

Traffic and Safety Committee Meeting

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Traffic and Safety Committee Members:

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

Bruce Sutherland-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: Rick Robbins, Reed Nielsen, Roscoe Orton, Stephen Smith, Lyle Wakefield, Virginia Pratt, Blake Garner, Randy Lewis, Doug Barker, Patrick Bjorn, Dee Dee Tucker

Chairman Rick Robbins: opened the meeting at 5:15pm. He welcomed all those in attendance and thanked them for coming.

Review and Approval of the March 1st, 2011 & April 5, 2011 Minutes:

Minutes for two prior meetings were passed around for review, as last month's meeting; this item was tabled due to the fact that there was not enough committee members present to form a quorum. Minutes for March 1, 2011 were approved first by **Reed Nielsen** and seconded by **Lyle Wakefield**. Minutes for April 5, 2011 were approved by **Stephen Smith** and seconded by **Reed Nielsen**.

Unfinished / Old Business: **Reed Nielsen** requested **Dee Dee Tucker** follow up with current listed committee members and verify their status and interest in remaining on the board. **Dee Dee Tucker** agreed to make contact and update.

New Business:

Deterioration of Pioneer Rd South of Parkside Townhomes, this area is a concern of committee member **Patrick Bjorn**. Discussion took place amongst members to determine location and damage. **Rick Robbins** made mention of a drawing that **John Millar** had presented in a prior meeting. Nez Perce Ave. is a citizen concern requesting information on, if and when, repairs will be considered to the improvement of said avenue. **Rick Robbins** asked **Dee Dee Tucker** to meet with **John Millar** and e-mail drawing from prior meeting and any updates to committee members. **Dee Dee** agreed.

Patrick Bjorn brought to the discussion the need for speed bumps on Pinehaven Street. **Patrick Bjorn** told the committee that there are over ninety children under the age of three in that area along with older siblings that are always crossing the road. **Randy Lewis** indicated that there has been one time that he can remember when the city placed speed bumps in an area. **Randy Lewis** said that they were removed shortly after the installation due to requests from the neighborhood. **Blake Garner** brought into the conversation that they have five speed bumps in his housing development and it deters a few individuals although they still have several that hit them at speeds around 30mph. Discussion took place and **Reed Nielsen** made a motion seconded by **Lyle Wakefield** to have a survey and counter placed in the area of Pinehaven St. and include Johnson to assess travel in that area. All members are in favor of motion. Also **Randy Lewis** questioned the difference between speed bumps and a recession in that area. The committee would like John Millar to compile a survey in this area and look for possible improvement to insure safety.

Citizen concern at Jimmy John's in reference to lighting in crosswalk area. There is a light on the Jimmy John's corner but it does not light the crosswalk effectively. **Rick Robbins** questioned the street light fund and was wondering if this area would be a good recipient of new street lights on each side of 2nd West. **Rick Robbins** suggested lighting both sides of the street. **Rosco Orton** suggested having light meters taken around and test the area to assess the need for additional lighting. **Rosco Orton** moved that the City have lighting meters test the 2nd S. intersection along with all of 2nd W. and report back to the committee to see if there is a valid need for additional lighting. **Reed Nielsen** seconded and all members are in favor.

Reed Nielsen addressed a concern in regards to "no parking in front of the Hart Building". The Salt Lake Express buses have been seen parking there along with several of the BYU-I passenger vans. **Randy Lewis** said that the police force has been monitoring the area and it seems to be getting better but they will issue tickets if seen. Randy indicated that one of his officers had an altercation with a Salt Lake driver and an e-mail had been sent out to notify the company their vehicles are parking in the wrong area. **Doug Barker** said that the college is aware of the problem and that they are looking to move the benches and possibly make a shelter at the bus stop, making it a more official looking bus stop. **Doug Barker** indicated that people are still sitting at the benches in front of the Hart Building thinking it is a bus stop.

Report on projects: Henderson Project, **Virginia Pratt** reported that the project is planning on 900 beds and only 25% parking. Discussion took place on how 25% parking made it through Council approval. **Randy Lewis** advised that the area has not been an issue. **Doug Barker** also mentioned that the construction workers have only had to park in the street on a few occasions and they have been trying to keep the area clean and clear.

Heads up: **Rick Robbins** questioned **Randy Lewis** on the speed limit change on South Hwy. **Randy Lewis** said that the travelers have not been an issue and that they have not had to issue very many tickets at this point.

Report from Committee Members concerning Safety Issues:

Blake Garner was wondering if the police are patrolling the stop sign by Les Schwab as he has seen several people run through.

Roscoe Orton expressed a concern in regards to bullet bikes speeding on 4th North around 4 pm. **Randy Lewis** made note of the concern and is going to keep an eye on the area.

Patrick Bjorn asked if the city had thought about installing traffic signals at the on and off ramps. **Rick Robbins** said that it is a State issue and would need to go through John Millar. **Lyle Wakefield** asked that we readdress the issue if it is a growing concern.

Reed Nielsen is wondering if the city can sandblast the right turn arrow at the West bound intersection of 2nd E. and 7th S. in lieu of repainting the arrows. It snowed after the paint crew painted the through arrow last fall and it washed away. The right arrow is the only arrow that is showing and people are getting confused and irritated when people stop and continue on straight instead of turning right.

Stephen Smith expressed a concern in regards to street markings by Viking drive it is one lane not two anymore. His other concern is Smith Ford compliance with the sidewalk ordinance. They are parking their vehicles so far forward that the vehicles are blocking traffic. **Randy Lewis** suggested having **Natalie Schneider** verify compliance and possibly suggest moving them back. **Randy Lewis** also said that he would have the police keep an eye on the blocking of vision.

Meeting adjourned.

Report from John Millar to follow as attachment.