

Traffic and Safety Committee Meeting

January 8, 2013 Minutes



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REXBURG
America's Family Community

Mayor Richard Woodland

Traffic and Safety Committee Members:

Rick Robbins-Chairman
Reed Nielsen-Vice Chair
Roscoe Orton
Ryan Ballard
Lyle Wakefield
Virginia Pratt
Blake Garner

Jerry Merrill-City Council Liaison
John Millar – Staff Liaison/Public Works
Randy Lewis- Staff Liaison/Police Captain
Doug Barker-University Security Liaison
Dee Dee Tucker- City Staff/minutes

Those that were present: Reed Nielsen, Ryan Ballard, Lyle Wakefield, Roscoe Orton, Jerry Merrill, John Millar, Virginia Pratt, Marianna Gonzales, Visitor - Gerald Williams

Reed Nielsen opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

1. Review and Approve Minutes:

- a. February 5, 2013 minutes approval. Motioned by *Virginia Pratt* motion second by *Ryan Ballard*.

2. Unfinished / Old Business:

Report from Police Department on 1st E. and 1st S.

It looks like we had two accidents. 12-31-2012 a vehicle couldn't stop on slick road and ran into the car in front of his, and 02-14-2013 a guy was in the crosswalk and was struck by a car. He said he let a minivan pass and then he started to cross and a vehicle struck him. That was a hit & run.

After reviewing information from the police report, *John Millar* feels that there is not enough accident history to warrant a full traffic study.

3. New Business:

Gerald Williams came in and talked about researching pedestrian safety. After reviewing tests

a. Parallel parking in front of the Fire Department (Donna Benfield)

- i. "Please pass on to Traffic and Safety that a constituent made a suggestion to me that I would like them to consider. He said he would like to see parallel parking in front of the fire station instead of what they have now. He says you cannot see oncoming traffic. I am not quite sure of the situation but wanted to pass it on. Sounds like he had an incident there that he considered very bad."

John Millar will visit with Donna Benfield and see if he can get more detailed information on the near accident.

- ii. Sidewalks that are not cleared. Can we come up with a strategy for next winter well ahead of time to see if something can be done beginning with the first snows? Hidden Valley has been a mess at the top all winter and the only reason the rest of it has been

passable at all is that some in our subdivision plow it with four-wheelers. I wonder if the path could be made a lot wider at the top so it can be cleared a lot easier and if it could be a consistent item for the City to care for.

- iii. Citizen Donna Howard would like to request a stop light at 7th S. and University and a 4 way stop on the corner by the Kirkham.
 - iv. Intersection does not meet federal mandated standards
 - v. Two different studies on that intersection and

4. **Report on Projects:**

Reports from John Millar on current projects. No new projects to report.

5. **Quadrant Reports**

6. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by *Lyle Wakefield* motion second by *Ryan Ballard*.