

Traffic and Safety Committee Meeting

December 3, 2013 Minutes

5:15 PM – City Hall



CITY OF
REXBURG
America's Family Community

Mayor Richard Woodland

Traffic and Safety Committee Members:

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

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

Those that were present: Reed Nielsen, Lyle Wakefield, Greg Blacker, Virginia Pratt, John Millar, Randy Lewis, Doug Barker, Dee Dee Tucker

Reed Nielsen opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

1. Review and Approve Minutes:

- a. August 6, 2013 minutes approval. Motioned by *Greg Blacker* motion second by *Virginia Pratt*, all in favor.

2. Unfinished / Old Business:

- a. The sidewalk at Millhollow and the Madison Jr. High School has been extended and crosswalk will be painted in the spring.
- b. Traffic Study on University, west of the overpass, has been delayed as the data recording device is inoperable at this time and cannot be repaired in time to conduct an accurate study. Will put a sign up now, 35 mph.

3. New Business:

Discussion on lighting along 5th South, particularly at the intersections of 1st west and also 2nd west.

Greg Blacker has noticed that there is a lot of foot traffic on the sidewalks late in the evenings from Kennedy School to the Nature Park.

John Millar said that he would include that area in the list of street light to review by Council.

4. Open discussion of relevant issues:

- a. The path on Millhollow down from the high school is to be maintained by the City staff down to Dell Drive.
- b. Is there anything that can be done about runners/skate boarders using our streets for tracks? I actually saw a young man going down the MIDDLE of 1st West on the wrong side of the street on a skate board yesterday. This is also a problem on Mill Hollow Road. 7th South is a perpetual problem.
 - i. Randy Lewis verified that the skateboarders are ok when in the roadway as long as they are not impeding traffic. Citizens can call in and report the incident and

boarder can be sited. Police officer can site without being present as long as witness is willing to testify if needed in court.

- c. Discussion about possible ideas for informing Rexburg residents about keeping sidewalks clear as much as possible this winter, especially around all the schools. Maybe the youth council could take around flyers?
 - i. *Reed Nielsen* asked when the ordinance officer starts to contact property owners to maintain their sidewalks. *John Millar* confirmed that the urgency is on the properties surrounding the school and high pedestrian areas. Usually contacted within the same day as the problem.
 - ii. *Lyle Wakefield* suggested that putting an article in the paper and the newsletters should be enough notification to the residents.
- d. Add “report streetlight outage” and “traffic concern” links to the website.

Reports from John Millar:

The majority of the lighting has been completed on 2nd East and decorative lighting has been prepped on College Avenue, Carlson Avenue and 1st West.

- 5. **Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn made by *Greg Blacker* motion second by Blake Garner.
All in favor