



TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA Monday, June 26, 2023, 6:00 PM In Person/Virtual Via Zoom

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The Traffic Safety Advisory Board will also have *Community Input* at the end of the meeting. To speak during this time, (either virtually or in person) please email kwalls@gladstoneoregon.us prior to 12:00 p.m. (noon) on June 26, 2023 with your topic of discussion.

(For Zoom participants, speaking instructions will be emailed to persons who request to speak and posted on the city's website)

Members of the Committee: Yvonne McNeil – Chair, Nathan Page – Vice-Chair, Andrew Labonte, Mindy Proski, Alexandra Hernandez, Karlene Cox, John Kihlstrom.

1. Call to Order- Chair – Yvonne McNeil
2. Roll Call- Executive Assistant Kristi Walls
 - a. Present:
 - b. Absent:
3. John Kihlstrom introduction
4. Reminder to board to state their name prior to making comments.
5. Approval of April 24, 2023 minutes –Chair – Yvonne McNeil
6. Business from the Board – Chair – Yvonne McNeil
 - a) Community Events
7. Roundtable Discussion – Board
8. Police Department Updates – Chief Schmerber
9. 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 email kwalls@gladstoneoregon.us prior to 12:00 p.m. (noon) on June 26, 2023 with your topic of discussion.
10. Adjourn

GLADSTONE TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 24, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM (Conducted electronically via Zoom and in person).

ROLL CALL:

Chair Yvonne McNeil, Andrew Labonte, Nathan Page, Alexandra Hernandez, Karlene Cox

ABSENT:

Mindy Proski

STAFF:

Kristi Walls, Executive Assistant; John Schmerber, Chief of Police

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

2. Approval of February 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes:

Nathan Page made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Alexandra Hernandez.

Discussion: Andrew Labonte said he wasn't sure if he mentioned considering bringing Public Works into a meeting or if it was Nathan Page – Mr. Page confirmed that it was indeed Mr. Labonte who said that. *Motion passed with a unanimous vote.*

3. Business from the Board:

Ms. Hernandez was asked to start looking at some of the effects of the tolling on the community. She said it's hard to predict because we don't know exactly where on the Abernethy Bridge the tolls will be. With the assumption that people will be exiting before the bridge, that could create a problem within the Gladstone downtown area with people coming through. She did research on how traffic could be diverted through residential areas. If enough people in Gladstone went on the "Waze" app and said to avoid Arlington, etc. then the algorithm would send people other ways. She is working with the people at Waze to see if there is more they can do. One idea is looking into creating a safety corridor – if you deem an area a safety corridor it usually requires working with traffic safety boards, determining what the laws are, signage, double fines, etc. Chief Schmerber said there may be certain requirements regarding crashes, etc., so they need to look into that to make sure we even qualify for that.

He had a meeting with City staff regarding the tolling and what ODOT is considering for the intersection of Arlington/McLoughlin, as well as Gloucester/McLoughlin.

Mr. Labonte said generally speaking it isn't ideal to have a residential street connected directly to an arterial – generally you want those to go to collectors. If they could find ways to end those connections between residential streets and arterials so the residential street goes to the collector and then up to the arterial.

He asked for additional information regarding a crash that happened near his house and the Nature Park recently – a vehicle ended up in a house. Chief Schmerber did not have that information.

Chair McNeil asked members to attend at least three out of four of these community events:

1. Shred Take-Back Day is on May 13th.
2. Bike Rodeo is on May 20th – she would like everyone to attend.

3. Fourth of July Barbeque put on by the Police Department.
4. The Community Festival is on August 4th – 6th – they will man a booth there.

If anyone is interested in learning how to fit bike helmets correctly, she would love to have more help. They give out helmets at the Bike Rodeo and Community Festival.

4. Police Department Updates:

Chief Schmerber gave recent statistics: In February, they had 10 crashes – 6 were hit and runs. In March, there were 6 crashes – 3 were hit and runs. In February, they made 279 traffic stops, wrote 118 citations/charges, 1 parking citation, and arrested four drunk drivers. In March, they made 435 traffic stops, wrote 216 citations, 25 parking citations, and arrested two drunk drivers. Traffic enforcement continues to be a priority for them. The ODOT grants help fund this.

He asked if anyone had heard any complaints regarding vehicles blocking the Hereford/Harvard crosswalk. They have made some adjustments – Public Works is going to paint the curbs yellow and move things back to ensure the crosswalk is safe. He also had conversations with the dealership regarding the crosswalk at Gloucester/River Road where cars have been parking in the yellow area – they are correcting that because visibility is effected.

Regarding East Dartmouth from Oatfield to Portland Avenue – he and Mr. Caniparoli measured last week to see about creating parking, a bike lane, shrinking that lane, shrinking that speed, and engineering it better with paint – it looks like it's all going to fit. When they do the paving over the next year we can expect the lines to go in at that time.

They had the speed trailer on Gloucester, and something went wrong with the technology, so they didn't get the data. They have figured out the issue and it has been fixed. They have been putting the black box out as well – the numbers are very similar.

Mr. Labonte said with the new library and the parking lot being across the street it's very likely that people aren't going to be using the crosswalk. He asked about possible solutions. Chief Schmerber said he discussed this with Mr. Caniparoli – he will try to figure all that out.

Mr. Labonte asked where the parking citations were issued – Chief Schmerber said they were at Meldrum Bar Park. He said hopefully they will have the new Code Enforcement Officer on board on May 1st. Part of their duties will be parking enforcement (including the downtown area), and they will be working at least one weekend day.

5. Community Input:

None.

6. Adjourn:

Andrew Labonte made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Nathan Page. (No vote was taken) Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 P.M.