

**TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CRAC)**

DATE: July 16, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Bob Reed, Bill Howard, Marlin Clark, Ray Robinson, Ray Streeter, Larry Kiser and Jack Brooks.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gloria Gass and Curt Schonbrod

STAFF: Aaron Suko/PW Director, Pat Oakes/Engineering Project Supervisor, Gayle McMullen/Accounting Technician (portion of the meeting) and Jeanette Steinbach/Recorder

GUESTS: Janet Trueblood/AFSCME 2734 President

PUBLIC: Dora Norwood and Linnea Burden (Burden's Towing) and Norm Myers (Traffic Safety Committee Chair)

**ITEM 1 REVIEW AGENDA:** Agenda accepted with the addition of a discussion on abandoned vehicles. Item 8 to be addressed right after Item 2.

**ITEM 2 REVIEW MINUTES OF 06-18-01:** Jack Brooks motioned to accept the minutes as written, Ray Robinson seconded, unanimously approved.

**ITEM 8 REVIEW OF FAIR BOOTH:** Aaron said that a Wheel might be available from ODOT dealing with traffic safety questions that could be used in the booth. Pat Oakes passed around the proposed layout of the Fair Booth with the revised brochure. He said that funding and expenditure charts, road maps, CRAC members with contact information and terms would be displayed at the booth. Jeanette would deal with the schedule for manning of the booth and tickets. Gayle McMullen showed representative samples of the photographs that would be displayed at the Fair. They included some before and after, sections of the road that lack funding that need repair and partnership efforts with other agencies. Discussion ensued as to what would attract the public. Norm Myers said that he would be willing to help with the traffic safety angle i.e. literature, since there won't be a Traffic Safety booth this year.

**ITEM 3 ROAD DEPT. PAVING STATUS:** Paving completed in North and Central Districts with the exception of a portion of Trask River Road that would be completed after South District. Aaron mentioned that Fleming, Latimer, Sandlake Road have portions, i.e. sunken areas and bad potholes that would be addressed with hot mix. Dora mentioned that her vehicle's shock absorber broke on a pothole on the Trask River Road.

**ITEM 4 PROJECT DISCUSSION**

1. **LANEDA ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:** Aaron reported that the Laneda project is at a standstill because of the lack of funding sources for the county share of the design portion which would have been a \$45,000/County and \$5,000/City split. A task force is to be set up to explore funding options in detail, and to put together an interagency agreement. Marlin questioned whether Laneda was a priority. Aaron said that it was a

priority for the citizens in Manzanita to have their road fixed.

2. **MIAMI FOLEY ROAD SLIDE REPAIR:** Pat said that the contractor is doing initial survey and shoulder work. The detour work will begin July 17, 2001, and Pat plans on being on-site.
3. **SLAB CREEK ROAD:** Tillamook County's portion of Slab Creek Road is 4.5 miles with the other portions belonging to the Forest Service and Lincoln County. Aaron plans on submitting a cooperative project submission so that improvements could be made on the road. The submission has a deadline of July 25, 2001, and the project, if accepted, would be funded in 2006. Norm Myers suggested that it be mentioned that this is a detour route if Highway 101 over Cascade Head is not passable.
4. **SANDLAKE/GALLOWAY ROAD:** Pat mentioned that there is an issue with a Utility Company, which may postpone the project to the next fiscal year. A meeting has been planned with a Commissioner, the Utility Company and Public Works to discuss this issue.

