

**City of Canby**  
**Traffic Safety Commission**

**Minutes of the meeting of February 12, 2021**

**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:** Erik Forsell, Canby Planning Department; Traci Hensley, City Council liaison for TSC; Officer Chris Macom, Canby Police Department; Jerry Nelzen, Canby Public Works;

**Others present:** Karen Bourbonnais, Nicola Petersen

**Approval of Minutes:** The draft of the January 8th minutes were amended, reviewed, moved by DeAnna, seconded by Tom, voted upon, and unanimously approved. The amendment corrected the Erik Forsell's section to show the reference was not to Hope Village but to a new Memory Care Facility, on the corner of S. Ivy and S. 13<sup>th</sup> St., being prepared for submission.

**Introduction:** Everyone present introduced themselves.

**Citizen Input:**

Karen Bourbonnais, who lives on S 3<sup>rd</sup> / S. Grant explained a problem she is having with the Enterprise Rent-A-Car which operate on or near her street. She described the street as narrow with parking reducing traffic to one lane at times and difficult finding spaces to park. Presently she reports, Enterprise parks their inventory of cars on the neighbor streets and also their customers park their personal cars on the street while renting cars for over a week at a time. This occupies many spaces that are already limited. She pointed out, other Canby businesses such as Canby Ford and Les Schwab have their own parking lots. Utilizing Code Enforcement and calling to the Police Department non-emergence number were discussed. Discussion: This matter will be scheduled for next month's agenda. This will allow all members time to examine and research the concerns enabling a more thoughtful and complete discussion. It also allows for a more planned agenda. It is expected a member will be assigned to each concern for follow up if necessary.

Nicola Petersen spoke about a serious concern with vehicles speeding on N. Birch St and quickly turning on to N. 10<sup>th</sup> St. and continuing to speed. Despite the speed humps on Birch St, speeding is continuing. She feels these quick turns and speeding is dangerous. She and her family live on N. 10<sup>th</sup> near the corner and see these cars. She is also concerned the danger will increase with the new development of 15 homes with elderly people coming to the same corner but the opposite side of the street from her. She was hoping for a 4-way stop on N. Birch and N 10<sup>th</sup>.

Jerry will attempt to have Public Works try to gather some traffic/speed data. Officer Macom explained and encouraged the use of traffic complaint form (available on line). He also spoke about the use of the Digital Speed Sign Trailer. This matter will be scheduled for next month's agenda. This will allow all members time to examine and research the concerns enabling a more thoughtful and complete discussion. It also allows for a more planned agenda. It is expected a member will be assigned to each concern for follow up if necessary.

**V. Chairperson's report:** Clint thanked Bob for organizing the Sub Committee looking into the N. Territorial /N. Redwood intersection. He stated he had talked to Chief Davis of the Canby Fire Dept. who indicated the new sub station near Public Works, will generate 20 trip a daily and approximately 600 monthly. There is a need to get an idea of how many trips Public Works vehicles take on a daily bases.

He also shared a concern for the present hazard conditions of the railway tracks on HWY 99. It was noted these tracks are a private company's issue and ODOT will be looking at the issue when HWY 99 is redone.

Clint also asked about a Dog Park for Canby. Jerry shared the City and the Parks Committee is in the process of updating the Park's Master Plan. This could be a process for people to advocate for a dog park. Clean up of a dog park is an issue to resolve for this type of park. If it ever went forward improvements such as sidewalks would have to be considered.

### **Old Business:**

### **New Business:**

**VI. Officer Chris Macom, Canby Police Department:** Officer Macom shared the Canby Police Monthly (January 2021) Traffic Safety Report. It indicated during the Month of January there were: 195 total citations issued by Traffic/Patrol Officers, 12 DUII arrested by Traffic/Patrol Officers, 8 Traffic Crimes arrested by Traffic/Patrol Officers, 9 Traffic Complaints handled by Traffic/Patrol Officer, 9 Traffic Crashes handled by Traffic/Patrol Officers. He explained attempts to address speeding including the speed trailer. He also spoke about a hit and run vehicle incident at the Hope Village area. He encouraged everyone to continue to be safe.

