

MINUTES

CITY OF AUBURN - TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, January 19, 2010
8:30 A.M. @ City Hall Conference Room 10**

1. Public Comment:

Norm Lovings – A driver for FedEx approached the committee with a request for some sort of ordinance or requirement for sports bicyclists to wear a safety color vest while riding around town, particularly in the Shirland Tract / Auburn Folsom area.

He stated that regular color clothing blends in with the area making it dangerous for both the cyclist and the vehicle driver. He showed the picture on the front page of the 1/18/10 Auburn Journal depicting a cyclist in a brightly colored, yet lightweight vest. He also suggested possibly a bike helmet with blinking light or headlight.

He gave statistics showing that 100 cyclists are killed each year by cars and 52,000 injured. Motorists failing to give right-of-way, turning left into cyclists, or cyclists turning into traffic are reasons for the deaths / injuries in addition to not wearing safety color clothing.

Chief Harris asked if other jurisdictions had ordinances that he knew of. He didn't know of any off hand.

The consensus was to put the item on the next meeting agenda for discussion.

2. Approval of September 15, 2009 Minutes

There were not enough committee members for a quorum to approve Minutes. Minutes were carried over.

Present Member Attendees: Chief Harris, Jack Warren, Bernie Schroeder

ACTION ITEMS:

- 3. Time Limit Parking/Court House Coffee - (COMPLETED 2009; giving a 30 minute time limit and one parking spot)**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 4. Streetscape update – Bernie Schroeder**

None

5. Reserved Parking Permits City Lots – Status update

Chief Harris said there were 18 parking permits last year but only 13 this year. They run \$180.00 for the year. Should we remove “Reserved” spots?

Schroeder asked how many spots we have. Warren asked how many each business gets. A decrease in the number of permitted parking spots would need to go before the city council for approval. We could do a lottery for permits if need be.

Chief Harris said that when the next traffic flow survey is done they can count how many “Reserved” spots we have. This item will be carried over to next meeting.

OBTA AGENDA ITEMS PENDING PER FINALIZATION OF PARKING/TRAFFIC STUDY:

Traffic Study – AD HOC COMMITTEE handling:

Officer Hopping and volunteers will be doing the follow up survey of traffic flows on Orange Street. They will also be giving warning notices on vehicles that are not “curbed”.

Also discussed was the issue of speeders going from Hillmont St. onto Orange St. to Lewis St. Continuing discussion may include the possibility of installing a stop sign at the intersection of Orange St. and Lewis St.

The traffic survey should be complete by March.

NEXT TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2010

Meeting adjourned: 9:15 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda Bauer, Administrative Asst.