

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
February 21, 2018

COMMISSION PRESENT: Frank Pyles, Larry Fairclo, Mike Kilkenny, Brent Bybee,
Michael Holloran and Donna Lawrence

ABSENT MEMBERS: Fred Davis

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Russ Brown – Council
Representative, Jeff Kienlen – City Police and
Cindy Keever – Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: none

Correction needed – remove Brent Bybee’s name from Commission Present. Mike Kilkenny made a motion to approve the January minutes as corrected. Donna Lawrence seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Weight Restriction Signs for 6th Street Bridge

Donna Lawrence asked if the weight restriction signs leading towards the 6th Street Bridge are placed far enough back to give truck drivers time to take an alternate route. Discussion was held regarding the current locations and Chris Harrell told members his crew had recently trimmed the trees so the weight restriction signs are more easily seen. No further action needed.

2) Speed Reduction Request in 3000 Block of East 2nd Street

Patrolman Kienlen said he had visited the area and estimated 95% of the speeders were headed west into town. He suggested moving the current 35 mph sign to the east to give drivers a longer area to slow down before entering the congested area. It was discussed if the 35 mph sign is moved to the east a “Reduced Speed Ahead” sign will also be added to alert drivers of the change. The Transportation Division will handle the changes to the signage.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Tow Trucks Parking on 12th Street

Donna Lawrence said she had received a concern regarding the tow trucks that are parking on 12th Street near the Roberts Street intersection. Citizen was concerned about two tow trucks that are parked within the same block which is causing difficulty when exiting their driveway. The police department did check on the tow trucks and they are within the vehicle width requirements. Commission members agreed the tow trucks are long but are probably not any different than a work van or a pickup pulling a trailer or boat. No action taken at this time.

B) Truck Traffic Restrictions on Jefferson between 14th & Scenic Drive

Donna Lawrence asked about the "No Trucks" sign on Jefferson. Discussion was held and it was determined the signs are specific for trucks above 10,000 pounds. No action required.

C) Shrubs near Alley Exit onto Court between 3rd and 4th Streets Causing Visibility Issues

Larry Fairclo told members there is vegetation that makes exiting the alley onto Court (between 3rd and 4th Streets), very difficult. Members talked about the angle parking that adds to the difficulty too when exiting onto Court Street. Members agreed it is a troublesome spot but because of the need for parking in the downtown area and parking is at a premium, drivers are encouraged to use extreme caution when using that alley (and other areas around town that have similar situations).

D) Status of Downtown Parking Study

Donna Lawrence asked for an update regarding the Downtown Parking Study that was done last year. Dale told members the City Council had accepted the recommendations. The Public Works Department has completed the street and curb painting on 1st Street. Angle parking and painting should be done on adjacent streets sometime this spring. The low cost improvements will happen first. The medium and high cost projects will need to receive approval to move forward.

E) Blue Zone Project

Michael Holloran asked Dale McCabe if any of the Blue Zone projects involved the Traffic Safety Commission. Dale updated the Commission about the status of the three marque items

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mike moved to adjourn. Donna seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Keever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles Public Works

Final approval


Frank Pyles

