

CLACKAMAS COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES
September 7, 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
Walt Bartel
Paul McGinnis
Brian Burke

Absent:

Patricia McManus, excused

STAFF MEMBERS

Present:

Joseph Marek, Liaison
Danielle Couch
Sgt. John Naccarato

Absent:

Mike Hattan, excused

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

August minutes approved as written.

INTRODUCTIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Sgt. Naccarato joined us for the meeting this evening. We were hoping to have an applicant, John Mathews, join us for the meeting but have not had confirmation yet. Christine Kosinski withdrew her application.

CALL FOR ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Tailgating – Bob

Roundabouts – Bob

Community Transportation Forum Update

Recent Crashes – Joe

STAFF REPORT

Safe Communities Program Update

Safe Communities participated in the County Fair and CTC Safety event. Patty is working with the schools through the school lunch program. Our grant is going through the approval process right now with ODOT and it is moving forward. The safety trailer is still being heavily used by other jurisdictions.

Brian asked if there was an update on the Justice Court. Joe spoke with Commissioner Bernard and the BCC is working with the CCSO on how the JC will move forward sustainably.

NEW BUSINESS

Resignation of Jim Cline, TSC Chair & Vote for New Chair

Joe apologized for not sending an email out to the TSC members but said that Jim Cline had resigned his position on the TSC. The group discussed the proper way to refill his position as Chair and, after referring to *Robert's Rules of Order*, concluded that Brian, as Vice Chair, would automatically become Chair for the remainder of the current term. Bob moved for Brian to be the new chair, Paul seconded. Unanimously approved.

Town Center Safety Fair & County Fair Recap

The Town Center Safety Fair was set up great but the traffic through was down by 50-75% with at most 100 kids going through Safety Street. Part of the problem is probably the location that the Town Center has us set up in the West Village which does not have a lot of traffic through anyway. There were signs inside the mall advertising the fair but no one on the commission saw them. Also there was no advertising on the marquee on 82nd Avenue.

Patty sent out pictures from the County Fair but not everyone received them because they were so large. Joe showed the photos. Attendance at the fair was good. Paul thought traffic was light while he was there on Senior Day. Children's Day and Family Day were great. Patty reported that ~1850 kids went through Safety Street. Brian suggested that if we do both the County Fair and the Safety Fair next year, we should have flyers at the County Fair advertising the Safety Fair.

Building Safer Communities Mini-Grant

Joe sent out a draft of the mini-grant application to everyone and he is ready to send it in. The grant will be to do a safety audit on Beaver Creek Road from Leland to OC city limits with support from the Beaver Creek Hamlet. There have been 22 crashes on Beaver Creek in the last 3 years. We would hire a consultant to do the review crashes, look at signing, striping, vegetation, etc. and our staff would prepare the reports. The mini-grant is for \$5000. Joe is hoping to have some quick fixes and some long term fixes that can be incorporated with the rural TSP. Paul asked if there will be a presentation to the Hamlet at some point. Joe said that we would be presenting to the Hamlet and we may even take a field trip out to the area. The grant is awarded in October and we have about a year to complete the work.

Need for TSC Tent?

Joe suggested that if we continue to do these outdoor events we might like to have a canopy. Everyone agreed that it would be nice to have. Joe will do some additional research and we will work on getting one.

Voting on Member Applicants

Since we have only interviewed one applicant, Joe suggested that we reopen the recruitment. Brian thought we should discuss the one applicant that we have and move forward with another recruitment after that.

The group discussed Elizabeth Graser-Lindsey as a possible member. The final vote was 4 in favor, 2 opposed, and one abstained (not present at last meeting). Danielle will start processing the paperwork for the BCC to approve Elizabeth's membership.

OLD BUSINESS

Transportation Safety Action Plan

Joe is expecting a draft of the plan at the end of the month and would like to invite the consultants back in November.

PENDING ISSUES

Safety Project List

On hold.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Tailgating – Bob

Bob explained his thoughts that following too closely is implicated in a high percentage of crashes on the roads and asked why it is not cited more often. Sgt Naccarato said that there is technology now that uses lasers to measure following too closely. He explained that people will drive how they drive and there is no way to change them. Also, the statistics are skewed because “Following Too Closely” is one of the only boxes that can be checked on citations, even if the cause of a crash is something different (adjusting the radio, texting, etc.). The CCSO also just acquired a software program that will run license plate numbers and registered owners and alert the Deputy that the driver may be driving on a suspended license.

Joe asked about the status of the Traffic Team. As of right now, there is no Traffic Team – their budget was zeroed out this fiscal year. They are inactive until reactivated by the Sheriff.

Roundabouts – Bob

Bob said that he recently had an experience at the Stafford-Rosemont roundabout where he almost was hit by another car entering the roundabout. He asked if there is different signing that can be posted to help people slow down. Joe said that the signing is part of the MUTCD which is a federal standards document and we must comply with the adopted signing.

Community Transportation Forum Update

Danielle said that the CTF has been meeting every other month, most recently in August. The meeting was the same week as the County Fair so many members had other engagements, but Sam Irving, Transportation Operations Manager attended and gave an overview of the work and responsibility of the Transportation Maintenance Division.

The CTF group is representative of other groups in the County that have an interest in the development and evolution of our transportation system (aging population, mentally or physically disabled, bike/ped, emergency response, etc.). The CTF was formed by Mike Bezner, Engineering Manager, to be the official public body to comment on the TSP (Transportation System Plan). The group will be active for as long as is necessary, probably 2-3 years.

Recent Crashes – Joe

There was recently a fatal motorcycle crash on Springwater Road and a pedestrian fatality on McLaughlin Blvd (99E).

Paul said that Oregon is going to be moving forward with a “Coordinated Care Organization” plan and thought that we could and should be involved with the program on an education and prevention level. Joe agreed that our public departments should work seamlessly together.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 8:49PM

The next meeting will be October 5, 7:00PM