, North and South Redwood, and Locus St. Another work session is planned for February 17<sup>th</sup>. The hope is funding will be included to improve these roadways including providing sidewalks. He shared the S. Ivy Sewer project has a projected completion date of January 15. This is a “tough” project with lots of wet ground. They are hopeful it will be completed on schedule. They discussed the need for additional signage at the 4 way stop on township and S. Redwood due to the detour of traffic.

Jerry provided an update on the S. Walnut connection to Hwy 99 project and explained it would be presented at the Planning Commission on Monday.

Bob stated he felt the Commission should pass a motion supporting the proposed project for a connector road between the Canby Pioneer Industrial Park and State Highway 99E, which was previously planned as an extension to Otto Road but is proposed to be an extension of S Walnut Street and the amending of the Canby Transportation System Plan to reflect this need and priority. The following discussion focused on the belief this project will certainly help in the flow of traffic for the Canby industrial area and this redirected traffic flow will also have a positive impact on other community streets. It was further noted this extension is consistent with the long term planning and concepts regarding the Canby Pioneer Industrial Park. Bob proposed the following motion; it was seconded, voted upon and approved. **Motion: Move the Traffic Safety Commission shares with the City of Canby its support of a connector road between the Canby Pioneer Industrial Park and State Highway 99E, which was previously planned as an extension to Otto Road but is proposed to be an extension of S Walnut Street. The Commission also supports the amending of the Canby Transportation System Plan to reflect this need and priority.** Bob indicated he would have the motion forwarded to the City and to the Planning Commission for their meeting.

Jerry explained The Elm/Grant St. “Quiet Zone” improvement is moving forward with a projected April start date.

Bob asked about the status of the recommended right turn lane on S. Fir. Spencer indicated it would probably be happening during the summer time when the weather and road project occur.

**Eric Forsell, Liaison from the Canby Planning Department:** Eric reflected the letters of support documenting support are important and the S. Walnut St. is an important part of the Canby Industrial area.

He explained the Planning Department continues to be busy with a number of developments. There was an initial review for the N. Redwood III project (planned for 54 units). It will probably be scheduled for the Planning Commission in late January. N. Redwood II (25 units) will be starting public improvement soon. There has been some discussion of another potential big industrial company considering the Canby Industrial area. Lastly, there continues to be several small “in fill projects” involving redevelopment to a higher density.

He indicated a New Director for the Planning Department could be finalized soon.

#### **Clint asked the City members about goals for 2021:**

Jerry spoke about a pedestrian crossing for N. Locus and Territorial. Spencer indicated his hope of realigning the N. Redwood /Territorial intersection and working toward creating sidewalks on Ten Avenue. Officer Macom spoke about a commitment to participating.

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

**Janet Bailey** expressed concern with trucks blocking lanes on SE 13th, Township, and Sequoia while they are staging for construction projects. She asked what could be done. This should be part of their construction plan and flaggers should be included if necessary.

Her wish for 2021 includes working toward lowering the speed limit on SE 13<sup>th</sup> near Timber Park.

**Bob Cambra** shared his wish for the New Year was to actual start a work group to examine, gather data and look at options for the N. Redwood Territorial intersection. He asked for those interested to let him know.

**Tom Rushton** shared his impression of the big gas and sewer project on NW13 and his understanding of it ending by the end of December. He wish is to find a resolution to all of the people walking cross Berg Parkway illegally.

**Jackie Jones** asked about the NW Gas and sewer project. It was noted the project is scheduled to end on Dec 28. Her wish was to once again create more educational/public service videos for the community.

**Chris Wadsworth** asked about how to contact existing Neighborhood Associations in the City. She was referred to the City Council who are assigned to each Association. She volunteered for the N. Redwood/Territorial study group. Her wish was for something to be done regarding the N. Redwood and Territorial intersection and to have No Parking Signs installed on N. Redwood a.s.a.p.

**DeAnna Ball-Karb** reported a house in her Association was egged and graffiti. She was encouraged to report these incidents to the police non-emergency number. She also wanted to encourage police patrols and monitoring of the increasing speeding traffic on Berg Parkway in the morning especially between 7 am and 8:30 am.

For her wish, she wants to encourage the creation of a left turn lane for turning into the shopping Center on Berg Parkway.

**Clint** wished everyone a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**.

**The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be January 8th, 2021 at 8:30am.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Cambra  
Secretary