

**MINUTES
CITY OF KEIZER
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
KEIZER CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
SEPTEMBER 21, 1995**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair VanMeter at 7:37 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Heather VanMeter, Paul Gorlinsky, Greg McLeod, and Doug Davis.

Also present: Recording Secretary Nona Oxe'.

3. REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES - AUGUST 17, 1995

The minutes were approved as submitted.

4. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

No one came forward to present any issues to the Commission.

5. THE MEADOWS TRAFFIC AREA - UPDATE

Mr. Gorlinsky reported that the Parkmeadow/River Road intersection was re-engineered to provide better visibility. Tree removal and street widening were part of the improvements. He noted, however, that the 55 MPH speed limit remains in force, and motorists are still exceeding the speed limit.

Ms. VanMeter advised that the traffic area was discussed when she met with City Manager Tryk and Public Works Director Mull. The Public Works Department will continue to monitor and study the intersection.

Discussion followed regarding previous efforts to get a reduced speed for the area through the State Speed Board. Mr. Gorlinsky indicated that he would like to see a paper flow from the City to ODOT pursuing a reduced speed. Ms. VanMeter confirmed that the Public Works Department plans to submit the necessary paperwork. It was pointed out, however, that the Speed Board has not been receptive to any changes for that area.

It was recalled that the other request from The Meadows group was for increased traffic enforcement. Discussion followed regarding Police Department staffing and the lower priority of traffic enforcement due to the heavy workload. Mr. Davis suggested that residents of The meadows could take turns monitoring a reader board, calling motorists' attention to the speeds they are traveling on River Road. Ms. VanMeter acknowledged that she will write to Ms. Rasmus and include that as a recommendation.

Mr. Gorlinsky called attention to a DMV procedure to retest a driver upon receiving a complaint that he/she has been observed severely violating traffic regulations.

After further discussion, it was the consensus that the Traffic Safety Commission will take no further action regarding The Meadows traffic area unless additional specific requests are received. It will continue to monitor the Public Works Department's efforts to get a reduced speed.

6. REPORT FROM CHAIR REGARDING MEETING WITH CITY MANAGER

Ms. VanMeter reported that she met with City Manager Tryk and Public Works Director Mull to discuss how the Traffic Safety Commission can most effectively help City staff and serve the community in promoting traffic safety.

Ms. VanMeter referred to the following list of activities suggested by Mr. Mull as important, but requiring commitment beyond Public Works Department staffing capabilities.

Develop standards for traffic signage including stop signs, signs for crosswalks and school crossings, and caution signs.

Mr. McLeod pointed out that legislation adopted in the recent election includes provisions for signs and flashers around every school in the Salem/Keizer School District.

Ms. VanMeter advised that Mr. Mull has a volume of information on traffic signage standards. She felt that irrespective of the school signage legislation, the Commission could develop and codify into a single reference, traffic sign standards for the City.

Look at the River Road crosswalk near the Bi-Mart center to determine its usefulness, and whether it should be taken out.

Discussion followed regarding the reasoning behind the original installation of the crosswalk. It was pointed out that the River Road

Modal Opportunity Study now under review by the River Road Redevelopment Board (R3B) includes recommendations for River Road crosswalks.

Investigate possible driveway closures along River Road.

Ms. VanMeter felt that driveway closures were also being addressed by R3B. Ms. Oxe' distributed copies of the River Road Modal Opportunity Study for Commission members to review. It was confirmed that the closure of some driveways along River Road was included in the study's recommendations.

Set up a voice mail number for callers with traffic-related concerns.

Mr. Gorlinsky suggested a weekly rotating schedule whereby Commissioners could take turns responding to traffic questions and concerns.

Initiate a speed campaign.

Ms. VanMeter noted that this might involve use of the reader board, education, etc. She pointed out that specifics of a speed campaign might make use of the mini-grant program.

Work with Bicycle Safety Committee

Ms. VanMeter suggested a joint meeting with the Bicycle Safety Committee to discuss overlapping issues.

Ms. VanMeter also suggested that Commissioners attend an R3B meeting to get a better understanding of the traffic-related issues they are addressing. It was pointed out that the next R3B meeting is Wednesday, September 27.

Obtain Standard Operating Procedure material from Helen Liere.

Ms. VanMeter noted that the Traffic Safety Commission regularly receives resource material, and that it is stored in the portable file cabinet near Ms. Oxe's desk.

Ms. VanMeter noted that Mr. Mull will forward to the Traffic Safety Commission any citizen requests or issues not covered by Public Works Department procedures, or requiring more investigative time than staff is able to provide.

7. GOALS/FOCUS/ACTIVITIES

Ms. VanMeter suggested that since mini-grant applications are due November 20, and any request would need to be approved by the City Council, any application would have to be completed and reviewed at the October Traffic Safety Commission meeting before submittal to Council.

Discussion followed regarding possible programs the Commission would like to see funded. The Commission decided that they did not wish to apply for a DUII mini-grant or initiate any program in that regard due to the saturation of drug and drunk driving programs by other groups. In connection with any speed campaign the Commission might wish to undertake, Mr. Gorlinsky pointed out the advantages of an unattended reader board. It was concluded that a mini-grant would not cover funding for the suggested reader board, however, Mr. Gorlinsky will pass the information on to Sgt. Miranda. It was felt that any grant request should be tied in with the S.O.S. program.

After discussion, Mr. Davis agreed to put together a mini-grant application for an S.O.S. sign program, and Mr. Gorlinsky agreed to put together a mini-grant application for a roller blade safety program. Mr. Davis will check with Community Development Director Morgan to determine what sign code restrictions might apply. Both Commissioners will bring back draft applications for review at the October meeting.

It was the consensus that projects and programs for the near term and future are mini-grant requests, signage standards, sight-vision standards, a voice mail phone line, and a speed campaign. Whenever possible, programs will be tied in with the S.O.S. program.

8. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

There was no staff liaison report.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. McLeod asked if the news release was distributed. Ms. VanMeter noted that it was sent to newspapers and local radio stations. Because the City Newsletter for this quarter was already completed, the article will not appear until the next mailing.

Mr. Gorlinsky indicated that he has ideas for future articles for the City Newsletter or for possible news releases. He described some vehicle code regulations he would like to bring to the public's attention.

10. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 19, 1995

At the October meeting the Commission will review the mini-grant applications, and will discuss a voice mail system to respond to citizen requests and problems.

In the interim, Ms. VanMeter will check with staff regarding the City's sight-vision ordinance, and will confirm with Mr. Morgan what traffic issues are being addressed by R3B. She will also investigate the possibility of a joint meeting with the Bicycle Safety Committee, and will get from Mr. Mull the material on standards for signage.

The next regular meeting is October 19, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned by Chair VanMeter at 9:25 p.m.