



**CITY OF ALBANY
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
City Hall, Santiam Room
333 Broadalbin SW
Monday, August 1, 2011
10:00 a.m.**

Committee members present: Chuck Kratch, Chair; Cynthia Greene; Robert Fox; Greg Hamann

Absent: Irene Coburn, Vice Chair

Staff Present: Ronald G. Irish, Transportation Systems Analyst; Jeff Woodward, P.E., Civil Engineer II; Buck Pierce, APD; Aaron Davis, APD; Pat Hurley, APD

Others present: Dean Schmitz, Wiley Miller

CALL TO ORDER

Kratch called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the June 6, 2011 meeting were approved following a motion by Greene and a second by Fox.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Red Light Cameras

Ron Irish introduced Pat Hurley, APD, attending to update the Commission on red light camera installations, how they operated, and to answer any questions. Hurley distributed copies of a Report to Legislature, February 2011, outlining much of the information about red light cameras in the City of Albany. The estimate to install the cameras at an intersection runs from \$100,000 to \$200,000 depending on the configuration needed at the intersection. Aaron Davis indicated that the intersection of Queen and Elm has a high level of violation and would be a good intersection to consider. Kratch wanted to proceed with the Queen and Elm intersection and asked about the process. Hurley said Chief Boyd and/or the City Council would have to be included in the decision to proceed. Kratch asked the Commission if anyone wanted to pursue this issue and received no affirmative response.

Action: None.

B. Edgewood Drive Traffic Calming Request

Irish presented a map showing Edgewood Drive and gave a summary of the Traffic Control parameters. This project does not qualify under the program parameters but two of the neighbors were requesting an exception based on special circumstances of this road. Dean Schmitz and Wiley Miller both spoke in favor of the request and asked the Commission to allow the neighborhood to begin the process for participation in the Traffic Control Program. Fox asked for a description of the road, which Irish provided along with traffic data. Greene asked about cost, which is approximately \$1500.00 per speed hump. Proceeding to hold a neighborhood meeting to formally determine interest does not obligate anyone to any costs at this point, and allows a formal petition requesting the project to be circulated and submitted to the City.

Action: Fox made a motion to allow the neighborhood to proceed with the process of participating in the Traffic Calming Program. Greene seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

C Stop Sign Request: Cascade Heights and Violet Avenue

Irish presented a map showing an aerial view of the area in question. The concern is that drivers on Violet are using the street as a bypass to the speed hump and stop sign on North Albany Road, then not slowing or looking for traffic when crossing Cascade Heights. This intersection is uncontrolled, while all other side streets on Cascade Heights from Quarry to North Albany Road are stop controlled. The property at the southeast corner of the intersection has arborvitae planted in the vision clearance triangle which may or may not be contributing to the problem. After discussion, the consensus of the Commission was to install stop control on Violet at Cascade Heights and Kratch directed Irish to proceed with installation of the stop signs. The secondary issue of the arborvitae was discussed and it was determined that to meet clearance requirements, they should be removed.

Action: Greene made a motion to have a letter sent to the owner directing removal of the arborvitae out of the vision clearance area. Hamann seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting has been scheduled for October 3, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., in the Periwinkle Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Fox made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Hamann and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Woodward, P.E., Civil Engineer II