

ASTORIA TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Astoria City Hall

April 26, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice President Easom called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Vice President Kent Easom, McLaren Innes, Sean Fitzpatrick, Daryl Moore, Jan Mitchell and Frank Spence

Commissioners Excused: President David Pearson

Staff Present: Planner Nancy Ferber, Community Development Director Kevin Cronin, 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:

Commissioner Innes moved that the Traffic Safety Committee approve the minutes of January 26, 2016 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Moore. Motion passed unanimously.

The following correction was noted during the regular Planning Commission meeting:

Commissioner Fitzpatrick corrected the last sentence under Public Comments on Page 2 to state, "Director Cronin confirmed the bulb outs between Farmer's Insurance and the Maritime Museum ~~Museum~~ **Tavern** was an ODOT right-of-way..."

REPORTS OF OFFICERS/COMMISSIONERS: No reports.

PROJECT UPDATES:

Director Cronin updated the Committee on the following Public Works projects:

- 8th and Irving – Work is complete and the new configuration of the intersection seems to be working well.
- 19th and Irving Bridge Replacement – Punch list items are being completed.
- Waterfront Bridges Replacements – Staff held an open house and updated the Historic Landmarks Commission on the project. The street end bridge structures from 6th to 11th Streets will be replaced. OBEC Consulting Engineers has been hired as the engineering consultant and the design engineering phase has begun. Due to some permit delays, construction will not begin until fall 2017.
- Astoria High School to Hanover Sidewalk – The City and Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) have finalized a funding agreement and Staff plans to select a design consultant in May or June.
- 23rd and Franklin Access Management – The site of the old gas station that Columbia Memorial Hospital (CMH) has been using as a parking lot will go out for bids within the next month or two. OTAK has been selected by CMH as the design consultant. A public open house will be held at the end of May at the Seafood Lab.
- Pedestrian Safety Enhancements
 - Streetlights at 33rd and Highway 30 - The ODOT Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) has been finalized and the project is being designed.
 - A portable speed reader has been acquired and has been used at the 19th and Irving Bridge.
 - Downtown Traffic Signals – Scoping work for the pedestrian signals has begun. Construction should begin sometime in 2016 when funds become available. This is a \$450,000 project.

Sergeant Aydt added that Staff is able to monitor and collect data from the new speed reader at 19th and Irving. The speed limit through that intersection is 25 miles per hour and the majority of drivers go through at 25 or 30 miles per hour.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Drew Herzig, 628 Klaskanine Ave., Astoria, said City Council has received a lot of thanks for the stop sign on 8th Street. It took a lot of public pressure to finally get the City to do something about 8th Street and City Council does not deserve the credit. The public is happy about something for a change. Speed bumps on Alameda near West Klaskanine were installed earlier that day. The Coast Guard had asked for these speed bumps for years and they are happy that they finally wore down the City and got what they wanted. The City finally is making people happy.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to convene the Planning Commission Meeting at 6:37 pm.

APPROVE:



Community Development Director