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## TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes

March 18, 2014

The March meeting of the TSAB was held at 7 pm on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 in the training room of the municipal building (room 104).

**Present were:**

Gene Dunaway, William Polfus, Jane L. Shelton, Ben Redmond, Andrew Howe, Bill Davis, and Trygre Myhre (visitor - Oak Ridge resident)

**Absent were:**

Aditya Savara, Jana Humphrey, Emeline Brown, Steve Byrd (City staff representative)

- 1) Minutes from the January 21, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.
- 2) Printouts from Steve Byrd of city resolutions pertaining to the creation and operation of the TSAB were passed out by Bill Polfus.
- 3) Elections for board officers were conducted due to the resignation of former president Jason Elliott.
  - William Polfus - President, passed unanimously
  - Ben Redmond - Vice President, passed unanimously
- 4) Gene Dunaway brought in a print news article (written by a Joe C. Copeland) regarding potholes on Providence Rd for discussion. Gene says he cannot locate any of these potholes referenced in the article.
- 5) Recognized and discussed traffic study to optimize the traffic signals in town, per the consent agenda item from the February 10 City Council meeting.
- 6) Recognized and discussed the proposal for a traffic signal at the ORHS on the Turnpike per the resolution from the March 3 City Council meeting (resolution was tabled so TSAB could advise council before voting).
- 7) Andrew Howe brought in a list of possible traffic and/or safety issues, mostly to pass along to Steve Byrd (absent):
  - On a Facebook group, a citizen asked the following: "I'm curious - why hasn't the railroad crossings on Emory Valley Rd and Illinois Ave been given Exempt signs? There's no way for a train to get to those crossings since the rails were removed where they crossed Melton Lake Dr."

- The Jackson Sq project may also interfere with their Taste of O.R. event to be held sometime in Sept – per information from the organizers in Jackson Square.
- Why are there different speed limits along the turnpike past the old guard shack heading toward ETTP? Outbound is 45, inbound 55. Why 45 at all (50 mph proceeds it westbound)?
- Kay Williamsons brought up an issue with the street behind Aubreys (Phillips Lane) lacking a sidewalk (Kay was advised by Howe already to reach out to Steve Byrd directly on this issue). <https://maps.google.com/?ll=35.976278,-84.338468&spn=0.007632,0.013937&t=h&z=17>
- The evergreens on Hendrix Dr need clipping. Very blind corner now, tough for tall vehicles to stay in their lane.
- Bushes beside the west-most set of stairs behind the hospital on TN Ave (to the right of the rear loading dock) are tall enough that a pedestrian (especially a small child) could be invisible until they actual step onto the sidewalk. A driver would have almost zero warning were a child to run from the stairs and into the zebra crossing.

8) Discussed potholes on the road between Staples and the Mall and how part of said road is city property and part is private.

9) Discussed the charter and resolutions handed out.

10) Bill Davis discussed TSAB history and traffic law history, specifically pointing out how access points (driveways, property entrances) can live on forever despite them no longer being safe or logical. The SE corner of Illinois and Turnpike was used as an example, where an access point exists directly in the center of the right hand turn lane.

11) Discussed the roll-out of Kroger Marketplace.

12) Discussed responding to Councilwoman Baughn and Councilwoman Garcia-Garland's requests for TSAB to fact-find for Council regarding the red light cameras. Howe informed the board he had done a quick analysis of the flow data available from TDOT and passed on the meager results to Council and City Manager Watson.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.



Andrew Howe  
TSAB Secretary