



TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA Monday, August 28, 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 August 28, 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, Karlene Cox, John Kihlstrom, Council Liaison Vanessa Huckaby.

1. Call to Order- Chair – Yvonne McNeil
2. Roll Call- Executive Assistant Kristi Walls
 - a. Present:
 - b. Absent:
3. Approval of June 26, 2023 minutes –Chair – Yvonne McNeil
4. Business from the Board – Chair – Yvonne McNeil
5. Roundtable Discussion – Board
6. Police Department Updates – Chief Schmerber
7. 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 August 28, 2023 with your topic of discussion.
8. Adjourn

GLADSTONE TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 26, 2023

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

ROLL CALL:

Chair Yvonne McNeil, Mindy Proski, Alexandra Hernandez, Karlene Cox, John Kihlstrom

ABSENT:

Nathan Page, Andrew Labonte

STAFF:

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

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

2. Introduction of new member – John Kihlstrom:

Mr. Kihlstrom gave some background information. He looks forward to getting involved in local issues and to be a benefit to the community.

3. Reminder to Board members to state their name prior to making comments:

4. Approval of April 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes:

Mindy Proski made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Alex Hernandez. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

5. Business from the Board:

a) Community Events:

Chair McNeil gave an update on the May 20th bike rodeo – it went very well and all the Board members participated. There were 92 kids and they fit 42 kids with bike helmets.

The next event is the Fourth of July at Max Patterson Park. The community is invited to attend. It is put on by the Police and Fire Departments. There will be hot dogs, chips, and snow cones for free between noon and 2:00 P.M.

Gladstone Community Festival is August 4th and 5th. The Board needs to man the booth between noon and 5:00 P.M. each day, possibly do 3-hour shifts that overlap. Members can reach out to her to sign up.

6. Roundtable Discussion:

Mr. Kihlstrom said he has noted some areas where it's very difficult to see when you pull up to the intersection – one is Dunaway/Portland Avenue/Glen Echo – there is a fence with black sheeting there and you can't see around the corner. Chief Schmerber said there was already a meeting scheduled to address this location and one on 1st Street. The other one is Meldrum Bar Park – both sides have fences with slats in them.

Another item is school signage consistency – at Kraxberger there are flashing yellow lights going south and the signs say “when children are present or during school hours” – the one going north, the traffic flasher was run down in November or December so now there is just a sign that says “school days, 7-5”. He thinks the flashers should be replaced. Chief Schmerber said a new flashing light is on order – when it gets installed the sign will be replaced.

He also sees a lot of abandoned vehicles around the City. Chief Schmerber said this is a Code Enforcement issue and they tag/tow cars quite often. If there is a complaint from a citizen they can call Code Enforcement and leave a message on their line or go to the City's website and fill out a complaint form.

Accident investigation – he asked if it would be of value to have input on traffic evaluations – what happened, was there poor lighting, etc. He asked if the City has a traffic engineer. Chief Schmerber said the Police Department conducts the crash investigations. On their form there are variables that they check (speed, lighting, weather conditions, etc.) – that data is collected through DMV. The City does not have an engineer – it usually goes through Clackamas County.

The flashing yellow left turn at Oatfield onto Webster – it's not flashing now. It's a green light and has a sign that says: "yield left turn". He feels it's confusing. Chief Schmerber said there was no community outreach/input before they put these lights in. They saw increases in crashes at the intersections. He feels the signs are here to stay. He said the crosswalk there is under development and it will be lighted with flashing lights, etc.

He said there are no signs near the high school that say it's a school zone – it just says 20 MPH. He asked if the traffic violation fines are higher in a school zone. Chief Schmerber said they are higher. He said all of Portland Avenue is 20 MPH.

He asked Chief Schmerber if he had any updates regarding the installation of new ATC signal controllers at three locations – they are supposed to optimize signal timing for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Chief Schmerber said he did not have that information, but he can look into it. He said Public Works talked about doing slurry seals at eleven sites – he asked how residents get notified of that. Chief Schmerber said that Public Works does all the notifications.

Chair McNeil said that one of the things the Board recommended at Oatfield/Webster was to put in a red light/green light turn lane.

7. Police Department Updates:

Chief Schmerber gave recent statistics: In April they made 346 traffic stops, issued 160 citations/charges, and made three DUI arrests. In May they made 253 traffic stops, issued 121 citations, and made four DUI arrests. To date they have made 1,694 traffic stops, issued 832 citations/charges, and made 16 DUI arrests. The top five citations for April and May were 75 for speeding, 42 for Driving While Suspended, 34 for Driving Uninsured, 19 for Improper Display of Plate, and 9 for Failure to Obey a Traffic Control Device. He didn't have the information regarding crash locations.

The school zone/crosswalk at Hereford/Harvard near John Wetten Elementary has been completed. The curb lines are now painted to State standards on three sides. There are no clear vision issues now.

He and the Public Works Director went out to Dartmouth and took some measurements. In order to slow traffic on that road they need to shrink the lanes. They would put eight-foot parking strips all the way down, then create a bike lane that's lined, then create the driving lanes. They are working on a solution for the intersection with Oatfield Road. This would hopefully get done within a year.

8. **Community Input:**

None.

Alex Hernandez said her family is moving out of the country for three years so she will have to step down. She said it has been a pleasure working with everyone. When she gets back she will volunteer for another round.

9. **Adjourn:**

Alex Hernandez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Mindy Proski. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:24 P.M.