



**CITY OF ALBANY
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION**
City Hall, Santiam Room
333 Broadalbin SW
Monday, April 1, 2013
10:00 a.m.

Commission Members Present: Terry Crook, Robert Fox, Ron Green, Peggy Kroessin
Commission Members Absent: Chuck Kratch (excused)
Staff Present: Ronald G. Irish, Transportation Systems Analyst; Jeff Woodward, P.E.,
Civil Engineer II; Irene Mann, PW Executive Assistant
Others Present: None

CALL TO ORDER

Fox called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the August 6, 2012, meetings were approved 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Welcome: New Commissioners

The Commissioners that were present and staff introduced themselves and provided some personal background information.

Annual Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair

The Commissioners present decided to wait until the June meeting to vote for a Chair and Vice Chair. The item was put to a vote and passed 4 to 0. It will be added to the June agenda.

Stop Sign Request: 21st Avenue and Boston Street

Irish provided some background on how the City decides where/when to install a new stop sign. Irish showed the Commissioners the location of the 21st/Boston location on a map. He explained about 'collector' streets. Irish felt that Boston could be 'stop' controlled. The cost to install a stop sign is ~\$100 plus the cost for striping the street. Irish's recommendation is installing a stop sign on Boston in both the north and south direction.

ACTION: The Traffic Commissioners approved the stop sign installation by 4:0.

Sign Request: 'Local Traffic Only', Edgewood Drive

The Edgewood Drive neighborhood went through the Traffic Calming process through the City. The result was that less than 50% of the neighborhood wanted any type of traffic calming installed. Irish said the speeds were not that high due to all the turns and corners in the neighborhood.

At this time, there are no "Local only Traffic" signs in Albany. Staff is not sure how the police would be able to enforce it.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nicole Charlson provided some background on herself regarding her experience and her experience with crash data analysis. She said that crashes in Oregon had dropped while crashes in the United States had risen. She said that

seat belt use was at 98%, but car seat use and bicyclists not wearing bike helmets continued to be a problem. She added she appreciated the safety focus in Albany.

She said her emphasis as the ODOT Traffic Safety Coordinator is to look at safety corridors in Region 2.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting has been scheduled for June 1, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., in the Periwinkle Room.

Irish asked the Commissioners to bring ideas for future discussion topics to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Mann, PW Executive Assistant