



Public & Traffic Safety Committee MINUTES

November 13, 2024, 4:00 PM
Sweet Home City Hall, 3225 Main Street
Sweet Home, OR 97386

Mission Statement

The City of Sweet Home will work to build an economically strong community with an efficient and effective local government that will provide infrastructure and essential services to the citizens we serve. As efficient stewards of the valuable assets available, we will be responsive to the community while planning and preparing for the future.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Chair Frank Gallagher
Vice Chair Joe Graybill
Committee Member Erin Barstad
Committee Member Bud Mather

ABSENT

Committee Member Vince Adams
Committee Member Mykal Hildebrand

STAFF

Jason Ogden, City Manager Pro Tem / Police Chief
Cecily Hope Pretty, Assistant City Manager Pro Tem
Daniel Gerkman, Traffic Safety Officer
Adam Leisinger, Special Projects Manager
Sean Morgan, Community Services Officer

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Sarah Brown, The New Era

Approval of Minutes

2024-08-14 Public & Traffic Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee Member Mather moved to approved the minutes of the August 14, 2024 Public & Traffic Safety Committee meeting. Committee Member Barstad seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: Gallagher, Graybill, Barstad, Mather

ABSENT: Adams, Hildebrand

Old Business

First Avenue Truck Signage

Chair Gallagher stated that improved signage was needed. Assistant City Manager Pro Tem Pretty stated that staff would investigate options for new signage.

No action was required for this item.

New Business

First Avenue & Nandina Intersection

Chair Gallagher suggested making First Avenue and Nandina a three-way stop and that it may reduce the number of speed tables needed on First Avenue. Assistant City Manager Pro Tem Pretty replied that additional traffic control devices would not be considered until the City finalized a review process for future stop sign requests.

No action was required for this item.

Stop Sign Process Discussion

Assistant City Manager Pro Tem Pretty stated that staff was seeking input from the Committee on establishing a process for reviewing future stop sign modification requests.

Vice Chair Graybill stated that he recommended that residents approach the City Council and request that stop sign considerations be referred to the Public & Traffic Safety Committee for review. He noted that reviews should be done in compliance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and other industry guidance.

No action was required for this item.

Good of the Order

City Manager Pro Tem Ogden introduced Traffic Safety Officer Daniel Gerkman. He noted that City Council referred the issue of additional stop signs at 12th Avenue and Tamarack to the Public & Traffic Safety Committee based on a comment from a resident and it would appear on a future agenda.

Vice Chair Graybill noted a lack of cross-traffic in this location. City Manager Pro Tem Ogden recommended that Committee Members drive the location prior to the next meeting.

Community Services Officer Morgan reviewed traffic counts at Clover and First Avenue, Evergreen at Highway 228, Nandina and First Avenue, and Osage at Highway 20.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:17 PM.

Chair

ATTEST:

City Manager Pro Tem, Ex Officio City Recorder