

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA
6:30 P.M., January 28, 2019
GLADSTONE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. Members of the Committee: Bill Osburn, Linda Cosgrove, Len Nelson, Yvonne McNeil, Andrew Labonte, Libby Wentz - Chair, Kenneth Moore – Vice-Chair. Council Liaison – Neal Reisner.
2. Call to Order – Introduction
3. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
4. Approval of October 22, 2018 Minutes.
5. Curb Painting around John Wetten Elementary – Continued from previous meeting
6. Discussion on 25MPH on Glen Echo (Portland Ave to Addie St)
7. Discussion of Cornell Ave intersections at Max Paterson Park
8. Discussion on Webster Rd & Oatfield Rd speeds – Linda Cosgrove
9. Discussion on Webster Rd & Cason Rd intersection
10. Follow up on Traffic Safety Commission Requests
11. Business from the Board

12. Business from City Staff

13. Round Table

14. Adjourn

GLADSTONE TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES of October 22, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Chair Libby Wentz, Len Nelson, Ken Moore, Bill Osburn, Andrew Labonte

ABSENT:

Linda Cosgrove, Yvonne McNeil

STAFF:

Neal Reisner, City Council Liaison; Sergeant Matthew Okerman, Police Department

1. Call to Order – Introductions

2. Approval of June 25, 2018 Minutes:

Bill Osburn made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Ken Moore. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of September 25, 2018 City Council/Traffic Safety Work Session Minutes:

Bill Osburn made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Andrew Labonte. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion of Updated Traffic Safety Work Plan as discussed with City Council at September 25, 2018 work session:

Sgt. Okerman said this is the same document that was gone over during the Council work session with a few changes made based on the discussions during that work session. Ken Moore said that most of it is what they have already been doing and now it's in a more formal format. Bill Osburn agreed. Councilor Reisner gave some background on the work plan/goals.

Bill Osburn made a motion to approve the updated Traffic Safety Work Plan. Motion was seconded by Ken Moore. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Request for Stop sign at entrance/exit to 24-Hour Fitness Facility:

Katie Ellerby said there are three traffic lanes (one going in and two coming out) but no stop sign. She said people are stopping in the crosswalk. Sgt. Okerman said the stop sign was not a requirement for the design review of the property, but he said there is an ORS that addresses this issue (811.505), which is "failure to stop when emerging from an alley, driveway, or building". He said there is already a requirement for someone to stop when exiting a parking lot, plus they must stop at/before a sidewalk area. Chair Wentz suggested sending a memo to the Planning Commission about addressing stop signs for egress from commercial properties that have driveways bigger than one lane. Sgt. Okerman said that this driveway entrance/exit is becoming more of a problem area that they are trying to focus on more. Ken Moore suggested contacting the property owner and asking them to install a stop sign. He feels that parking is allowed too close to that area so that it interferes with visibility. Bill Osburn said that a lot of people are breaking the law by not stopping at those uncontrolled intersections just because they don't know the law.

Ken Moore made a motion to ask Ms. Betz to draft a letter to the property manager asking them to install a stop sign. Motion was seconded by Bill Osburn. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Reisner will contact Ms. Betz. Ken Moore wanted to point out that they are not pointing a finger at 24-Hour Fitness – this is directed at the property owner, Gladstone Crossing.

6. Request for 25 MPH speed limit on Glen Echo (Portland Avenue to Addie Street):

Katie Ellerby said at one time there was a 30 MPH speed sign there, but it was taken down when the townhouses were put in and it was never replaced. She said there are many children playing in the front yards of the duplexes, lots of cars parked there on both sides of the streets, goats, ducks, etc. She said drivers have ended up going off the road and through the fence during the winter months. There are also a lot of school buses that travel through that area that are going too fast. Sgt. Okerman went over a map of the area showing who owns the properties and where speed signs are located. He suggested utilizing the speed trailer or a hand-held radar unit to take a look at the speeds that vehicles are going, but he has not received any complaints nor observed speed issues in that area. He said the County owns half of the street so they would have to be involved in this discussion. Chair Wentz suggested having someone come with a radar unit and show Ms. Ellerby what speeds the vehicles are actually going (Ken Moore will follow up on this). Sgt. Okerman agreed to put the speed trailer out there and gather information to bring back to the next meeting. Bill Osburn provided Ms. Ellerby with information regarding the County's traffic meetings.

A member of the audience, Miguel Mosler, lives on Glen Echo/Addie, shared a story regarding his neighbors/right-of-way/him receiving a traffic citation. Sgt. Okerman gave him an explanation regarding issuing citations, property ownership, annexation, etc.