**ITEM 5 TRAFFIC SAFETY MEETING REPORT:** Bob Reed introduced Norm Myers a former CRAC member and the Chair of the Traffic Safety Committee. Aaron stated that Nancy Emerson, T.S. representative and John Robinson the Health Department Administrator approached him to report that the grant that paid for the administration would conclude in at the end of September 2001. Aaron said a different funding arrangement would have to be worked out to enable T.S. to continue. Norm Myers explained that the T.S. Committee is countywide. They have worked on several traffic safety projects, for e.g., blinking lights by Nestucca School, the bridge by Beaver on US101 widened, radar gun for speed, alcohol sensing flash lights to name a few. Norm mentioned other on-going traffic safety concerns that the Committee is working on. They have also been able to obtain several ODOT grants, which are available to T.S. Commission. The Committee consists of 11 members of which 2 represent the law enforcement agencies. Norm suggested that either monies are made available to pay Nancy, or have Jeanette do the administration. Bob Reed said that he is impressed that all the agencies are represented. Norm felt that the CRAC and the T.S. Committees were very different and should be kept separate. Aaron said that both these committees are appointed by the BOC, and they would be the ones to make a decision on how the committees function. Aaron said the T.S. charter focuses on education and enforcement as a priority, while CRAC focus is on Road Department operation, maintenance and engineering activities. Aaron reiterated that at least two ODOT grants per year are not available unless there is a Traffic Safety Commission. Aaron brought it to the CRAC so that they could give him some feedback. There is a local funding possibility that the BOC could come up with a plan that would involve a financial contribution from the different agencies. Nancy Emerson operates under a \$30,000 grant. Ray Streeter and Jack Brooks agreed that the T.S. should not be combined with CRAC, and as usual are willing to accept recommendations from T.S. for changes in the road system. If a study group is required, Bob Reed said that the CRAC would be willing to share some input. Aaron indicated that he would be sharing this information with Nancy and John.

**ITEM 6 PRESENTATION OF ROAD APPROACH ORDINANCE BY PAT OAKES:** In the last seven years road funding has been dropping and in lieu of a full overlay program, other measures have to be taken. He explained that signing, striping, preventative maintenance measures and accesses off the county roads to protect the pavement are some of the measures. Hard copy miniatures of the slide presentation, ordinance and permit applications were handed out. Pat presented a power point presentation and explained the slides. Aaron reiterated that the misconception is that in reviewing this ordinance would indicate needed amendments. The intent is to have CRAC understand with this presentation the ordinance, and also to get a feel from the public whether the ordinance needs to be revised, and if it does need revising the public hearing process would begin. The purpose is to establish standards for road approaches to all public roads in Tillamook County in Tillamook County outside of cities and to County Roads within cities. Two permit engineering staff implements the ordinance. Pat asked if this presentation was useful, and if so other ordinances could be presented this way. Members agreed that they liked the presentation format, and other ordinances could be presented this way.

**ITEM 6A ABANDONED VEHICLES:** Mrs. Linnea Burden said together with her husband they have operated Burden's Towing for 31 years. The problem of abandoned vehicles is statewide because there is no law that punishes people who abandon vehicles. Mr. Burden has approached Commissioner Paul Hanneman and Sheriff Todd Anderson. She stated that the City of Tillamook pays \$75.00 per pick up of abandoned cars. On an average there are two or three abandoned vehicles per week. She added that the cost of picking up abandon vehicles is very high, and she would like an ordinance that would penalize people who abandon their vehicles. She also discussed the safety concerns they have when picking up abandoned vehicles that have been vandalized. She further stated that revised ODOT regulations require certified flaggers, which increases the cost of picking up abandoned vehicles. Aaron Suko said that he would prefer this issue to be resolved by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC). He would like some time to do some research to understand this topic better. He suggested bringing it to the SWAC sometime in October or November of 2001.

**ITEM 7 DISCUSSION OF NETARTS COMMUNITY MEETING BY AARON SUKO:** Aaron said that he attended the meeting on July 14, 2001, but no one was in attendance. The road department addressed several of the Netarts Community's concerns brought forth at the last meeting, and considers this issue resolved.

**ITEM 9 PUBLIC COMMENT:** None at this time.

**ITEM 10 NEXT MEETING, DATE AND AGENDA:** Next meeting September 17, 2001 at the BOC Conference Room. A report on the fair booth, summer paving program and ordinance presentation would be some of the topics for the next meeting.

**ITEM 11 ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.