



Meeting Minutes – 12/16/09 West Tualatin View Elementary School

The meeting started at 6:30pm with 14 Taylor Street area residents in attendance. After introductions the minutes of the October 21, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Since the last meeting Shirley Keller and Stan Jacot checked out Washington County's radar reader board. Many of the Taylor Street residents volunteered to operate the radar at different locations and over 9 days. They recorded the license plates of speeding vehicles. Friendly motorists' letters were sent to 64 owners of those speeding vehicles. Successful traffic-calming involves extensive citizen participation and the residents of this area have committed time and energy to address these quality of life issues.

Karen Mohling, Deputy Fire Marshal with Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, presented a video produced by the fire department explaining their position on traffic-calming devices. The group discussed the pros and cons of traffic-calming devices including speed cushions. It was recognized there is a trade off of delays in some emergency services for installation of physical traffic-calming devices.

A new traffic-calming device was also discussed. The speed display sign is mounted on a regular sign post and has built in radar. The speed of an approaching vehicle is displayed on the screen under the words YOUR SPEED. The sign can be programmed to flash the speed if it is above the speed limit and the words SLOW DOWN can be displayed on the screen at a previously programmed speed. Washington County has one speed display sign that is moved around the county on a monthly basis. This speed display sign will be placed on SW Taylor Street during the month of January 2010. Neighborhoods that want their own permanent speed display sign can purchase one for around \$5,000.

A proposal of 3 speed cushions to be installed on Taylor Street was presented and shown on an aerial photo of the area. A straw vote was taken at the end of the meeting and an equal number of people supported or opposed the plan. It was decided that there was not a consensus of agreement on a plan and another meeting would be held in spring of 2010. In the meantime the Sheriff's Office will be requested to conduct enforcement of the 25mph speed limit.

If you have questions, please contact Michael Mills, program coordinator, at (503)846-7949.