

Traffic Safety Meeting

September 13, 2005

Committee Members Present: Craig Nordfelt – chair, Randy Reese, Randy Schwendiman, Randy Lewis, Stephen Zollinger, Donna Benfield, Lisa Navaroo, Kendall Nielsen, Lynn Archibald, Jodi Weimer, Eric Erickson, Trudy Porter, and Rick Robbins.

John Millar is excused; he left his reports with Deborah Lovejoy.

Craig Nordfelt welcomed new committee members present – Rick Robbins, Lisa Navaroo, Trudy Porter, Kendell Nielsen, and Jodi Weimer

Citizens Present: Cami Muir, Tracy Sessions, Lynda Forsgren, Gary Forsgren, Bryon Kennedy, and Glen Muir.

Present from BYUI: Steve Bunnell, Merve Brown, and Bruce Hobbs.

**Lynn Archibald moved to approve last month's minutes.
Randy Reese seconded it.
All approved.**

Bruce Hobbs and Merve Brown, from BYUI, presented their campaign to educate students about walking.

They have two phases, one is to let current students know facts about walking and parking on campus; and the second phase is to let prospective students know facts about walking and parking on campus to try and get as many students as they can to leave their cars at home.

Bruce Hobbs stated that the University is looking at raising the parking permit prices to also discourage students from bringing cars to school.

Randy Schwendiman suggested that the city remove parking on 2nd East to also help discourage students from bringing cars because of the parking problems they would incur.

Kendall Nielsen thought that this would also increase jaywalking.

The University is going to administer a survey of their campaign's effectiveness 3 times a year.

Reports:

Police:

Randy Lewis reported that there has only been one accident in the roundabout since it opened. They expected many more than that. There have been problems with the speed in the roundabout and passing within the roundabout.

Randy Schwendiman thinks that the roundabout has been well designed and so far has been doing a good job. He worries how it will be when there is more traffic going through it.

Old Business:

Rodney Dr. & Syringa Street Initiative

Cami Muir again presented her initiative of closing the street where Rodney Dr and Syringa St connect with each other, along with lowering the speed limit. She and other residents in that subdivision and Mill hollow Trailer Court feel that it would help accomplish three things:

1. It would decrease traffic
2. It would slow down traffic
3. It would increase the safety of residents in that area.

She understands that parents need to educate their children on street safety. Mrs. Muir brought a signed petition from residents in that neighborhood, in favor of the initiative, to the August 2005 meeting. The initiative was founded when a little neighbor boy was killed by a car this last summer.

Residents present at the meeting gave testimony in favor of the closure of the road.

Eric Erickson worried that other residents from the mobile home park would oppose having the north south access cut off. He mentioned that over on Park St, in the Starlight Subdivision, they have a similar situation where Park Street connects different subdivisions, and receives through traffic.

Deborah Lovejoy stated that **John Millar** would do an engineering study to count the number of cars going in and out of the subdivision and Mill hollow Trailer Court, and how fast they are traveling.

Kendall Nielsen stated that if the street is closed off, that it should be aesthetically pleasing. Maybe extend the Rotary Park through it.

Lynn Archibald made a motion to recommend the **Rodney & Syringa Initiative** presented by **Cami Muir** and the residents in the **Ricks/Palmer** subdivision and **Mill hollow Trailer Court**.

Randy Schwendiman seconded it.

All approved.

Stephen Zollinger stated that an engineering study would be done to see if closing the street would be warranted. He expressed an opinion that traffic flows may not warrant closing the street off, and that even if was to be done, it may not accomplish the goals that the residents are looking to achieve. He suggested that the committee amend the

motion with a recommendation to have the engineering study done, and if it met the warrants to close off the street, then recommend the initiative to close the street to the City Council. He also commented that if the residents are having trouble walking on the sidewalks because of mail boxes obstructing passage, then as a committee they should bring this to the City's attention so that it may be removed and a smaller mail box replacing it, and taking up less space.

Committee Bylaws/ Ordinance 664

Deborah Lovejoy handed out a template of bylaws that are to be used by all committees. The committees need to apply their individual regulations and terms of service. Ordinance 664 applies to the Traffic Safety Committee, and should also be used as a reference.

Parking Around City Hall

John Millar had parking changed on the West side of Center St to parallel parking. He will be changing parking in the East side, in front of City Hall, to 30 minute parking.

Left Turn Lane 2nd East and Main

John Millar reported that the state will redo the intersection if some adjustments are made to it.

Stephen Zollinger stated that the City doesn't want to act on this intersection at present. They would like to wait 18 months or so to see what happens to traffic patterns after the Temple is built.

Craig Nordfelt said at that intersection, traffic is backed up to Maverik at certain times of the day; specifically at lunch time and 5:00 p.m.

Stephen Zollinger stated that they would put observers at this intersection to watch and count again.

Traffic Light 1st North 2nd East

John Millar reported that 1st North is closed to through traffic until the light is fixed. He included the schedule for construction on the light.

Stephen Zollinger stated that the state is scheduled to deal with all wire hung lights in 2006.

Additional Crosswalk on South 2nd East

Stephen Zollinger stated that the City is looking at putting the cost of 2 pedestrian activated crosswalk lights on a LID. The locations are between 4th and 7th South on 2nd East.

New Business:

Parking on 2nd East near 7th South

Craig Nordfelt said that parking on 2nd East is extending all the way up to the intersection of 7th South and is causing a safety concern there.

Stephen Zollinger stated that our paint crews are overtaxed and behind. He made mention that we might ask BYU if we can borrow their paint crews to stripe and paint the curb to help us out.

Crosswalk on 7th South 1st West

John Millar reported that they are going to put in a crosswalk here along with the required signage.

Lynn Archibald wondered if pedestrian activated crosswalks would work out here if the cost could be met.

Next meeting October 11, 2005 at 5:15 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.