Happy Valley Traffic & Public Safety Committee Meeting
Minutes for May 12, 2016

Call to Order:
Chair Bryan Brock called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
Flag Salute & Roll Call followed.

Roll Call:
- **Members Present:** Chair Bryan Brock; Dennis Hemmer; Diane Morrow; TJ Milashouskas and Ron Wackford
- **Also Present:** City Liaison Steve Campbell; Chief Shane Strangfield and Councilor Markley Drake
- **Absent:** Vice Chair David Golobay; Kevin Bailey; Dave Tash and Chief Fred Charlton

Approval and Acceptance of Previous Minutes:
The minutes from April 14, 2016 were approved with a Motion by TJ Milashouskas and a second from Dennis Hemmer.

Interested Citizens:
William McCreery who lives at 11988 SE 162nd Avenue in Happy Valley was present to discuss his concerns with regard to the intersection of 162nd Avenue and Monner Road. In the past several months, there have been 3 single car crashes at this intersection, all during night hours. He expresses his appreciation of Happy Valley Police for monitoring traffic from his driveway, but feels that a more frequent presence is needed. Mr. McCreery says there is blatant disregard for the stop sign at the intersection, along with drivers ignoring the speed limit. The poor condition of Monner Road and concerns from the increased traffic due to development that is slated for this area, are also problematic. Suggestions discussed include improving the site view along the south side of Monner Road, installation of a stop ahead sign placed eastbound on Monner Road, a barrier on the east side of 162nd Avenue, and electronic solar powered flashing stop signs. Steve Campbell advises that Monner Road is currently under the jurisdiction of Clackamas County. Once the county improves the roadway which must include repaving, the city will consider taking over jurisdiction of the road.

After discussion within the committee, it was decided that the city will talk with the property owner about trimming the trees, have Public Works install a new thermal stop bar as well as adding chevrons to the eastside of 162nd. In the event the chevrons become ineffective, we can look at other solutions such as barrier’s and or boulder’s. Steve Campbell will also look into the possibility of reducing the speed limit on 162nd, and Chief Strangfield will look into the crash history. A Motion to move forward with these changes was made by Ron Wackford with a second from TJ Milashouskas. The Motion passed unanimously.
Sharon Schweitzer who resides at 14810 SE 172nd Avenue in Clackamas, was present to discuss her concerns with the round-a-bout on 172nd Avenue. Her concerns are focused around motorists not yielding the right of way when required. She said a recent traffic crash has only heightened concerns for her safety. With the Happy Valley Crossroads commercial development slated to open this fall, the traffic will only increase, and the time to look at the design of the road is needed now. The committee viewed the area of concern via google earth technology. Motorists entering the traffic circle are required to yield to traffic that exit off the side streets on the east and west side of 172nd Avenue. Steve Campbell advises that this roadway is under the jurisdiction of Clackamas County, but we do have the ability to work with the county when it comes to issues that involve public safety. Steve Campbell acknowledges this is a well-traveled roadway, but feels that the crash rate is fairly low. Chair Bryan Brock affirms that round-a-bouts are an efficient way to improve traffic flow, and they have been effective here in Happy Valley for a number of years. Chief Strangfield advises he also feels the reported crash rate is fairly low, and will look into statistics to share at an upcoming meeting. After discussion within the committee, it was decided that Steve Campbell will try and work with the county with regard to placement of yield signs, as well as lane delineation markings. He urges Mrs. Schweitzer to come to City Hall during business hours and review the master plan for SE 172nd Avenue. Chair Bryan Brock requests crash data for the area, and we will re-visit this at an upcoming meeting.

Presentations:

- **Traffic Policy Adoption:** Committee Chair Bryan Brock opened up discussion with regard to adoption of the traffic policy to the committee. Steve Campbell reminds the committee that once concerns are submitted, city staff will review, take appropriate action, and report back to the committee. If a Petitioner does not agree with decisions made, they may have an opportunity to voice their concerns with the committee. TJ Milashouskas advises he feels that all concerns from the committee have been addressed and makes a Motion to move forward with adoption. Diane Morrow seconds the Motion and it passes with a unanimous vote. Steve Campbell advises the committee that this week staff did approve two requests. The first was a no-parking zone near the cross-walk on Masa Lane near Spring Mountain Elementary, and the second was No Parking signs installed at the round-a-bout at Causey and Monterey.

- **Speed Trailer Stats:** Statistics were reviewed for locations on Ridgecrest Road, William Otty, Idleman Road, and 132nd Avenue. The speed trailer was placed westbound on Ridgecrest Road near Happy Valley Park from May 10th through May 12th. Of the 6,333 cars monitored, the average speed on this 25 mile per hour road was 23.5 miles per hour, with the 85th percentile at 30 miles per hour. The highest speed recorded was 43 miles per hour. It was discussed that this area should be an area for concentration by Happy Valley Police. Chief Strangfield advises there has been an increased police presence on Ridgecrest Road, and citations have been issued. A full report will be provided by our Traffic Officer later tonight. A total of 3,835 cars were monitored on William Otty near Valley View Road from March 30th until April 2nd. The average speed on this 25 mile per hour road was 21.5 miles per hour, with the 85th percentile at 26. The highest recorded speed was 34 miles per hour. Idleman Road near SE Hillside Court was monitored from March 14th through March 17th. A total of 5,842 cars traveled this road during that time, with the average speed on this 35 mile per hour road recorded at 29.9 miles per hour, with the 85th percentile at 34. The highest recorded speed was 45 miles per hour. The heavily traveled area of 132nd Avenue near Meadowpark was monitored from March 1st to March 4th. A total of 10,254 cars were monitored on this 35 mile per hour connector street. The average speed was 28.6 miles per hour, with the 85th percentile right at 35. The highest recorded speed was 55 miles per hour. After discussion within the committee with regard to all locations, it was determined there are some high speeds on 132nd Avenue, but the 85th percentile is at or below the posted speed limit. The only area the committee feels the need for continued monitoring is both east and westbound on Ridgecrest Road in the area of Happy Valley Park.
• Bicycle Lane on 129th Avenue: Steve Campbell advises the manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices does not require the city to mark the end of a bicycle lane however, after checking with engineering, the city feels that because a sign had been near that location previously, we should re-post the notification. Our Public Works Director Chris Randall will contact the developer of Blackhorse Estates to either put back up the sign they removed during construction, or pay for re-installation of a new sign.

