

Minutes

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING  
Of  
October 16, 2019  
7:00a

**COMMISSION PRESENT:** Frank Pyles, Michael Holloran, Fred Davis, Mike Kilkenny, Robert Kuenzinger, and Larry Fairclo.

**ABSENT MEMBERS:** Brent Bybee

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jeff Kienlen – City Police; David Mills – Interim Transportation Manager; Dale McCabe – City Engineer and Jean Corbin – Department Secretary

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Michael Holloran made a motion to approve the September minutes. Mike Kilkenny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT :** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A) Traffic Lights at 6<sup>th</sup> and Webber

Robert has completed the task of data gathering and prepared a report with his findings. It has been turned over to ODOT for use of performing further evaluation and analysis of the intersection and how it would operate with split phase timing. Dale will inform us with ODOT's findings and recommendations.

B) 2<sup>nd</sup> and Washington Yellow Paint

We will revisit this at November's meeting, as Brent Bybee was not present at the meeting and he was the member that asked to have this item placed on the agenda for discussion.

C) 2<sup>nd</sup> and Cherry Heights Update

The city has received the Results of the Alternatives Analysis for the intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Cherry Heights. The report and findings as prepared by Kittelson and Associates was presented to the City Council on Sept 9<sup>th</sup>. The Council elected to proceed with the "Channelized right in/right out/left in design concept" which will result in the installation of a raised median on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, which in turn will result in the elimination of any left turns from Cherry Heights onto 2<sup>nd</sup> St.

Michael Holloran suggested adding an Interstate sign to direct traffic to 84 as you come out of Fred Meyer and the Safeway complex as that there will be no left turns allowed onto 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A) Request for Yellow Painted Wings at Driveway at NW Corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and Snipes St.

Nikki Lesich sent a letter asking if Public Works had painted this particular curb. The Transportation Division determined it to have been spray painted with a rattle can and it was not done by Public Works. The property

owner did confess to our Transportation Division that he had painted the curb. It was discussed with the property owner that he needs to cover the yellow paint with gray and that he needs to go through the correct pathway to have a curb painted. The property owner was supposed to be at the Traffic Safety Meeting to discuss this issue, but was a no show.

It was suggested by Mike Kilkenny to have the yellow curb grayed out and that the property owner places a No park sign or DO not block driveway sign on the fence in front of the driveway. Parking in front of and blocking a driveway is not allowed. If that occurs, the property owner should contact the Police Department for an enforcement issue.

#### B) A Request for Yellow Curb b/t 604 & 608 W 16<sup>th</sup>

A call was made to Cindy from a property owner for her concern of cars blocking her driveway during drop off and pick up times at the Colonel Wright Elementary School. She wants to paint the curb yellow so cars will no longer be able to park in the space.

The Suggestion was made to have the homeowner speak to the ones who are parking in that spot and ask them to move.

Jeff Kienlen stated "even if we did paint the curb" he believes people will continue to park there. It is more of an enforcement issue. Jeff has agreed to spend some time in this area for the next few weeks and will let us know at the next meeting if he sees that something more needs to happen.

We will have Cindy or Jean contact the homeowner and let her know to please contact the police if this continues to occur.

#### C) 8<sup>th</sup> and Harris Parking on the Curve

Jeff Kienlen offered to survey this area for the next few weeks and will report back at the next meeting if he feels we should place NO PARKING signs along that area.

Dale brought up that the city has developed a brochure to hand out as a friendly reminder to any violators that may be blocking a driveway or sidewalk. Jeff stated he would like some of the handouts and he would be happy to help hand them out or place them on windshields of any vehicles that are in violation.

#### D) Request for Traffic Control Device at Radio Way & West 20<sup>th</sup> Intersection.

The City Manager received a letter from a concerned citizen about the new development being built on Radio Way and W 20<sup>th</sup> Street and the amount of traffic they will be receiving with little to no Traffic Control Devices.

It was suggested to add a Stop sign at the Intersection of Radio Way and West 20<sup>th</sup>.

Larry made the motion and Robert 2<sup>nd</sup> the installation of the stop sign; it was a three too two vote. The Stop sign wins!

### **Miscellaneous**

Mike Kilkenny received a complaint about Shrubs and Speeding on Scenic Drive at the intersection of Jefferson St. Mike advised the concerned citizen to contact the Police Department and check out the speed radar.

Jean will notify Nikki at Codes Enforcement with the shrub complaint at 607 E Scenic Dr.

Cindy received an email from Nikki at Codes Enforcement regarding the vegetation at East 12<sup>th</sup> and Thompson. She was writing to let the committee know the issue was taken care of and passed their re-inspection. Frank was overwhelmed with joy with the good news.

Jeff Kienlen gave the committee a heads up, that there may be complaints coming our way about the Chenowith Elementary kids after school pick up issues. The new principle has implemented a new way of operating the pickup lines and it has led to traffic backing up on both lanes on Chenowith. Jeff has been working with the crossing guards and is also trying to convince the administration to try an alternate traffic plan. Please send all complaint calls to Jeff's direct line.

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

Jean Corbin  
Department Secretary  
City of The Dalles Public Works

Final approval

  
Frank Pyles