

City of Canby
Traffic Safety Commission
Minutes of the meeting of April 9, 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; Jerry Nelzen, Canby Public Works; Spencer Polack, Canby Public Works

Others present: Karen Bourbonnais,

Approval of Minutes: The Amended draft of the March 12th minutes were reviewed, moved by Bob, seconded by DeAnna, voted upon, and unanimously approved.

Introduction: Everyone present introduced themselves.

Citizen Input:

Clint indicated he had reached out to Joe Lindsay, the City Attorney, for an update on the Enterprise Rent-a-Car Company parking concern. Mr. Lindsay was still exploring the issue. Erik explained he visited the property last week and saw rental cars parked on the street and found no parking designed for the business. He talked to his boss, Mr. Harding the Planning Department Director, who is working with the City attorney on this issue. A business review is due in October. A response from the City should be forthcoming soon.

Karen Bourbonnais expressed her appreciation for everyone's efforts to resolve this issue.

Chairperson:

Clint expressed appreciation and a thank you to retired Chief Smith for his many years of service to the Community. He also welcomed our New Chief, Jorge Tro.

Old Business:

V. Safe crossing discussion regarding 13th & Berg Parkway between Ace Hardware and A&W

Jackie reported she and DeAnna met and sent pictures to Clint showing the problem of students on lunch breaks illegal crossing the street. They discussed the various attempts previously made by the Commission including creating a PSA, meeting with the School Principal and Vice Principals to arrange for the PSA to be shared with students at assemblies and morning announcements. They proposed building a fence to help redirect students to the crosswalk but the idea had logistical issues.

Bob felt with all of the prior efforts not working, this has become a police enforcement issue. If students were ticketed they may be more cautious and reluctant to illegally cross. Traci felt there would be a problem charging children.

Clint felt signage should be installed directing people to use the crosswalk.

It was acknowledge, it is a challenging location. It was also explained it is not legally possible to install a crosswalk at the Ace Hardware area because it is too close to the intersection with HWY 99. And this is a busy intersection. Jerry provided an example of discussions with ODOT about students crossing HWY 99 to go to food shops across the busy Highway. ODOT was unwilling to install a crosswalk because of the dangerous situation it would create.

Bob made a motion that a letter be sent to the Canby Police encouraging their enforcing the penal for illegally crossing in this area. The letter would explain the prior efforts by the Commission. Jackie seconded the motion. It was voted upon and passed,

VI. Selecting a Date for Field Trip to NW 10th & Birch St. to Discuss possible Safety Measures:

Bob discussed the previously emailed data regarding speeding and traffic on Birch and NW 10th.

Clint explained the field visit would be looking at the possibilities of such alternative lighted sidewalk crossings, an intersection turning island, digital speed signs. It was explained by Spencer the cost of different types of radar digital speed signs presently is very little. The major cost is actually the radar sensing system.

Clint set the date for the field visit for Friday April 23 to begin between 9 or 9:15 am.

New Business:

Jerry Nelzen and Spencer Polack, Canby Public Works: Jerry discussed working with the County trying to negotiate the shifts of county roads in the City to the City's jurisdiction. Both Jerry and Spencer shared the N. Locus road paving issue had been resolved. Jerry shared an Eco Park clean up event planned for this Saturday from 8 to 1 am.

Erik Forsell, Liaison from the Canby Planning Department: Eric shared his department continues to be busy with development projects. He explained the Northwood N 10th street project's Planning Commission hearing is scheduled for April 26th. He encouraged the public to either submit testimony or to testify in person. There is also a large project in the preplanning stage in the south part of town. Bob expressed concern as developments progress we should examine the need for left turn lanes on major streets such as Territorial and N. Locus. It was reflected that the TSB would need to be updated to accomplish this.

Board Members Reports:

Janet Bailey shared a concern ODOT was planning on putting a pedestrian island there by the Kiwanis Thrift Store and they were worried it would keep southbound traffic from turning into their park lot. Erik indicated it might help to write a letter to Jerry and the City Planner stating the concern. He offered to send her the email addresses.

Bob Cambra provided an update on the Sub Committee's work and the data previously shared.

Tom Rushton shared the work by Natural Gas on Berg Parkway has been causing traffic back ups. He also expressed concern after seeing big trucks turning and going into other lanes at the Fred Meyer intersection. Spencer explained the lanes at this intersection are designed large enough for all big truck to make these turns. He speculated the driver must have been new to the area. It was also explained the Walnut Street extension to Hwy 99 is still "years out" to being implemented and providing an alternative for trucks.

DeAnna Ball-Karb shared she believes citizens should be notified ahead of time when construction projects such as the Natural Gas work is going to impact traffic and delays. She reintroduced the safety need to have sidewalk painted by the Tai Restaurant to restrict parking on the roadway. She felt the issue of delivery vehicles should have been an issue the Planning Department should have addressed when the shopping area was created.

Chris Wadsworth thanked Public Works for responding to concerns over construction trucks parking on N. Redwood.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be May 14th, 2021 at 8:30am.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Cambra

Secretary