

## Traffic Safety Meeting

April 4, 2006

**Committee Members Present:** Rand Reese, Trudy Porter, Jodi Weimer, Craig Nordfelt, Randy Lewis, Eric Erickson, John Millar, and Lisa Navaroo.

Lynn Archibald was excused.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

**Craig Nordfelt made a motion to approve last month's minutes.**

**Randy Reese seconded it.**

**All Approved.**

### **Reports:**

#### **Police:**

**Randy Lewis** brought copies of the speed summary done on 1<sup>st</sup> E and 1<sup>st</sup> N.

**Craig Nordfelt** mentioned that it was recommended by Tom Hudson to be a corridor street to take some traffic off of Main, and should not have a four way stop.

**John Millar** suggested that the problems on 1<sup>st</sup> N should be treated with enforcement.

**Eric Erickson** thought that the committee should table the item.

**Randy Lewis** also stated that the vision obstruction ordinance for the City is identical to the state statutes.

**John Millar** state that the City's Enforcement officer is working on all vision obstructions, signs, junk in yards, etc. to get them taken care of. There are complaint forms that are available at the front desk.

**Randy Lewis** said that they are enforcing semi-trucks parking overnight. They did find an ordinance that addresses this, and it is being enforced.

He mentioned that there was a complaint about parking on both sides of the street around the temple construction site.

**Craig Nordfelt and Trudy Porter** didn't think that they were a hazard, and didn't block vision.

**Randy Reese** didn't think it was a problem either.

**John Millar** stated that the entrance into the Ridge Apts. on 7<sup>th</sup> South was not meant for parking on both sides, and has been signed no parking.

**Eric Erickson** asked if there could be contact with the construction company working on the temple to get trucks off the road.

**Craig Nordfelt** said he would do this.

**John Millar** said that eventually the intersection will be squared up when completed.

**Streets:**

### **Removable Speed Bump Locations**

**John Millar** stated that they will be installed in the middle of Nina next week.

**Jodi Weimer** asked if we would do a speed study to check results.

### **Crosswalk Proposal/Enforcement**

**John Millar** stated that the proposed crosswalks on 2<sup>nd</sup> E will be done soon.

**Randy Lewis** said that we are enforcing jaywalking with citations, both the campus and city divisions.

**John Millar** said that they are installing a street light at 1<sup>st</sup> N and N Hill Road.

They are currently cleaning the streets to prepare for striping.

He said that S Yellowstone is going to be widened and redone this summer so it will be safer, plus there will be more lighting.

**Eric Erickson** asked if there has been any progress on the South Arterial.

**John Millar** said that they are still in right of way negotiations. They are hoping to get the bidding done and a start on construction late summer.

**Eric Erickson** said that he would like a brief presentation of the Arterial.

**John Millar** stated that the 1<sup>st</sup> intersection would be at S Yellowstone Hwy with a new traffic light.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> intersection would be at 5<sup>th</sup> W and signed with a stop sign.

It would then tie into 7<sup>th</sup> S at 2<sup>nd</sup> W with a stop sign onto the main road (7<sup>th</sup> S).

**Randy Reese** asked about a roundabout there.

**John Millar** said that a roundabout wouldn't work there because the ground is not level.

## **Crosswalk at 7<sup>th</sup> South & 2<sup>nd</sup> West**

**John Millar** said that it has been striped.

### **New Business:**

#### **Vision Obstructions at Intersection**

**Eric Erickson** asked if we could get a reporter to do a news article to go along with the state statutes.

**John Millar** said he would ask Josh Donut from the Standard Journal.

He also stated that they got a street light at Pioneer and Main to help with the lighting; they are constantly working on getting that road aligned.

#### **Additional Committee Members & Roster**

Stephen Zollinger is going to be consulted about Traffic Safety members needing to be in the City limits.

#### **Committee Bylaws**

**John Millar** said he would work with Stephen Zollinger to update the Traffic Safety Ordinance.

The committee discussed a minimum of 5 voting members, and having assigned quadrants.

**Eric Erickson** would like the committee members to work on the bylaws for the next meeting.

#### **Quadrant Reports:**

On 12<sup>th</sup> W and Main- needs striping at intersection and the stop bars moved.

**Eric Erickson** stated that Pioneer Rd is falling apart because of all the construction.

**John Millar** said that there is still a lot of construction that will take place in that area for the next two years. After that, they will work on improving the road.

**Lisa Navaroo** said that there are cars parking on both sides of the street on Casper causing a hazard.

**Randy Lewis** said that they would enforce no parking. Maybe they need to place no parking signs out there.

**John Millar** stated that Rexburg Motor Sports has moving vans and trailers parking/blocking the street.

**Randy Lewis** said that they would enforce that area too.

**John Millar** stated that they currently have no long term plans for 12<sup>th</sup> W. They will develop it when the land is developed.

**Randy Reese** was concerned with the pedestrian light on 2<sup>nd</sup> S and Center. Also, on the south side of 7<sup>th</sup> S at the Stake Center, might need to be signed no parking on street.

**John Millar** said that he had an electrician working on the light.

**Lisa Navaroo** mentioned at Evergreen/Kiwanis park has serious parking and traffic safety issues when they have soccer games there. There is not enough parking to accomidate all the cars that are there.

**John Millar** said that he's not sure what they're going to do about it. Jack Bowman may need to schedule his games differently. The 2 vacant lots on the South side of Lodgepole are leased to property owners to care for the lots. They are owned by the airport for runway protection.

The long term goal is to align Pioneer Rd. with Airport Rd. The old Pioneer Rd. will become a dead end road with parking.

**Next Meeting is May 9, 2006.**

**Meeting Adjourned.**