



# City of Newport News

## TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMISSION

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### Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2009

Department of Engineering – 7<sup>th</sup> Floor. Conference Room

#### Attendees

Mel Bailey –Chairman  
David Wilkinson – Secretary  
Dick Tyson – NN Public Schools  
The Honorable Madeline McMillan – Council Member  
Captain Tom Phillips – Fire Department  
Edward Curran – Citizen  
John Gergely – Citizen  
Jean Montane – Citizen  
Gabe Morgan - Citizen

#### **I. Call to order**

- A. Opening Comments from Chairmen, Melvin L. Bailey
- B. Via email dated, May 11, 2009, Karl Dahlen will not be in attendance.
- C. Via email dated, May 15, 2009, Trent Sturgis will not be in attendance.

#### **II. Old Business**

- A. Review and adoption of February 19, 2009 Meeting Minutes (attached)
  - Motioned by John Gergely and Seconded by Ed Curran
- B. Review of Safety Commission 2008 Goals and Initiatives
  - Develop a “City of Newport News Citizen and Employee Safety Award” program – to be headed up by Commissioner, Montane with the final presentation. (attached)
  - Motioned by Councilwoman Madeline McMillian and Seconded by Ed Curran
- C. Status of Safety Commission 2009 Goals and Initiatives
  - Update the Commission’s web page to include public feedback forum and public relations sections – to be headed up by Commissioner Wilkinson with final presentation **due August 20, 2009**. <http://www.nngov.com/engineering/resources/ntsc>
    1. Safety belt and child safety seats
  - Develop a Recommended Transportation Safety Legislative package to be endorsed by City Council – to be headed up by Chairman Bailey with final report **due for the City Council December 8, 2009 Council Meeting**.
    1. On going
    2. Education of minorities on seatbelt use.

**Action Item:** Commission needs to let David Wilkinson know by August.



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- Develop an “Incident Management Spot” – to be headed up by Vice Chairmen, Sturgis with final presentation **due February 18, 2010**.
- Expansion of Commission participation to include invitations to transportation specialists from HRT, CSX, DMV and NNPD Motor Carrier Div. Participants 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. – **No lead or completion dead line established.**
  1. Councilwoman Madeline McMillian has a contact for HRT.
  2. Carried over to the next meeting

### III. New Business

- A. Appointment of Judges to City Commissions, City Code Change – Presented by David Wilkinson (**attached**)
    - David Wilkinson mentioned that the City Code should be changed to specifically read that they must be a resident.
  - B. Use of and restrictions of golf cart type vehicles on residential streets – Presented by John Gergely (**attached**)
    - Died in discussion
  - C. Use of and required safety equipment for handicapped vehicles, such as motorized wheel chairs, on streets, and crossings – Presented by John Gergely
    - Littering on median
    - VDOT driveway to Newport News Public Schools for ADA.
    - Not a law, but education recommendations are to make it ADA.
- Action Item:** Check with the City of Hampton

### IV. Other Business

- A. Upcoming Commission Items
  - Discussion of 2010 Goals and Initiatives scheduled for Aug. 2009 meeting
  - Final vote on Goals and Initiatives scheduled for Nov. 2009 meeting
  - Election of 2010 officers scheduled for Nov. 2009 meeting
- B. What other staff reports does the Commission want to hear?
  - 15 minutes
- C. Next scheduled Commission Meeting, August 20, 2009 at 2:00 pm

**V. Adjourned:** 3:46pm