

Traffic Safety Minutes

Aug. 29, 2006

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

Present: Jo Nelson, Ken Erickson, Annie Tietje, Patricia Pinkham, Kathy Bourassa, Dody Solaas, Carol Peterson, Bob Helbock, Jon and Sharon Jordan, James McClellan, Yvonne Meyer, Steve Boyer, Neil Kellner, Chris McClellan, Cary Bowman.

Motion Yvonne Meyer moved to approve the agenda, Carol Peterson seconded.
Passed

Motion Dody Solaas moved to approve the minutes, Carol seconded.
Passed

A. Committee Business Kathy Bourassa presented the Purpose and decided to clarify item #1 with committee suggestions, to state: "To solve community Traffic Safety problems in the Greater Hansville area" (to be defined at a later time from the Future's group), "through Action, Advocacy, and Education."

Motion Carol moved to accept part A with the addition, Dody seconded.
Passed

Sheriff Boyer suggested a change from "to solve community traffic", etc., to "to enhance traffic safety in the Greater Hansville area community through Action, Advocacy, and Education. Carol changed the motion to this statement.

B. Committee name After discussion, the committee agreed to adopt the name, Greater Hansville Road Safety Advisory Committee.

C. Committee Procedures Kathy asked how we can assure that we represent the residents in our communities. It was agreed that issues brought before the committee be investigated before taking any action. The Hansville log goes out to all the communities except Eglon. Carol will look into including that community. She also sends notices to the "Community News."

Motion Dody moved that Committee Procedures be approved as written, Bob Helbock seconded.
Passed

New Business

Ken Eriksson who lives at 6585 Twin Spits Rd would like the 35 mph sign placed opposite the 25 mph sign so traffic speed is consistent. He volunteered to check with Steve Johnson. Dody will introduce Ken to Mike Malan who has been the liaison with Steve Johnson. Patricia mentioned that Steve suggested one speed limit for all greater Hansville area and asked people to

think about this suggestion.

It was also suggested that the speed limit near Gust Halvor be dropped from 50mph to 45 mph. Neil asked that this be tabled for thought until the next meeting. Patricia also asked what part the committee should play in planning in the Greater Hansville development.

Old Business

Dody received a call from Jon and Sharon Jordan questioning the removal of the 20mph sign on Twin Spits Rd. hills. She checked with the county who stated the sign on Hood Canal had also been removed as the State did not adopt the use of these advisory signs. The Jordans feel the hill blocks the view and these signs should be replaced. Dody and Jo Nelson will talk to our state representative, Bev Woods. Neil said that the county feels that signs were overdone on roads in this area. Bob suggested he will try to acquire the MUTCD manual and add this to the list of items to discuss with Steve Johnson.

Members Report

Dody requested from Steve Boyer, data on the number of tickets issued since June in GHA. Steve reported that Chris Endresen had called after receiving several complaints on traffic at commuter times and patrols were sent out. Steve requested that Dody email that request to him. She also asked if the radar readerboard trailer could be brought back, and he said yes. Discussion on a smaller board which can be moved by a handtruck followed, and Steve said the county is purchasing several. Cost is approximately \$3500 each and they are small enough to be used by local citizens. He hopes they may be in next week. Dody will follow up. She also asked who determines the location of patrol units and if a regular patrol is going to be in the area. Steve's goal is to have a local Sgt be the liaison between his office and the committee.

Carol spoke about her petition for no passing in downtown Hansville. She asked Steve what else she can do and he suggested an email to Steve Johnson.

Patricia complimented Dody and Carol on their article in the Kitsap Sun. She suggested more information in that vein to make the public aware of our goals of speed tables. Bob suggested sending information to Barbara Porter and Judy Foritano to distribute to Cliffside.

Patricia suggested talking to neighbors and discussed Steve Johnson's proposed "speed limit treatment," stating it is less than we requested. Kathy and Patricia said we need signed petitions of over 70% of community members or the county will be reluctant to do what we request on our rural collect or roads. Kathy has developed petitions and Patricia requested another letter to Chris Endresen reiterating the committee's stand. Bob asked for a diagram or picture of the speed tables to be placed with each petition for clarification. Kathy will send an email with pictures of speed tables and petitions.

Neil suggested that over 50% of the commuters will not want any speed reduction devices and suggested taking the information only to heavily impacted areas. He suggested taking petitions

to local organization, the Community Center, Cliffside, Hansville for greater impact. Dody said to clarify to the public exactly what and where we want the devices. Patricia asked for immediate action with impacted neighborhoods. The committee felt Steve Johnson's proposal will sideline their goals, and Patricia asked that a letter be sent in response to his proposal, to him and Chris Endresen asking for speed tables.

Mike, Carol and Dody could poll downtown Hansville with a petition. Cliffside has representatives to poll their area. Patricia asked for action before the next meeting and asked for a non-public meeting in September to compile the information and letter.

Dody distributed signs that Steve Johnson gave to Mike Malan to be placed on the outside of garbage cans. Carol suggested sandwich boards and members were reminded that we cannot place them on private property such as telephone poles or traffic signs. As garbage cans are out once a week, they would be a good reminder.

Jo Nelson reported on radar readerboards. A trailer size pole mounted 15" box, contains data logging, and strobe light, costs \$4365, and \$5365 with a solar bracket. Dody suggested waiting to see how often we can use the unit Steve Boyer is acquiring to decide whether we need to purchase our own.

Yvonne Meyer stated that Shorewood is gathering signatures from residents of Ponderosa Blvd, and others who use the street. The only chance to acquire a stop sign or other slowing device is through community support. Kathy suggested petitions be sent with a letter for more weight. Neil asked that the letter be devised while the petitions are being gathered. Kathy will write the letter.

Yvonne will ask the county for data from their survey. The person who put out the counter was nearly run down. A suggestion was to ask him to write a letter about the incident, as well as one from the paper carrier in the area.

Yvonne suggested having community awareness welcome signs that are handmade and artistic. Bob said Cliffside is already in this process. Discussion included involving the Community Center. Dody suggested ten sandwich boards which could be moved to various locations in the community. Patricia will paint signs and Carol will seek donations of boards. Jo will talk to Gary Paulson and Mike.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00 pm at the Driftwood Key Clubhouse.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Chris McClellan
Secretary