

APPROVED

TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes

May 20, 2014

The May meeting of the TSAB was held at 7 pm on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 in the training room of the municipal building (room 104). Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

Present were:

Gene Dunaway, William Polfus, Jane L. Shelton, Aditya Savara, Andrew Howe, Bill Davis, Steve Byrd (City staff representative), Ben Redmond, Emeline Brown

Non board members:

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- 1) Minutes from the April 15, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously.
- 2) We were informed that the TSAB website now has a link to a new page that makes the agendas and minutes to our meetings available for public consumption.

The link is: <http://www.oakridgetn.gov/department.aspx?article=3086&site=PublicWorks>

- 3) A by-laws committee was formed to create a set of by-laws for the TSAB. Bill Polfus, Ben Redmond and Andrew Howe volunteered to be on this committee. It was our understanding that the process to make our by-laws official is to present them to council for approval. A special meeting will be called for the committee to meet publicly for a work session.

- 4) An Annual Plan committee was formed to create a set of goals for the board. Aditya Savara, Jane Shelton and Bill Polfus volunteered to be on this committee. In 2012 the boards were given a list of goals to reach that year and the TSAB appreciated that. It was the understanding of some that we were supposed to have an annual plan. A special meeting will be called for the committee to meet publicly for a work session.

- 5) Jason Elliot was unable to attend the meeting, so we were unable to have his scheduled presentation on Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons and their application at the ORHS / Turnpike intersection.

In his absence the TSAB continued our discussion about the pedestrian crossing at that intersection.

Steve Byrd reported that the data collected during the final "no ticket" month of the speed cameras at the intersection indicate that driving speeds have increased in their absence.

Bill Polfus informed us that Councilman Hope, Councilwomen Baughn and Garcia-Garland, and ORHS Principal Bryant all have expressed favor for a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon at that intersection via emails.

The TSAB discussed the problems with such a device:

They have to be 100' from an intersection. If the crosswalk is moved west it is unlikely many pedestrians will walk the extra 200' to use it. If it is moved east, pedestrians would then have to cross the HS entrance driveway without light assistance. This approach could also create problems at the Tulane intersection, and again may not be used by many pedestrians as it may diverge greatly from their desired route.

The TSAB then discussed the use of a Flashing Beacon, like the one on Emory Valley Road. These devices can be placed at the current location. There is a possible incident risk of cars exiting west from the HS driveway, so a "Vehicles must yield to pedestrians in crosswalk" would be placed at the exit. These

devices cost the city around \$10K per crossing when purchased last. The board was in agreement that they worked very well on Emory Valley Road.

Steve Byrd reminded us that the city still has an opening available for a crossing guard at that intersection.

6) Gene Dunaway brought up and distributed an email suggestion he received from Anne Garcia-Garland and Diane Wilson regarding the idea of installing more advanced green left turn arrow lights for general safety at the intersections on the Turnpike.

He also discussed the possible need for a re-look at the intersection of Robertsville and Raleigh to better handle the turn radius of semis. Steve Byrd informed us that the city will resurface Raleigh and they may need to adjust for a wider turn there.

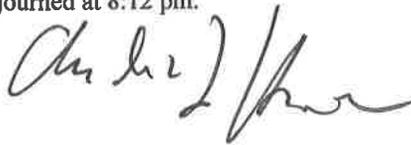
7) Steve Byrd says the city is getting ready to remove the railroad tracks on Emory Valley Rd and resurface the road from LaFayette to Davidson Lane.

8) Jane Shelton handed out a quick bullet point diagram regarding Complete Streets from the May 2014 American Planning Association magazine.

9) A motion to adjourn was made and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Andrew Howe
TSAB Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Howe", written over a horizontal line.