• Law Enforcement Service District: Since 2001, Happy Valley has successfully passed local option levy’s to fund police services. As the last levy failed by one vote and required resubmission to the voters, we need to move forward with lobbying our state legislature to change the laws to allow formation of special districts to permanently fund for services. This month our City Council, City Manager and Sheriff Roberts, will be petitioning the legislature to lobby for change in State Law. We are calling on this committee to back up these efforts to secure permanent funding in the future.

Reports:

Crime Prevention:

1. Chief Strangfield reviewed the March, 2016 report. There were 333 calls for service during the month, which is up from the 276 calls for the same period one year ago. Of significance for March were calls regarding suspicious vehicles which increased from 14 incidents in 2015 to 29 in 2016. The top three types of calls were: Alarms, Traffic Complaints and Accidents. The crash data was omitted from the March report and Chief Strangfield will look into the reason why.

2. Calls for service have been on the rise for the first quarter of 2016. In January the call volume increased 22%, in February 46%, and in March 20%. Chief Strangfield advises he is actively monitoring the calls for police service, but notes the increase has not adversely affected our response time.

3. With regard to the recent incidents at Happy Valley Park, police are still in the process of reaching out to residents around the park to determine any areas of concern they may have. The park is being regularly patrolled by both Happy Valley Police and Code Enforcement, with all premise checks being logged and monitored by Police.

4. Traffic Officer Ben Toops was present to offer traffic enforcement updates to the committee. Officer Toops reports that Ridgecrest Road has been a priority in response to recent complaints of speeding vehicles. From February 1st until May 11th, 25 citations were issued. He reports he also responded to 12 traffic complaints in the area, as well as two motor vehicle crashes. For the same period of time, Officer Toops reports he has responded to 32 other traffic complaints within the city. The forced turn barrier at 152nd and Misty Drive has been another area he has been monitoring. A total of 5 citations have been issued to motorists not obeying the traffic control device. The complaints regarding issues at Happy Valley Elementary and Middle Schools have also been addressed. Officer Toops reports that he has been at the school to talk with motorists about traffic congestion along with parking concerns, and to observe crosswalk safety. The traffic flow both in and out of the parking lot was assessed, and after meeting with school officials, a plan has been put into place which allows for the middle entrance/exit to the school being designated as a one way exit only at the end of the school days. The school will be outreaching to parents to make them aware of the impending traffic change.

5. Steve Campbell wishes to acknowledge Officer Toops for his participation with the recent driver safety instruction for city and fire department employees.

Fire Safety:

Chief Charlton was not present.
Discussions:

Old Business:
None

New Business:

Markley Drake advises the Happy Valley Crossroads project is well underway with a target completion date in the Fall of 2016.

The vote on disincorporation of the City of Damascus is on the May election ballot. The strong consensus is the measure will pass. If the measure does pass, there will be a sixty day time line before it would become official. The city would then surrender their charter to the state, and the county would take over jurisdiction for a period of one year while the dissolution happens. Current city employees would remain employed during that time.

Traffic flow improvements are scheduled for Sunnyside Road in response to the increased congestion on this busy road. To help alleviate congestion and travel time delays, the county will be installing an adaptive signal control technology system at thirteen intersections between 82nd and 122nd Avenues. When funding becomes available, the area east of 122nd will be addressed.

Mayor Lori DeRemer is running unopposed in the May election for a seat in the Oregon House of Representatives. She has two Democratic contenders, and will run against that winner in the Fall. Diane Morrow asks Councilor Drake if the number of seats on the council will increase as our population grows? Councilor Drake advises it will not change, however the city is looking for members from the Damascus area who annex into Happy Valley, to consider being involved in one of the many committee’s Happy Valley has to offer.

With regard to future development within the city, Councilor Drake advises that Eagle Landing is submitting plans to the city. We are also expecting plans for the proposed development at the old Pleasant Valley Golf Course, and an apartment complex just North of Sunnyside Road on 172nd Avenue. The property just west of City Hall on Misty Drive has been recently re-zoned to allow for construction of apartments.

Steve Campbell reported he recently visited the Clackamas County Transition Center. This is a program supported by the Sheriff to help inmates transition back into society. He would like to know how the committee feels about taking a trip to visit the Transition Center along with the Clackamas County Jail, or perhaps another facility. Also inquires if the committee is interested in having speakers come on occasion. Discussion was held within the committee, and the months of July and August are already committed to other events. Both Committee Chair Bryan Brock and TJ Milashouskas voice their interest in visiting the transition center and jail in June. With a unanimous vote, it was decided the committee will do site visits on June 9th starting at 7pm. Chief Shane Strangfield will confirm plans with the CCSO, and once finalized all committee members will be notified via e-mail.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by TJ Milashouskas, with a second from Ron Wackford. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Next meeting is Thursday, June 09, 2016
Prepared & Submitted by: Lisa Tamlyn, Municipal Court Clerk, City of Happy Valley