

City of Canby
Traffic Safety Commission
Minutes of the meeting of November 8, 2019

Commission members present: DeAnna Ball-Karb, Bob Cambra, Clint Coleman, Jackie Jones, Tom Rushton

City members present: Sandy Freund, Canby Planning Department; Scott McClure, Canby City Administrator; Jerry Nelzen, Canby Public Works; Spencer Poluck, Canby Public Works

Members Excused: Janet Bailey, Officer Macom

Others present: Michael Johnson

Approval of Minutes: The edited draft of the October 11th minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Introduction: Everyone present introduced themselves.

Citizen Input: Mr. Johnson, a citizen attending the meeting, reported a serious traffic situation. He reported approximately 5 cars are speeding, exceeding 60 mph, down North Locust Street pass North 10th Ave without stopping traveling toward Northeast 4rd Street. They seem to be engaged in some sort of “time racing”. This is occurring on a regular bases, 7 days a week between 10 pm and 4 am over the last 3 months. He stated he has previously reported the situation to the Canby Police by way of a submitted form. It was recommended he regularly report the situation whenever it occurs. In addition, given the circumstances, it was felt we should email Officer Macom and share the incident with him and the department.

Old Business:

New Business:

Board Members Reports:

Tom Rushton arranged to meet with Public Works to examine actual locations for speed signs on S. Fir. He also informed everyone the Developer for the Hope Village extension has scheduled a public meeting on November 19th at 7pm to 8 pm at Hope Village. He has been examining traffic patterns in Canby and specifically the need for adjustments to the turning left light at the intersection of S. Ivy and S. 13th St. He believes traffic studies need to factor in the livability standards of a community. Tom also suggested a “ride along” for S. 13th street.

DeAnna Ball-Karb explained she and her neighbors have accounted more deer crossing Berg Parkway by the City Park and the softball park area. She suspects great development and weather issues have increased these encounters. It was recommended ‘Deer Crossing’ signs alerting Drivers would be appropriate. Actual locations will be discussed at the next meeting thus provide time for members to examine possible locations.

Jackie Jones shared several concerns from social media: 1) There was a vehicle which did not obey the four way stop at N. Holly and Territorial. However, it was indicated this is an intersection with a history of drivers consistently obeying the rules. It is hard to deal with a very occasional violator. It was note, people should be encouraged to report license plate numbers to police and they will send violators a letter of concern. 2) She also reported about the concerns pedestrian’s are having in

crossing HWY 99 at the N. Pine Street intersection. This situation has been discussed with ODOT. The nature of this busy intersection and traffic flow makes it difficult to improve it beyond the safety already built in. Pedestrians need to maintain a heightened awareness when crossing.

Bob Cambra discussed two recent situations. 1) The first occurred at the four way stop at N.10th and N Ivy, where a fast moving bike riding on the sidewalk crossed in front of him to the next sidewalk as he started across after stopping. The bike had transitioned and appeared so quickly he had not seen it when he looked. He is going to research this further. 2) He also shared recent incident on N. Locust St. He was driving down Locust from N. 10th toward 4th St. at night when a person dressed in dark clothes stepped from behind a park vehicle on to the roadway to continue to walk down street. He barely avoided hitting the person. It highlights the need for sidewalks on this busy and crowded street.

Chairman's Report: Clint stated Andrea Warnock has resigned. She is in the process of moving out of state. He thanked her for her services to the community. We will be recruiting a new member. Application paperwork is available on line. We will also be looking at a new election of officers next month especially because Andrea was the Vice Chair.

Review of Previous Scheduled Traffic Safety Concerns:

1) At the previous meeting, we discussed examining converting the posted 40 miles speed limit (from the intersection of S Ivy and S 13th St. to the river) to 30 miles per hour, as it will now fall under the city jurisdiction. **After discussion, a motion was made and approved. The motion stated: The Traffic Safety Commission recommends to the City speed limit on S. Ivy from HWY 99 to the river should be should be a consistent 30 mph except of course for the school zone.**

2) After having time to examine, reflect, and discuss, it was decided there is no need to examine the school zone signage on S. Ivy.

3) At the last meeting it was reported a lot of cars are parking up to the intersection of S. Elm and S.13th, which impedes the sight of drivers turning. It was requested the legal parking limits from the stop signs be painted yellow. After discussion, it was the consensus the corners should be painted yellow. Public Works indicated they would arrange to have it done.

4) Signage location recommendation and discussion for N. Maple and S. Fir St. Public Work had already completed all of the signage work needed for N. Maple. Tom was making arrangements with Public Works to provide input for S. Fir.

5) The School Safety Town Program and Driver Ed Program were previously presented. Bob volunteered to explore if and how the Commission could support these programs.

Jerry Nelzen, Canby Public Works: Clint thanked Scott McClure, the new City Administrator, and Public Works for their accomplishments. Jerry shared Public Works is busy proceeding with several projects.

Officer Chris Macom, Canby Police: He earlier submitted the Canby Police Monthly (October 2019) Traffic Safety Report. It indicated during the Month of October there were: 288 total citations issued by Traffic Officers, 9 DUII arrested by Traffic Officers, 15 Traffic Crimes arrested by Traffic Officers, 22 Traffic Complaints handled by Traffic Officer, 14 Traffic Crashes handled by Traffic Officers, 3 truck inspections done by Traffic Officers.

Sandy Freund, Canby Planning Department: Sandy shared the department's monthly report. Although there is a slowing down of construction during the winter, individual projects are proceeding.

She highlighted: 1) Hamilton Acres (N. Pine/ N. oak) 41 lots, 2) Actual construction on several homes are starting on N. Redwood, 3) New Tofte Farms, No. 6, a 16 lot residential development has submitted, 4) Two new industrial area businesses are moving to Canby. Pacific Furniture near the SE 4th area with projected growth of up to 400 employees. The second is Caruso Produce. , 5) Hope Village will be hosting a neighbor meeting by the developer in the area. It was pointed out this would be a good meeting to voice concerns for a flagger for construction trucks. , 6) Development of 89 lots on Territorial and N. Holly area anticipated soon. , 7) Annexation for Tofte Farm's 50 acres is coming. This includes a possible round about on S. Ivy. 8) A communication tower was approved on Appeal, by the City Council. 9) Discussion for sidewalk on N. Maple is continuing. 10) The City is applying for a Community Development Block Grant to provide ADA sidewalk ramps in low-income neighborhoods in the city.

Clint opened a discussion of the County Roads in the City. This topic will be placed on the agenda for next month.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be December 13, 2019 at 8:30am.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Cambra
Secretary