

APPROVED

TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes

January 20, 2015

The January meeting of the TSAB was held at 7 pm on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 in Room 108 of the municipal building. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Present were:

Marty Adler-Jasny, Alex Crutchfield, Gene Dunaway, Andrew Howe, Melissa McMahan, William Polfus, Ben Redmond, Jane Shelton, Steve Byrd

Absent were:

Jana Humphrey, Aditya Savara

1) Minutes from the November 18, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously.

2) Election of Officers

All were happy with the positions as they were filled in 2014, although Andrew Howe felt another member should take a turn at being secretary. Marty Alder-Jasny agreed to step in as secretary after three months, once she becomes more familiar with the board.

Gene Dunaway motioned we re-elect the board as-is with the provision that Andrew Howe may step down after three months. Motion passed unanimously, as did the re-election vote that followed.

3) Comments or questions on road work in the city

Gene Dunaway wondered when the overflow tanks might be installed at Daniel Arthur / Emory Valley and Scarboro Rd / Illinois Ave. Steve Byrd was unsure the exact date but believes installation will begin sometime this spring.

Steve Byrd informed the board that he is retiring at the beginning of March. At next month's TSAB meeting he'll introduce the board to his replacement, Roger Flynn. Steve has been working for the city and representing the city on TSAB for 26 years. When asked what he'll first do during retirement, Steve answered "Go fishing." On behalf of TSAB, we thank Mr. Byrd for all he's done for our city and community over the past two and a half decades and wish him the best. He'll be missed.

Marty Adler-Jasny asked what the process is for filling potholes in Oak Ridge. Steve Byrd informed us that when a new pothole is reported it is examined and then placed on a priority list. In general, during the winter months potholes might be filled with "cold patch" until the weather warms up enough to fill the hole properly with asphalt. He also informed us that some well-known potholes in town are on private property (such as the access road along the Turnpike by the mall) and thus are out of the city's scope of repair.

Steve Bryd took a moment to explain to the new members the role of the TSAB: to recommend on various projects, new or altered intersections and entrances, traffic studies, etc. Last year we co-hosted a town hall meeting in regard to the proposed round-about at Pennsylvania / Tulane.

Steve Byrd informed us that the Jackson Sq project has demolished the main parking lot down to the level of the utilities. It's too early to say if the project is on track, but it is progressing and the city still aims for a completion date in mid-June, prior to the Lavender Festival.

4) Additional business

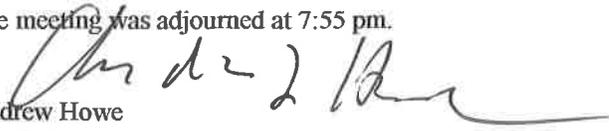
William Polfus informed us that he sent out an email to City Council and the City Manager, and received a reply from Kelly Callison pointing out that drivers often do not stop for pedestrians at the new crosswalk on Melton Lake Dr. See attached document. TSAB discussed the issue of crosswalks and Steve Byrd informed us that by law cars do not have to halt until a pedestrian is actually in the road (and if they have the distance to stop).

Steve Byrd informed us that this year the TSAB may be called upon in the matter of the new mall (Main Street Oak Ridge) and possibly other retail locations such as the Dunkin Donuts between Pizza Inn and the Nissan dealership.

Since a bridge collapsed in Cincinnati, Andrew Howe asked what condition our bridges are in. Steve Byrd informed the board that TDOT inspects our bridges annually and gives the city a report, and all are in good condition. Pat Fallon is the city employee that deals with this matter. Steve informed us that some bridges are private property, such as the one at the entrance to Rarity Ridge (now called The Preserve at Clinch River), and that the term "bridge" has a specific meaning to it and some overpasses do not technically fall under that term.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.


Andrew Howe
TSAB Secretary

Bill Polfus

From: Callison, Kelly <kcallison@oakridgetn.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2015 6:32 AM
To: Bill Polfus
Subject: RE: 2015 Traffic Safety Advisory Board Objectives

Thanks Bill,

The flashing lights used on Milton Lake Drive to notify drivers that someone wants to cross the road from the neighborhood to the walk along the lake seem to be very ineffective. (i.e. drivers either don't see them or ignore them). The other area I know you are already working on is the crossing from the civic center to the high school.

Thank you

Kelly Callison
City Council.

From: Bill Polfus [polfi1@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 6:03 PM
To: Hensley, Charles; Hope, Chuck; Smith, Ellen; Callison, Kelly; Watson, Mark; Rick Chinn; Baughn, Trina; Gooch, Warren L.
Cc: Aditya Savara; Alex Crutchfield; Andrew Howe; Ben Redmond; Bill Davis; Byrd, Steve; Gene Dunaway; Jana Humphery; Jane Shelton
Subject: 2015 Traffic Safety Advisory Board Objectives

Hello,

As the 2015 year begins the Traffic Safety Advisory Board (TSAB) would like your help in identifying any major transportation issues coming up in the next 12 months, including motor vehicle roadways, pedestrian and bicycle ways, parking, and crossings. As you know the TSAB's purpose is to serve as an advisory body to City Council. In the performance of this function, the TSAB reviews any traffic safety issue requiring Council approval. Upon request, the TSAB also gives advice and assistance in other matters concerning traffic safety. Upon request, the TSAB may advise the City Manager and the Planning Commission on specific issues. If the City Council or City Manager knows of any upcoming transportation issues that the TSAB can begin collecting information and researching in advance it would be very helpful. You may respond in writing to this e-mail or in person at our next scheduled meeting. As always you are all invited to attend whenever you would like.

In addition, the TSAB is hoping to be able to review traffic citation and accident data within the city in an effort to see if there are patterns or issues that require our attention.

Thank you for your continued support,

Bill Polfus
Chairman
Traffic Safety Advisory Board
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