

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, Stephen Smith, Blake Garner, Virginia Pratt, John Millar, Dee Dee Tucker

Chairman Rick Robbins: Rick Robbins opened the meeting at 5:15 pm.

Review and Approval of the June 7, 2011 Minutes:

Minutes were reviewed approved, no corrections. **Reed Nielsen** made a motion to approve. **Virginia Pratt** 2nd the motion. All members were in favor, none opposed.

Unfinished / Old Business: **Rick Robbins** asked if opening the additional parking at Rexburg Rapids has helped with the on street parking? **John Millar** said that it has helped and that they are going to extend the parking area to the North and they are also building a parking lot to the North of the East of the Parking lot Access to the new parking lot will be an extension of the existing lot. They are looking at making the temporary parking permanent. The new lot will have access inside the area so patrons do not have to go clear out to the entrance. **Reed Nielsen** asked how the pedestrian traffic has been over at Rexburg Rapids. **John Millar** said that there has not been an issue concerning the pedestrian traffic it has been going well. **Virginia Pratt** asked if there was an existing crosswalk in that area. **John Millar** did not think there was a crosswalk but would be looking into it and most likely putting one in the Floral Shop intersection.

New Business: **Virginia Pratt** had a concern with people speeding down South Hidden Valley road and running the stop sign and continuing on at their high rate of speed. Citizens in the area are concerned small children will not be seen and will be hit. She felt there might be a need for speed dips **John Millar** commented that speed dips only work for a while and then people learn how to maneuver through them. **John Millar** said that this is a concern for Randy Lewis and the police department. **Rick Robbins** asked about putting a crosswalk behind the police department and Wells Fargo. **John Millar** said that they would look at putting one in there. **Virginia Pratt** is concerned about people pulling across the sidewalk at snow shack and Taco Bell. **Dee Dee Tucker** contacted Taco Bell on August 3, 2011 and was informed by the manager that the signs have been ordered and should be in place very soon. **Reed Nielsen** commented on how parking for garage sales on the south side of second south between first and second east are causing a traffic problem. People are parking on the South side of the street forcing traffic into the other lane in able to get around. He would like to see patrol in that area and tickets written. **Rick Robbins** asked if there is going to be a sidewalk in place at Hemming Village and what is going on with the old Me and Stan's location. **John Millar** said that he looked at the Hemming Village area earlier in the morning and the fence is close to the road. Instructions were given to the street foreman to sign the area "No Parking" and the bike lane will allow for more room. As for Me and Stan's it should be under construction soon. **Rick Robbins** asked if the speed limit would be changed by the Jr. High. **John Millar** replied that it would be changed and there would no longer be a school zone. **Stephen Smith** asked if changes are needed to the landscaping around the roundabouts as the decorative grass blocks the vision of traffic in smaller vehicles. **John Millar** replied ensuring that the department will be notified and put on watch to make sure that it is groomed

frequently. **Stephen Smith** also asked about the Seagull intersection by the church and was wondering what could be done. **John Millar** said he would take a look at it. **Blake Gardner** expressed a concern for people in his area that they would like the four way stop at University and Trejo. **John Millar** said that Council would like to do a complete study when construction in the area is complete. They are also looking to change the route that is taken to eliminate the rail crossing. I think the rail crossing change near university and Trejo would be to eliminate the rail crossing on fifth (?) West. (note: it is the rail crossing by Mangessen (sp?) hotel. **Blake Gardner** also had a complaint from people in his area that they feel the yellow light by Main and Pioneer is too fast. **John Millar** ensured that all yellow lights at the traffic signals are set at 6 seconds.

Report on projects: **John Millar** reported that the construction on 7th South should be done before school starts. Seal coating is scheduled for the 15 or 16th of August. Designs are being submitted to the State soon and bids should be opened in about three weeks on the Turn lanes. The Parking lot project is coming together and opening bids this Friday night. All electrical will be run under ground.

Virginia Pratt motioned to adjourn **Stephen Smith** seconded the motion, all members in favor.

Meeting adjourned