**VII. Jerry Nelzen, Canby Public Works:** Jerry explained Public Works would be having a work session with the City Council to examine the issue of taking over the responsibility of County Roads that are presently in the City. He explained they are adjusting the CIP listing because of a delay in the S. Ivy St. project. S. Ivy has presently being reopened for traffic but more work is expected on this roadway. He shared Public Works is preparing their deicing and other efforts to cope with the snow and ice. He shared he is working with engineering to provide greater insight to the possibilities for the N. Territorial/N. Redwood St intersection and also will be consulting with PGE regarding the power lines affecting this area. On another traffic safety issue, he informed committee members there has been a recent restriction placed on Knight's Bridge. It is presently restricted to 8-ton vehicles.

**VIII. Erik Forsell, Liaison from the Canby Planning Department:** Eric shared the department continues to be busy. He shared their new Director, Don Hardy, will be helping to improve their process, information, and arriving at better informed decisions. He provided an update on several developments. A new Memory Care project is being proposed for the vacancy lot on the S. Ivy/13 St. intersection. The N. Redwood III project (44 total units of these 12 are single detached units) was approved and clearing for improvements will be starting.

**IX. SE 13<sup>th</sup> Speed Reduction Review / Janet:** She explained the current speed is 35 MPH near the Timber Park development. Development and housing is almost completely filled in on the Timber Park side and pedestrians use the roadway for walking. She believes the speed limit should be reduced. Jerry explained this is a County Road and they consider it a more rural setting given no development on one side of the roadway. But Jerry indicated he would reach out to Joe Merit of the County to see if they will be willing to make a change. Officer Macom discussed the problem of trying to issue speeding tickets on this roadway, which is ½ in the city and ½ out of the city.

**Traci Hensley, City Council liaison for TSC:** Traci indicated the discussion about SW 2<sup>nd</sup> St and the Enterprise Rent-A-Car difficulties is a good topic for the City Council. There was brainstorming of ideas including restricting the roadway to no trucks or buses, making it a one-way street, and restricting parking to only one side of the road.

## **Board Members Reports:**

**Janet Bailey** expressed concern as more people are walking on SE 13<sup>th</sup> St. (from the Logging Path to S. Redwood) there needs to be sidewalks. Presently, there is only a bike lane. She felt this is a safety risk.

**Bob Cambra** thanked everyone who is participating in the sub committee group exploring the options (including a 4 way stop) for the N Redwood/ Territorial intersection.

He expressed concern for large construction trucks once again using none designated truck route streets to access development projects and HWY 99. He provided the example of the trucks using Ivy Street to reach Territorial and back to access HWY 99. Public Works will follow up with developers.

**Tom Rushton** shared the project barriers are down on S. Ivy. He felt the sub committee's first meeting went well. One of the options being looked at is roundabouts and how they work. It was recommended we should drive through a few. From his travels, he found midday traffic on N. Territorial was busy and found N. Holly Street was blocked because of roadwork.

**Chris Wadsworth** explained she also felt the sub committee's first meeting went well and is looking forward to helping obtaining an answer for the problem at the N Redwood/ Territorial intersection. She discussed a concern about glass on the roadway and asked about the City's sweeper truck's rotation schedule. Jerry indicated the schedule is posted on the City's website under Public Works. He also indicated anyone can call Public Works directly if there is a concern.

**DeAnna Ball-Karb** explained social media Canby Now has been discussing concerns for traffic surrounding a new large building in the industrial park. Erik explained this is still in a preplanning phase and despite rumors this is not an Amazon site but a building meant for a multi-use purposes. It will be located on the southeast side across from American Steel.

There was a brief discussion about the sale of the old library building and projected vehicle and foot traffic.

**The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be March 12th, 2021 at 8:30am.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Cambra  
Secretary