

ASTORIA TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Astoria City Hall

October 22, 2013

CALL TO ORDER:

President Innes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: President McLaren Innes, Vice-President Mark Cary, David Pearson, Al Tollefson, Kera Huber, and Zetty Nemowill

Commissioners Excused: Thor Norgaard

Staff Present: Community Development Director / Assistant City Manager Brett Estes, Planner Rosemary Johnson, City Attorney Blair Henningsgaard, Police Sergeant Brian Aydt and Engineer Technician Steve Ruggles. The meeting is recorded and will be transcribed by ABC Transcription Services, Inc.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice President Cary moved to approve the September 24, 2013 Traffic Safety Committee (TSC) minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Pearson. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS/COMMISSIONERS: No reports.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Drew Herzig, 268 Klaskanine Avenue, Astoria, stated the speed limit sign on Commercial Street has been moved from behind a lamppost near 14th Street to between 9th and 10th Streets. He congratulated the TSC on this accomplishment. He has learned that Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will loan their electronic speed trailers free for two weeks. The City must request the trailers and ODOT must place them. Many merchants on Marine Drive, between 9th and 12th Streets, have asked that these trailers be placed in the area.

Several residents on Hamburg have told him that turning east or west on to West Marine Drive is difficult because two or three lanes of traffic must be crossed. The residents suggested making Taylor a two-way, yield to oncoming traffic street, to allow drivers to drive down Taylor Street and use the roundabout. Taylor runs parallel to West Marine Drive between Florence and Hamburg. An ODOT bridge repair sign is currently blocking the view, but crossing several lanes of traffic poses the most difficulty. He did not believe the Transportation System Plan (TSP) called for a road diet there and asked the Committee to look into making Taylor a two-way street that must yield to oncoming traffic.

Sarah Meyer, 555 Rivington, Astoria, agreed with Mr. Herzig's suggestion for Taylor Street, which used to be a two-way street. She asked the TSC to look into the stoplight timing at 9th and Commercial Streets. Traffic going around 8th Street is backing up unnecessarily.

Director Estes stated that Staff will forward all of the public comments to the Engineering Department and will provide updates at the next TSC meeting about each issue.

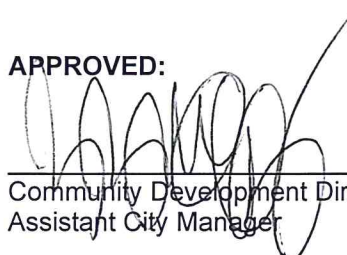
ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to convene the Planning Commission Meeting at 7:05 p.m.

ATTEST:


Secretary

APPROVED:


Community Development Director /
Assistant City Manager