

Minutes

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

of

November 21, 2018

7:00a

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

ABSENT MEMBERS: none

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Chris Harrell – Transportation Manager, Russ Brown – Council Representative, Jeff Kienlen – Safety Officer and Cindy Keever – Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: Joshua Chandler, City Community Development Department

Michael Holloran made a motion to approve the October minutes. Mike Kilkenny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Josh Chandler introduced himself and told the commission members he had been in contact with the property owners at 12th and Thompson Street. Dale McCabe passed around a picture that showed the two bushes that need to be removed or moved back towards the house. This information has also been passed on to the property owners. Discussion was held. Fred Davis said this issue has gone thru the process (with the same recommendation to move or remove the bushes) and doesn't feel the commission needs to do anything else. Dale said the next step will be to work with Josh and the Community Development Department and they will work with the property owners towards resolution.
No further action needed by the Traffic Safety Commission.

OLD BUSINESS:

A) 14th & Dry Hollow Crosswalk Request

Continuation of the discussion from October was held among members regarding the crosswalk, the speed limit and how far back the Pedestrian Crossing sign is located. Dale and Chris Harrell will look at the placement of the sign and talk to the Public Works Director about the discussion items.

B) Status of Fines for Using Cell Phone While Driving

The question was raised on the status of the cell phone fine being enforced at the \$1000 limit and why nothing further has occurred. More info is needed and will be addressed at the December meeting. Michael Holloran spoke with a local agency and there is a local diversion program for people who receive a ticket. This program is offered in both English and Spanish.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Chenowith Elementary Traffic Congestion

Jeff Kienlen explained the parents are parking along Chenowith Loop between 8th and 10th Street to pick up their students at Chenowith Elementary and it is adding to the congestion within the parking lot because it is difficult to see the cars and children when pulling out onto the street. Dale read an email from a concerned citizen regarding the matter too. Dale then told the group that Blue Zones has been working with the school administration to create a "pop up" starting Spring Break and continuing until the end of the school year, similar to what was done at the Dry Hollow School.

B) Interstate 84, Exit #83 Problems

A discussion was held regarding the difficulties traffic has when trying to turn left onto 6th Street. Michael read an email from ODOT and Dale told the group it had been addressed in the TSP (Traffic Safety Plan). Dale suggested he talk with the Public Works Director and then the City can reach out to ODOT. Michael will also reach out to ODOT and both will bring their findings to the December meeting.

C) 4th and Court Street Intersection

Larry Fairclo talked to the group about the stop signs on Court Street where it intersects with 4th Street. He said when he is stopped on Court heading south there is a small ornamental maple tree that is obstructing the view of the east bound traffic. Plus the vehicles on 4th Street park close to Court which makes it difficult to see oncoming traffic when looking right. It was asked why there is not a stop sign at that intersection. Dale told the group that 4th Street is designed to take some of the traffic off of 3rd Street so the City has tried to limit the stop signs in that area. No action necessary.

D) 6th & Webber Intersection

Russ Brown wondered about the status of the turn lanes at 6th & Webber and at 2nd & Webber. It is in the TSP but it comes down to funding for a project of that size. Item will be moved to December agenda for additional discussion.

E) Hospital Sign Moved on Taylor Street

Dale told the members about a concern he had received regarding the Hospital sign in the roundabout and how it directs traffic out of the roundabout then has them turn left onto Taylor Street and then the Hospital sign directs them to go straight up Taylor Street instead of turning left again on 3rd Street. Sign will be placed in the roundabout to relieve confusion.

E) Difficult Areas to Enter onto Roadway

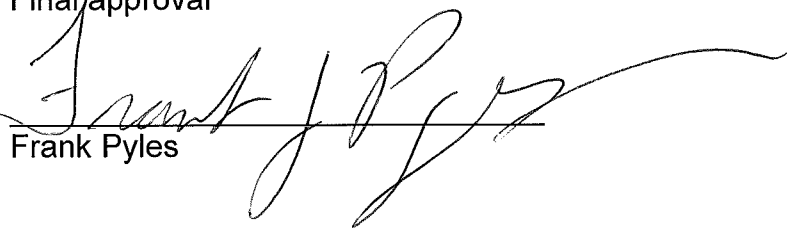
A concern was expressed that the NW corner of 7th and Snipes is difficult to see oncoming traffic. Staff will look at the area.

A concern was also expressed for the intersection of 2nd and Snipes. Vehicles belonging to the auto repair business and the employees and patrons park close to Snipes and it makes it very difficult to see the east bound traffic on West 2nd Street. Officer Kienlen said this is an enforcement issue and suggested contacting Chris Simon with the Police Department to see if something can be done.

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

Cindy Keever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles Public Works

Final approval


Frank Pyles