

**ASTORIA TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Astoria City Hall**

October 23, 2018

CALL TO ORDER:

President Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: President Sean Fitzpatrick, Jennifer Cameron-Lattek, Daryl Moore, Jan Mitchell, Joan Herman, and Brookley Henri

Commissioners Excused: Vice President Kent Easom

Staff Present: City Manager Brett Estes, Planner Nancy Ferber, and Engineer Technician Steve Ruggles. The meeting is recorded and will be transcribed by ABC Transcription Services, Inc.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There were no agenda items for the July 24, 2018 meeting.

PROJECT UPDATES:

Engineer Ruggles gave an update on efforts to reopen Bond Street to two-way traffic. The retaining wall was complete and work was being done on the sidewalks.

City Manager Estes added that the project would take longer than anticipated, but the dry weather was helping the complicated project. Bond Street should be reopening to two-way traffic by the end of the year.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was none.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS/COMMISSIONERS:

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Therese Middlebush, 364 Bond Street, Astoria, said she was concerned about the speed on Bond Street once it is open to two-way traffic. She suggested stop signs or speed bumps be installed to slow the traffic down.

City Manager Estes confirmed the Public Works Department had been considering that throughout the project.

Ken Middlebush, 364 Bond Street, Astoria, stated he was only getting bits and pieces of what would actually occur once construction is complete on Bond Street. He knew the City wanted traffic to flow better through Astoria, but he has signs that say "slow down, kiddie crossing." They also have reflectors to deter speeding on Bond Street. He did not know how many accidents he had seen at 4<sup>th</sup> and Bond, and on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Bond. He could not stop the City from reopening traffic in both directions, but he wanted to know what safeguards the City would put in place for 3<sup>rd</sup> and Bond. He requested a four-way stop sign because it is a dangerous intersection. He had seen cars get airborne coming over the intersection. The intersection is a short cut for people who are commuting and want to avoid the traffic on Marine as they leave town. It has been difficult to make a left turn on to Marine anywhere near Bond because of the road construction. He asked that the City do something to slow the vehicles down. He would continue asking the City to do something until something is done.

President Fitzpatrick encouraged Mr. and Mrs. Middlebush to address City Council with their issues.

Commissioner Mitchell stated she lived up the hill from the Middlebusher's and was very cognizant of the issues at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Bond. Parking was eliminated near the intersection, which has improved sight distance. She agreed the situation would be interesting to see when there is two-way traffic. Once Public Works sees what actually happens at that intersection, they would discuss speed controls.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to convene the Planning Commission Meeting at 6:39 pm.

**ATTEST:**



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Secretary

**APPROVED:**

*[at the 1/29/2019 APC meeting with no changes]*



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City Manager