

APPROVED

TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes

July 21, 2015

The July meeting of the TSAB was held at 7 pm on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 in the training room of the municipal building (room 104). Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by chairman William Polfus.

Present were: Marty Adler-Jasny, Gene Dunaway, Melissa McMahan, William Polfus, Ben Redmond; Jane Shelton (Planning Commission Representative,) and Roger Flynn, COR Staff Liaison.

Non board members: David Gordon, Crime Analyst, Oak Ridge Police Department

Absent were: Andrew Howe, Jana Humphrey,

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the June 16, 2015 meeting were approved as amended:

#1. Line 5 - change "... access to 215 D. Rutgers..." to "... access to 215 S. Rutgers...."

2. David Gordon, Crime Analyst, Oak Ridge Police Department

The group moved to a conference room in the police department and Gordon gave a demonstration of RAIDS Online, a computer-based system used by the police department. Data on various types of crimes and traffic accidents can be displayed and manipulated to provide information in various forms. The map-based displays of traffic reports during different time periods were of special interest to the group.

3. Discussion on Annual Planning

Polfus reported that the City Manager and City Council plan to have a work session to determine goals and objectives for all the Boards and Commissions.

4. Comments and questions on road work in the City

- a. Dunaway noted a pot hole on the Turnpike near St. Mary's church.
- b. Adler-Jasny asked about repairing Raleigh Road behind Krogers. Flynn has written them a letter regarding the issue. He believes the problem was caused by construction traffic.
- c. Andrew Howe received an email from Barbara Ferrell, a business owner in Jackson Square. She expressed concern about 2-way traffic in the formerly one-way traffic square after the square is completed.

Bill Polfus, Chairman, and the members of the Traffic Safety Advisory Board, requested that Adler-Jasny contact Howe and ask him to contact Ferrell with the information below. A copy of the email to Howe is attached as an Addendum to these minutes.

"After discussion, the members of the TSAB agreed that the matter is not within the scope of our current charter. We suggest that Ms. Ferrell and the other merchants in Jackson Square who agree with her proposal for a one-way traffic pattern send a written request to City

Manager Mark Watson asking that he and the City Council, after the Square is complete, consider making it a one-way parking lot. The support of the other merchants and a possible appearance at the City Council at an appropriate time would make the group's proposal more persuasive."

5. Additional business - none

6. Request for new business items or future briefings

Polfus suggested that briefings on the "Not in Our City" program and "Neighborhood Speed Watch", also known as "Traffic Calming" be considered. The group is interested in both subjects. Polfus will schedule "Not in Our City" for the August 18, 2015 meeting.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Marty Adler-Jasny, TSAB Secretary
July 22, 2015.



ADDENDUM: email sent July 22, 2015 to Andrew Howe requesting his response to Barbara Ferrell, Jackson Square business owner, regarding traffic flow within the new Jackson Square.

Andy,

Bill Polfus, Chairman, and the members of the Traffic Safety Advisory Board, would appreciate your responding to Barbara Ferrell with the information below. Thanks for bringing her email to you about the proposed parking and the traffic pattern in Jackson Square to the TSAB's attention.

After discussion at our meeting on July 21, 2015, the members of the TSAB agreed that the matter is not within our scope under our current charter. We suggest that Ms. Ferrell and the other merchants in Jackson Square who agree with her proposal for a one-way traffic pattern send a written request to City Manager Mark Watson asking that he and the City Council, after the Square is complete, consider making it a one-way parking lot.

The support of the other merchants and a possible appearance at the City Council at an appropriate time would make the group's proposal more persuasive.

We send our best wishes for rapid and pain-free healing for your shoulder. Hope to see you next month.

Thanks for getting the information to Barbara.

Sincerely,

Marty Adler-Jasny, Secretary, TSAB

