

TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA
6:30 P.M., August 26, 2019
GLADSTONE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
525 Portland Avenue, Gladstone, OR

- 1. Members of the Committee:** Linda Cosgrove, Len Nelson, Yvonne McNeil, Andrew Labonte, Libby Wentz, Kenneth Moore – Chair, Bill Osburn – Vice-Chair. Council Liaison – Randy Ripley.
- 2. Call to Order – Ken Moore**
- 3. Roll Call – Executive Assistant Kristi Walls**
- 4. Introduction – Purpose of Committee – Ken Moore**
- 5. Approval of June 24, 2019 Minutes – Ken Moore**
- 6. Community Input:** Visitors: This is an opportunity for members of the audience to bring to the Commission's attention any item not otherwise listed on the Agenda. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per person. Speakers may not yield their time to others and must fill out a speaker card available in the back of the room prior to making a comment.
- 7. Discussion of Traffic Concerns on Nelson Lane/Harvard Avenue – Marc Snell**
- 8. Police Department Updates – Chief Schmerber**
- 9. Business from the Board**
- 10. Business from City Staff**
 - a. E. Clackamas Blvd One-Way Traffic options/discussion – Public Works Director Jim Whynot & City Traffic Engineer Kittleson & Associates**
- 11. Adjourn**

GLADSTONE TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES of June 24, 2019

Meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Chair Ken Moore, Andrew Labonte, Linda Cosgrove, Yvonne McNeil, Bill Osburn

ABSENT:

Libby Wentz, Len Nelson

STAFF:

Randy Ripley, City Council Liaison; John Schmerber, Police Chief; Sergeant Matthew Okerman, Police Department; Jacque Betz, City Administrator

1. Call to Order – Introductions

2. Approval of April 22, 2019 Minutes:

Yvonne McNeil made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Andrew Labonte.

Linda Cosgrove said there was a recommendation that there be “no trucks”/”no through truck traffic” signs posted on either end of Gloucester and she didn’t see that in the minutes. Yvonne McNeil said it *IS* mentioned in the minutes on the third page. Sgt. Okerman confirmed that he has discussed it with Public Works and it is on their list of things to do – he will check to see what the timeframe is.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

Melanie Brown lives on Kelsey Court - she said you have to come out of Heather Way onto Oatfield Road, which is near Webster/Oatfield, and there is a blind corner and cars come “flying” around that corner so it is difficult to pull out. Now they are building a duplex and the construction vehicles have been parking on Oatfield Road so that it blocks the view on the corner. She is concerned that when the duplex is complete they will have multiple vehicles parked out on the street and it will impede the view and make it incredibly dangerous. Sgt. Okerman said there is parking permitted on Oatfield north of Heather Way only for approximately 100 feet so vehicles parking directly in front of the duplex would be in violation. He will discuss the issue with Public Works.

Marti Petri has an issue with the one-way street on East Clackamas Boulevard where it rounds onto Cornell – they have concerns with near misses with people coming in the wrong way at high speeds, exiting the union building driveway from Cornell and going the wrong way onto East Clackamas Boulevard. They have mentioned their concerns before and were told to take pictures or get license plate numbers. They are asking for better signage and/or an arrow painted on the pavement. The second issue is the upkeep of the park/fence line/sidewalk – the weeds are tall/dried out and are a fire hazard. There are people camping at the river and roaming through the area at night, going through garbage cans, etc. She said there used to be a consistent presence of police officers in the area. They also have concerns about illegal parking that’s been going on – including RV’s that have been parked for some time where trucks aren’t permitted. It was recommended that she contact Code Enforcement for the parking issues and the Parks Board and/or Jim Whynot from Public Works for the upkeep/maintenance issues.

Richard Vandegraft also lives on East Clackamas Boulevard – he feels that lack of signage and placement of the signs is an issue. There is only one 15 MPH sign, which is halfway through the park. The information will be passed along to Public Works.

He said they have noticed some senior citizens who have fallen in the park at the bottom of the handicap ramp – and once they fall they can't get up. He said there is no hand railing. It was recommended that he go to the Parks Board with that issue.

Gretchen Moravec also lives on East Clackamas Boulevard and has the same concerns regarding signage in the area. There are residences with small children in that area and vehicles are going through too fast. She feels there should be warning signs/reduced speed signs on Yale and Harvard. She said the sharp corner sign on Harvard/East Clackamas is almost covered by a bush.

