



## CITIZENS ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMISSION (CATC)

March 13, 2024

Traffic Control Conference Room, Civic 325

### MEETING MINUTES

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Kenneth Adams  
John Lattimer  
Nick Cantonwine  
Jason Allen  
Cheryl Hummon  
Nathan Levine

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

Kenneth Cannady-Shultz  
Andrea Madison  
Kyle Hedquist

#### STAFF PRESENT

Kevin Hottmann  
Helena Najjar  
Kelly Richardson

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#### 1. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Kenneth Cannady-Shultz, Andrea Madison and Kyle Hedquist are absent. Staff absent were Tony Martin and Julie Hanson.

Nick Cantonwine called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

#### 2. AGENDA PROVIDED

- Hearing no additions to the agenda Chair Cantonwine continued with the meeting.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

December 13, 2023, Meeting Minutes were approved.

*A motion was made by member Kenneth Adams and seconded by member Jason Allen. Ayes: Kenneth Adams, Nathan Levine, John Lattimer, Nick Cantonwine, Jason Allen, and Cheryl Hummon. Nays: 0, Absent: Kenneth Cannady-Shultz, Andrea Madison and Kyle Hedquist. Motion passed.*

#### 4. PUBLIC HEARING –Request for Time Restrictions of the Pedestrian Walkway Located Between Sunburst Terrace NW and Ptarmigan Street NW.

There were several comments received by email and made part of the official record and part of the memo/report given by Kevin Hottmann, PE, City Traffic Engineer.

#### 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Staff member Hottmann gave an overview of the staff report. We received official request in November 2023 to close the pedestrian walkway at night. The requestor stated that his dogs would bark at those using the walkway. He explained this is a bigger problem at night. He was trying to look at ways to reduce their barking and be a better neighbor.

The pedestrian pathway is shown on Attachments A and was created in the late 1970's linking the two housing developments. Attachment B is the official request. The notice of the proposal to restrict the use of the pathway from 10 PM to 6 AM was posted from December 12, 2023, to December 27, 2023. Staff received four phone calls. Two were in support of the proposal and two were neutral. Staff also received 5 emails, which can be found in Attachment C.

Notice of the CATC meeting was posted from March 4<sup>th</sup> through March 13<sup>th</sup>.

*The Citizens Advisory Traffic Commission (CATC), under the authority of Salem Revised Code 5.030, is an advisory body for the Public Works Director and City Council on matters related to traffic and parking control.*

*The proposed closure would be accomplished by posting signs at each end of the pathway. No barricades or other obstructions would be placed to close the pathway.*

Staff Recommended: as a neutral party with respect to restricting the overnight use of the pedestrian pathway between Sunburst Terrace NW and Ptarmigan Street NE from 10 PM to 6 AM. Staff remains neutral.

There were several clarification questions asked by the members of CATC prior to the public comment period:

- Who is responsible for maintenance of the pathway.
- With no barriers how would this be enforced.
- Where would the signs be posted and what size would they be.
- What would be the net affect of this if it were made a fine.
- Are there other such pathways.
- Is there an easement by the city.

Staff member Hottmann explained to the members that the pathway was maintained by the city and that the city held a legal easement for the pathway (after CATC meeting staff found that the pathway is a separate piece of property owned by the City). Hottmann stated that the signs would be of normal size to fit on the existing posts and placed at each end of the pathway. The net worth of the fines was to be determined and Hottmann confirmed there were other such pathways, and none had restricted hours on them.

*Public hearing began at approximately 6:35 PM following Hottman's presentation of fact and members questions.*

The hearing was opened for public comment.

Guests Present:

Mark Sondor- - Popcorn St. NW

David Schmidt- - Ptarmigan St. NW

Duane Smith-- Cloudburst Ave.  
Ron Moore- - Cloudburst Ave NW  
Charles Fikiw-- Popcorn CT. NW  
Mark & Diana Wanek-- Sunburst Terrace, NW  
Dale Classen Sunburst Terrace NW  
Greg Macdonald-- Peppertree CT. SE  
Michael Jasmer-- Ptarmigan St. NW  
Anthony Texeira-Sunburst Terrace NW

At this time, each individual above was allowed to provide their opinion regarding the proposal. Each individual spoke, and they were overwhelmingly in opposition to the request for closure at all, let alone during the hours proposed, 10 PM to 6 AM. There were several comments made:

- Safety for individual utilizing the path.
- Aggressive behavior of the dogs.
- Everyone except two individuals (one neutral) and one (no comment) agreed that it was the owner of the dog's responsibility to train the dogs not to bark or remove the dogs from the area.
- This walking path was overwhelmingly supported by the community who uses it, several admitted buying in the area because of it and other paths in the area.
- It was agreed that this path was utilized daily by individuals in the area at all hours of the day and people who abutted it enjoyed the interactions with people who use the path.
- Several of the individuals suggested to the requestor that it might be beneficial to put up a privacy fence instead of the short 4-foot fence that is presently on site.

Following the comment period, members briefly discussed the comments made and after careful consideration Chair Cantonwine called for a vote.

Motion was made by member Levin and seconded by member Allen to deny the request made by the requestor to restrict the hours of use on the pathway located between Sunburst Terrace NW and Ptarmigan Street NW. Motion was unanimous. Members in favor: Nick Cantonwine, Kenneth Adams, John Lattimer, Nathan Levin, Jason Allen and Cheryl Hummon. Nays: 0, Absent: Kenneth Cannady-Shultz, Andrea Madison and Kyle Hedquist. Motion approved.

## 6. ACTION AND/OR DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Chair Cantonwine asked staff if there were any other topics for discussion. There were none given for this evening's meeting; however, future topics were given.
  - Discussion on downtown area have a section/space where only pedestrians go through the intersection. No turning and no vehicle motions during the pedestrian phase.
  - The intersection at Center and 17<sup>th</sup> regarding a pedestrian concern; why the green crossing man doesn't just come up when someone pushes the button.
  - It is agreed to bring the signal engineer in and address the questions that the members have at a future date.

## 7. ADJOURN

- Chairman Cantonwine adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM

## **8. Next Meeting**

May 08<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Minutes: Kelly Richardson

*For those who were not able to attend the meeting there will be a recording posted to the website for your convenience. Which will provide exact comments and discussion.*

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