



City of Newport News

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMISSION

“Vacant”
VICE CHAIRMAN

MELVIN L. BAILEY
CHAIRMAN

DAVID T. WILKINSON
SECRETARY-COORDINATOR

Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2010

Ft. Eustis Officers Club, Ft. Eustis Army Base

Attendees

Mel Bailey – Chairman
David Wilkinson – Engineering / Secretary-Coordinator
Madeline McMillan – City Council
Lt. Eric Mansfield – Police Department
Captain Tom Phillips – Fire Department
Chad Betoney – Ft. Eustis Representative
Jack Gergely – Citizen
Stephen Klute – Citizen Elect

I. Call to order

A. Opening Comments from Chairmen, Melvin L. Bailey

II. Old Business

A. Review and adoption of August 20, 2010 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to adopt by Commissioner Wilkinson, Seconded by Chairmen Bailey – **PASSED**

B. Status of Safety Commission 2009 Goals and Initiatives

- Expansion of Commission participation to include invitations to transportation specialists from HRT, CSX, DMV and NNPD Motor Carrier Div. Participates are non-voting members used to provide the best information possible to Commissioner, thus enabling them to make the most prudent recommendations to City Council.
 1. CSX contact and invitation to join – to be headed up by Commissioner Gergely
 2. Newport News Mayor’s Committee on Disabilities contact and invitation to join – to be headed up by Commissioner Phillips. It was recommended for Commissioner Phillips to get in contact with Sherri Graham – Commissions Liaison at 926-8587



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- C. Website Tip: Vice Chairman Sturgis to provide an “Incident Management Tip” based on the 2009 Goals & initiatives to be included in the Commission website.
- Commissioner Mansfield submitted a copy of the proposed “Safety Tip” to be uploaded to the Commission’s Web Page. See copy attached.
 - Motion to approve by Commissioner Wilkinson, Seconded by Chairmen Bailey – **PASSED.**
- D. City of Newport News Employee Transportation Safety Award Program.
- As per the approved motion (5/20/10), Secretary Wilkinson moved forward with the Information & Application package for the “Newport News Employee Transportation Safety Award Program”. It has been signed and distributed by the City Manager, Neil Morgan.
 - Applications due December 17, 2010.
- E. Status of Safety Commission 2010 Goals and Initiatives.
- Use of and required safety equipment for handicapped vehicles, such as motorized wheel chairs, on streets, and crossings – to be headed up by Commissioner Gergely. Review of report and discussion was tabled at the August 2010 meeting to the November 2010 meeting.
 1. Commissioner Gergely submitted final report, copy attached and a recommendation to forward this item as Commission recommended State Legislation.
 2. Motion to forward by Commissioner Gergely, Seconded by Commissioner McMillan – **PASSED 7:1.**
 - Every 15 Minutes Program – Commissioner Phillips to provide Commission with a digital copy of the 2010 program for placement on the Commission’s Web Site.
 1. 2010 Video completed and submitted to Commissioner Wilkinson for incorporation into the Commission’s Web Page. Initiative Completed.



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- Develop a Recommended Transportation Safety Legislative package to be endorsed by City Council – to be headed up by Chairman Bailey.
 1. Twelve (12) possible recommendations were presented.
 - a) Enact a primary enforcement safety belt law.
 - b) Increase penalty for Seat Belt violations for individuals over 18 years of age.
 - c) Require the use of hands free communication device while driving.
 - d) Mandatory penalties for driving under suspended/revoked license.
 - e) Establish minimum age of a child to ride as a passenger on a motorcycle.
 - f) Allow photo enforcement of speed in a work zone when workers are present.
 - g) Upgrade law that bans texting while driving to a primary offense.
 - h) Require children under the age of 13 to be placed, properly restrained, in the back seat of a vehicle.
 - i) Regulate the operation of alternate vehicles (mopeds, scooters under 49 cc).
 - j) Prohibit open container(s) of alcohol within reach of a driver in a vehicle.
 - k) Confiscate car when alluding Police
 - l) Support Behind the wheel education by public schools as well as private sector training.
 2. Commissioner Wilkinson motioned to adopt items (a), (c), (d) as well as the previously approved Commission Item, *Safety Equipment for Handicapped Vehicles*, as part of the Commission’s recommendation package to City Council, Seconded by Commissioner Mansfield – **PASSED**



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III. New Business

- A. City Council has amended the Ordinance governing the Commission to eliminate the Judge as an Ex-Officio and modified the student commissioner requirements.
- B. Finalize and vote on the 2011 Goals and Initiatives
 - Tabled till the February 2011 Meeting
- C. Election of the 2011 Officers
 - Nominations received and accepted for:
Chairmen – Melvin Bailey
Vice Chairmen – Jack Gergley
Secretary-Coordinator – David Wilkinson
 - Motion to approve as nominated by Commissioner McMillan, Seconded by Commissioner Mansfield – **PASSED**

IV. Other Business

- A. Upcoming Commission Items
 - Post Improvement Warwick Blvd Speed and Crash Study – Aug 2011 meeting
- B. Next scheduled Commission Meeting, February 17, 2011 at 2:00 pm – 7th Floor Conference Room.

V. Adjourned: 4:15 pm