

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
November 16, 2016

COMMISSION PRESENT: Frank Pyles, Fred Davis, Chuck Covert, Mike Kilkenny, and Donna Lawrence

ABSENT MEMBERS: 2 vacant positions

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Bill Barrier – Transportation Manager, Russ Brown – City Council Representative, Pat Ashmore – City Police Chief and Cindy Kever – Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: Mathew Klebes – Executive Director of Main Street and Michael Holloran

Mike Kilkenny made a motion to approve the October minutes. Donna Lawrence seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

A) None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A) Downtown Halloween Event Discussion

Mathew Klebes spoke to the Commission regarding the different measures that were put into place to facilitate more safety during the event. Special thanks to Max from the Wahtonka Community School who helped organize the event.

The following are some of the measures that were put into place.

- 1) Electronic Reader Boards at the east and west entrances into the downtown area alerting drivers to the event.
- 2) Cherry Grower employees used the back entrance to exit their facility at the end of the day.
- 3) A drop off location was established (by City Park) for the participants of the downtown event.
- 4) Lions had more volunteers and 4 people per every non regulated intersection.
- 5) More police presence during the event.

People who participated in the event thought there were more children but the event felt calmer and seemed to be an improvement. The drivers who were going thru town were very courteous too.

Mathew spoke to a few downtown business owners afterwards who were in favor of the event again next year. Businesses seem to like it because it's traditional good will event.

Mike Kilkenny said he would still like to see the side streets between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets closed from 3p to 5p for added safety measures.

No further discussion was needed.

B) ADA Parking Spaces in City Parking Lots off of First Street

Dale McCabe passed out a map of the parking lot showing existing ADA parking spots and proposed eliminating the ADA parking spot in the NW corner and repainting it in near the Klindt's Annex.

Fred Davis made a motion to approve Dale's recommendation to re-configure the current ADA spots. Donna seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A) Term Limit Discussion

Members discussed the need for additional new member (currently two vacant positions).

B) Sink Hole on Garrison Street near 19<sup>th</sup> Street

Mike told Bill Barrier there was a dangerous sink hold on Garrison near 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Bill will check out after meeting.

C) Year Round School on Wahtonka Campus – Additional Signage Needed

Chief Ashmore asked if school is being held all year long at the Wahtonka campus. Answer is unknown. Russ Brown will check and report back to the Commission. Chief Ashmore's concern is drivers do not know which speed to travel because it is not clear whether the campus has year around schooling or not. If school is being held year around signage should be changed adjacent to the campus to inform drivers. Bill will research how other towns handle the situation and report back at the December meeting.

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

Cindy Keever  
Administrative Secretary  
City of The Dalles Public Works

Final approval

  
Frank Pyles