



TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

MINUTES

Monday, June 6, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Hybrid Format

Approved: September 12, 2022

Call to Order

10:01 a.m.

Chair Steph Nappa called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Roll Call

10:01 a.m.

Commissioners present: Peter de Carteret, Chuck Kratch, Steph Nappa, Nolan Streitberger

Commissioners absent: Cyndi Wiggins

Staff present: Transportation Systems Analyst Ron Irish, Public Works Contracting Assistant Shelley Shultz

Others present: Letha Kraft, realtor; Dala Rouse, resident; Mary Abraham, resident

Approval of May 2, 2022, Minutes

10:02 a.m.

Chuck Kratch made a motion to approve the May 2, 2022, minutes. Nolan Streitberger seconded the motion and the motion was approved 4-0.

Business from the Public

10:02 a.m.

Mary Abraham has concerns with stop sign at corner of Willamette and Geary. Discussion ensued. Ron Irish suggested signs to prevent parking and add yellow curbs within 12 feet of signs. Various challenges and options were discussed. Ron said painting the curbs will not require a motion from the TSC or council approval, it can be done at the staff level.

Scheduled Business

a. Willamette Avenue Stop Sign Request(s)

10:18 a.m.

Irish directed attention to the two separate petitions from neighbors included with the agenda packet as "Requested Changes A" and "Requested Changes B", which offer conflicting opinions of placement of stop signs. Irish explained the pros and cons of each scenario.

Mary Abraham spoke in favor of option A, saying that Willamette is only through street without a stop in this area, and people drive too fast on this street. Letha Kraft said she lives on corner of Alco and Willamette and prefers option B, expressing concern about trees interfering with vision and children playing in the neighborhood. Dala Rouse spoke in favor of option A and gave her reasons based upon her long history of living in the neighborhood as well as serving on the TSC and Planning Commission in the past. Steph Nappa recapped and asked Irish if he could come up with a hybrid of these options.

Irish shared that he looked at ODOT's database for crash patterns recorded in this area and found none. He also looked at sight/vision issues. One way to address the matter is to take care of issues related to code violations (fences, vegetation, etc.). Irish did not see a benefit to one side or the other based on these issues and shared his reasons for coming up with the determination for sign recommendations.

Nolan Streitberger asked about criteria for an all-way stop; Irish said the intersection must meet volume thresholds and this does not come close to those numbers. Another way would be to show a pattern of accidents, but there are none.

Chuck Kratch asked if Irish was ready to present a recommendation now or if he needed time to review. Irish stated that he has a slight preference for option B, but both options are acceptable. Discussion followed, with Kratch suggesting that commission members take time to visit the area and come back to next meeting with a better perspective. Commission agreed to table discussion until next month.

Business from the Commission

11:05 a.m.

None

Next Meeting Date

11:08 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held in hybrid format on Monday, July 11, 2022.

Adjournment

11:08 a.m.

Hearing no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Signature on file

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Shelley Shultz
PW Contracting Assistant

Ronald G. Irish
Transportation System Analyst

**Documents discussed at the meeting that are not in the agenda packet are archived in the record.
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