7. Request for Painting Curbs around John Wetten Elementary School:

Traci McCarthy was not in attendance so this item will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

8. Discussion of No Parking During School Hours Signs and Painting Curb on Nelson Lane near the High School:

Bill Osburn said he was helping unload the Gladstone Food Pantry truck and he parked on the high school side – luckily someone told him he couldn't park there. The signs are on the other side of the sidewalk so they are a distance away from where you park so they are hard to see and some of them are turned at an angle so it is not clearly marked. He feels that painting the curb and better signage are needed in order to make this visible so people understand that they're not allowed to park there during school hours. Sgt. Okerman will follow up with Public Works to determine if the signs are in compliance. It was agreed that painting the curbs might be confusing since there are specific hours when parking is allowed.

9. Request for lowering speed limit by 5 MPH on Oatfield and Webster Roads:

Andrew Labonte said he would like to see a more cohesive plan with Glen Echo and slower speed/improvements made on Oatfield and Webster Roads. He suggested moving the flashing yellow light from the top of Stonehill (because it's often blocked by hedges) closer to the Nature Park to try to slow down traffic in that area. Len Nelson said he feels we need to look at speed through that area now that we are putting new structures on Portland Avenue that will attract a lot of new business. It was agreed to put this topic on the agenda for the next meeting since Linda Cosgrove was not in attendance. Sgt. Okerman said the data was lost from the Oatfield Road times/dates, but those issues have been resolved. Bill Osburn feels that enforcement of the speed limit might be the answer. Sgt. Okerman said they will get the radar trailer out in order to provide some concrete measurement of speeds. He said the reference to lowering speeds in the TSP is actually located under bicycle safety. Chair Wentz asked Sgt. Okerman to contact Code Enforcement Officer Boyle in regard to overgrown blackberry bushes covering the sidewalk on

the west side of the street in the area of Stonehill/Barbary/Webster. The east side of the street was cleaned up by Public Works.

10. Request for W. Clackamas Blvd. to be a One-Way Street:

Councilor Reisner said that last month at the Coffee with a Councilor event a citizen brought up this issue again. There is a lot more pedestrian and bicycle traffic using the roadway. There had been talk of putting up no parking signs or painting the curbs red but that never happened. There was a petition signed by residents in the area. Chair Wentz said the Fire Department had an issue with making it a one-way street. Ken Moore said there should be a bike lane and that the street is too narrow for two-way traffic. Sgt. Okerman said he can follow up with the City to see what happened to the signage. There was discussion regarding the Fire Department's access to the area, parking, driveways, etc. Chair Wentz said we need to have the Fire Department give their input on this issue.

11. Road congestion on Caldwell at Tim's Way:

This topic may be addressed at a future time.

12. ODOT Traffic Surveys:

This topic may be addressed at a future time.

13. Follow-Up on Traffic Safety Commission Requests:

Sgt. Okerman said the only designated truck route through the city is I-205/Highway 99E. There are no east-west truck routes through the city. Trucks are allowed to go from a truck route and make local deliveries and then proceed to the next nearest truck route. Ken Moore said he conducted a speed survey and didn't really see that many speeders. He suggested posting signs near McLoughlin and near Oatfield that say "no through truck traffic" so it could be easily enforced. He also suggested adding those to the speed signs on Gloucester near Oatfield and McLoughlin to help with the situation. Sgt. Okerman went over the data that was gathered from the radar trailer. He will share the information with everyone on a regular basis now. There was discussion regarding anomalies in the data.

14. Business from the Board:

Andrew Labonte asked how aggressive they can be in regard to solving problems such as improving sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, etc. Councilor Reisner said the information is in the City's budget – it's a dedicated fund. He said the City will be doing some major work on E. Clarendon in the next year in conjunction with the County.

Mr. Labonte had a student ask why there aren't four-way stops near Max Patterson Park (Cornell & Exeter and Cornell & Fairfield). There was discussion regarding what steps are necessary in order to get stop signs. It was agreed to have everyone look at the area and discuss this at the next meeting, get input from Mr. Whynot, and possibly ask the Traffic Engineer to conduct a study in the future.

Bill Osburn:

He said something to look at down the road is the parking situation on Oatfield Road during the Seven Day Adventist event in summer.

15. Round Table:

Ken Moore wanted to open a discussion regarding the radar gun. He knows it's City property – we need to decide whether or not private citizens should have access to it. He doesn't feel they should. He feels a member of the Traffic Safety Commission should go out and use it with a

citizen. He feels that a citizen using it on their own should be liable for any damage and should receive training on how to use it. Sgt. Okerman agreed that it will be stored at the Police Department, he will create a sign-out sheet, and he will provide some training on how to use it.

There was discussion regarding issues with accessing email.

16. Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Next meeting will be on January 28th, 2019.