

Canby Traffic Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

February 8th. 2023

Hybrid meeting

Commission Members Present: Bob Cambra, Jackie Jones, DeAnna Ball, Jennifer Driskill, Clint Coleman, Gary Bryant, Eric Van Zandt

City Members Present: Jerry Nelzen, Spencer Pollack, Traci Hensley, Brianna Adotta

Meeting Called to Order: 8:30 am

Introductions:

Review and Approval of Minutes from January 11th, 2023

Clint Coleman motioned, and Eric Van Zandt seconded to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.

Citizen Input:

Citizen Brown

- The N. Birch speed analysis was completed between January 17th to January 30th, 2023. An average of 1400 cars were going North for this period, which was 110 cars a day. Ninety percent of the drivers were within the speed limit, with 9% within 26-30 mph. Four drivers did go 6 to 10 miles over the speed limit.
- The neighbors would like to see something at 6th Ave and North Baker, such as a stop sign/painted lane to keep people from cutting into the corner of the road.
- A Traffic Safety Commission has a field trip scheduled for February 13th at 10 am to look at this area. This field trip will help determine if a stop sign would be appropriate and any other possible solutions. Clint asked if we could paint asphalt off the curbed area of the street, etc.
- Public works will see if lollipops/candlesticks would be helpful in that area of the road.
- DeAnna asked if a sidewalk could be added, but that would be expensive.
- Public works were asked if they could put orange flags or no truck signs for N Baker.

Citizen Carpenter

- There is a want for a stop sign at S. Larch and S. 16th. This street is a shortcut for those trying to get to Ivy or SE/SW 13th. A citizen wanted to know if traffic is worse in the summer. The traffic commission believes traffic is lighter in the summer as school is not in session. The citizen was concerned that summer would bring faster drivers and would like speed humps, signage, or a stop sign. SE 14th and Larch would like a stop sign as the traffic from the Tofte Farms neighborhood cuts through this neighborhood to get to the arterial streets, as there are no stop signs to slow their commute down. The traffic commission reminded us that stop signs are not for traffic calming, and the traffic has to warrant it. Public works are also concerned that a stop sign may cause accidents

and would like to know if the person who lives at the house right there would like one. Stop signs cause an impact on the neighborhood due to noise and other concerns.

- If the neighborhood wants to put up signage to ask people to slow down, they can if they pay for it. This would need to be taken up with the HOA of Dinsmore Estates. The HOA could approve a stop sign if the traffic commission supports and presents this to the HOA board. This would also need the planning commission's approval as well.
- The citizen would like to have this address when the new Traffic System Plan is being looked at and analyzed.
- Clint had a question if the neighborhood could have a 15mph sign. This has not been done before, so it is unknown if this can be done or if it would be helpful.
- Clint asked if a raised sidewalk to sidewalk would help. The citizen is not sure if this would help. Clint also stated that there is a nice crosswalk at the end of Larch and SE 14th.
- The citizens will meet with the HOA and discuss how to proceed.

Old Business:

CIP

- A separate meeting will need to be scheduled to prioritize the list. Jackie motioned that we meet separately, and Clint seconded. Meeting approved.

Red Flex

- Clint will revisit this and reach out to other communities to see how it is working out for them.

Location of the truck weight sign

- Bob and Gary will need to schedule a time to look at this situation.

Trees over roadways and sidewalks

- This would be a code enforcement issue. Citizens should be aware that it is hazardous to have overhanging trees. Traci Hensley will reach out to someone who can help us with what we can or cannot do as a Traffic Safety Commission.

Right turn only signage on driveways on 99E

- Traci and Jerry will talk to the city administrator; as ODOT states, not enough accidents have happened to warrant this change.
- A request to reduce the speed to 30 mph on S. Ivy to the bridge was proposed. This will need to wait until the development is completed. This request needs to go to ODOT and the county. The county does not want to work with the city regarding this. The issue is that the city of Canby's standards is higher than the county's.

- An economic analysis assessment is being done, and it involves this committee as new roads increase traffic. The desired goal is maintaining livability and pedestrian safety. Concerns are that safety was not talked about as a goal. We need sidewalks and bigger roads, etc. Bob will send out the economic analysis slideshow.

New Business:

- Bob shared where the accidents in Canby have been happening during the last year. Jackie will do an analysis of the traffic reports received during the previous year for the next meeting.

City Staff Reports -

Canby Police – None

Canby Planning – The Walnut extensions are getting closer to happening. It will be under review in a few weeks. The new Traffic System Plan is in progress. Traffic Safety Commission will be informed and involved in this plan. Beer library is going through a review of the traffic impact on the area of the business, and once completed, the application will be made. The Beer Library will include food carts.

Public Works – The no-left turn on 99E is now back to Jerry to deal with. Bob stated that ODOT would need to be medians and no-left turn signage, and they also said not enough accidents have happened to make this change. Jenni was concerned and questioned why it is an issue with ODOT, especially when some of these driveways are close to intersections. This needs to be added to the CIP meeting.

City Council Liaison – Nothing new to report

Board Members Report

Gary Bryant – None

DeAnna Ball-Karb –

- The light at Pine and 99E is having a timer issue again.
- The school zone on SW 13th is not being observed by many.

Jennifer Driskill- None

Bob Cambra – None

Clint Coleman –

- Clint thanked public works and Traci for the 4-way stop at Redwood and Territorial.

Jackie Jones –

- Concern regarding street signs in town being of various sizes and not easily readable at night. This is especially problematic when an emergency happens, and you need to see or know the street you are at or passing.

- There needs to be a better system for DUII reporting on 99E between Canby and Oregon City. 911 takes the call and has to dispatch to Oregon State Police. This causes a delay in emergency assistance. Eric stated that the dispatcher had to forward the call.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8th, at 8:30 am. This meeting will be held by Zoom and at the Public Works building.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 am