Chair Moore said that the Board members will go through the area and look at the issues and they will make recommendations to the City Council/Public Works. Bill Osburn suggested contacting the union hall to see if they would post a one-way only sign in their parking lot – Sgt. Okerman will include that in his discussion with Public Works.

4. Discussion of Gladstone Municipal Code Chapter 2.60 – Traffic Safety Advisory Board Roles and Responsibilities & Continued Discussion of 2019 Annual Work Plan:

Ms. Betz said this is an opportunity for the new Police Chief to come and observe the meeting. They are in the process of hiring a new Lieutenant who may be taking over the Traffic Safety position. There is a new City Council Liaison, Randy Ripley. They want to provide the Board with an opportunity to talk about what is important to the Board, what they want to have in a work plan, and provide them with some structure and resources they need to accomplish that. Other boards/committees have chosen three or four goals that they would like to work on for the next year. The City updated the roles/responsibilities in 2018. Ms. Betz suggested meetings involving the Chair, Vice-Chair, Public Works Director, herself, etc. Chair Moore suggested upgrades and a solar panel for recharging the radar trailer or a new unit with a solar panel. He said the data gathering unit in the trailer is very antiquated. He will discuss this with Sgt. Okerman. Yvonne McNeil suggested discussing some options for goals amongst the Board members. There was discussion regarding passing along issues/complaints to appropriate departments. Linda Cosgrove feels there should be a letter sent by the City to the citizen who brought up an issue such as signage saying why it can/cannot be done. Yvonne McNeil pointed out that the meetings are recorded so that anyone can listen. There was discussion regarding putting citizens' complaints on the agenda. Linda Cosgrove suggested getting regular updates from Public Works regarding issues that have been forwarded to them.

5. Update of "Give Away Items" for Community Festival:

Ms. Betz said they didn't know what the \$1,500 was for so they approved \$750 for the first year and \$750 for the second year. The Police Department will order the items. Last year they ran out of the items on the first day of the Community Festival so they wanted to increase their budget this year.

6. Results of 1/28/19 motion request to Fire Department:

Sgt. Okerman said there had been a discussion regarding curb painting/signage for no parking on West Clackamas. The project went to Fire Marshal Funk and Public Works Director Whynot to determine what the needs were for the City. He spoke with both of them and the decision was ultimately left with Fire Marshal Funk – they determined that what was present was adequate for the Fire Department's needs so there were no changes made to the signage or curb painting. There

was a request for some trees to be cut back to meet current setback requirements and that was done at that time.

7. Business from the Board:

Linda Cosgrove:

She said she drove through the streets near the High School/West Tyron Way, which connects Nelson and Harvard – there is a new sign that says it is marked as a school zone. She asked Andrew Labonte if he feels that the signage is adequate now – he said he feels that the visibility is very poor at that intersection and that it is a potential anomaly of a traffic issue.

Bill Osburn:

He attended the County Traffic and Safety meeting last month – he mentioned that this Board had been talking about the reduction of speed on Oatfield/Webster and asked them about looking into that situation since the majority of the road is County road. He also talked to them about the sidewalks on Jennings Avenue.

Some of his ideas for the work plan: looking at some of the issues/safety items in the Transportation System Plan and give recommendations to the City Council. He also suggested looking at some of the codes that pertain to traffic and safety.

Andrew Labonte:

He said there was a discussion regarding what the speed limit is near Max Patterson Park on Cornell/Exeter – he asked if there was a definitive answer. Sgt. Okerman said it is 25 MPH. There was further discussion regarding having a four-way stop near the spray park. Ms. Betz said they determined that they could not get an exemption.

8. Business from City Staff:

Chief Schmerber:

He said he just wanted to observe the meeting tonight, discuss things with Sgt. Okerman, and see how to proceed. He looks forward to hearing from the Board and seeing the giveaways. Chair Moore said he is glad to see the Police Department represented because that's the best way to help get things going. Sgt. Okerman said there is a lot of information that he can pass along to patrol.

9. Round Table:

Bill Osburn asked if anyone was planning on attending the Clackamas County Traffic Safety Commission networking night. Mr. Osburn is going to try to attend, as well as Chair Moore.

10. Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM.

