

CLACKAMAS COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES
August 3, 2011

MISSION: To give the citizens of Clackamas County a forum to voice traffic safety concerns, evaluate related issues, provide a liaison with County agencies and promote traffic safety.

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Present:

Michele Thom
Bob Karl
Brandon McVeigh
Catherine Albrecht
Patricia McManus
Paul McGinnis
Brian Burke

Absent:

Jim Cline, excused
Walt Bartel, excused

STAFF MEMBERS

Present:

Joseph Marek, Liaison

Absent:

Sgt. John Naccarato, excused
Mike Hattan, excused
Danielle Couch, excused

GUESTS

Elizabeth Graser Lindsey

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:08 PM

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

June minutes approved as written.

INTRODUCTIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Elizabeth Graser Lindsey is an applicant for one of the current vacancies on the TSC.

CALL FOR ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Recruitments

Ms. Graser Lindsey lives in Beavercreek and is involved with the Hamlet. In addition to driving and walking in her area, she also rides her horse along the road and helps kids in the area with their horses. She has seen accidents along Ferguson Road and lost her brother in a motor carrier crash and is interested in rural road safety, even filming a YouTube video about rural road safety.

We have two other applicants at this time but they were unable to attend tonight's meeting. We will meet them in September and make a decision to fill our current vacancies through PGR at that time. Joe invited Elizabeth to stay for the remainder of the meeting.

Town Center Roadway and Safety Fair Planning

Joe outlined the participants for the CTC Safety Fair this year and discussed the layout of booths for the participants. There is a desire to have County Transportation Maintenance bring a truck

to set up a “No Zone” to demonstrate blind spots with trucks. Joe will talk to the Transportation Maintenance staff and find out if this is possible.

The Town Center has been in charge of outreach and has a large email distribution list in addition to Facebook. We will also use press releases and will have advertising in the mall. Also this year it is OK to have our people inside the mall directing shoppers to the event. Hopefully we should be able to get the participation numbers higher for families, maybe back up to 400-600 kids for the day.

County Fair Planning

We will be located with Safety Street again this year at the County Fair. Other participants are 911, CCSO, Crime Prevention, CCFD#1 and Canby PD. The event will be generally 11-7 each day.

STAFF REPORT

Safe Communities

In late May, the CCSO cut the Safe Communities Program Manager position (Patty McMillan) due to budget issues. Patty began retraining to a different position on June 1. At the June 13 Safe Communities Advisory Board meeting, Commissioner Bernard recommended sending a letter to the BCC requesting the position continue to be funded. On June 23 the BCC approved \$100,000 out of contingency funds and moved Safe Communities to DTD. Patty transferred to DTD on July 16. She and Joe lost about a month but are getting caught back up on Safe Communities issues.

Building Safer Communities Mini-Grant

There was a proposition to do a small scale safety audit on Beaver Creek Road between Leland Road and the Oregon City limits and possibly on Ferguson Road. Joe contacted the Beaver Creek Hamlet and they supported the proposal and will provide a support letter. Joe will work on the application which is due in September.

Justice Court

At this time, there are still no revenues from the Justice Court going back into safety programs. We still need to develop a sustainability model for Safe Communities and the Justice Court is the most likely direction. DTD needs to better understand the state of the JC and the financial picture to see where revenue streams may go in the future. Bob voiced his concern about JC and how to generate revenue, that there may be pressure to write more citations for the sake of revenue rather than safety. We will need to wait and see what happens with JC.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Joe said that we will have the other two applicants attend the September meeting. One thing that the group may want to think about is the geographic distribution of the members.

ADJOURNMENT ~9:00 PM

The next meeting will be September 7, 7:00PM