

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
October 17, 2018

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

ABSENT MEMBERS: Brent Bybee

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: none

Donna Lawrence made a motion to approve the September minutes. Fred Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS:

A) 12th & Laughlin – Clear Vision Triangle

Officer Kienlen handed out City police department accident/incident logs for 12th & Laughlin and 12th & Jefferson. The intersection at 12 & Laughlin has had one accident since 2016. The intersection at 12 & Jefferson has had four accidents/incidents since 2016 (but zero in 2018). Members came to the consensus these intersections can be difficult to see oncoming traffic but are very similar to many other intersections around town. Drivers need to stop and then carefully pull forward in order to see any oncoming traffic. No further action needed.

B) Status of Repairs on Pomona

Chris Harrell said the repairs on Pomona have been completed and traffic in the area can exit via that area instead of trying to enter onto 7th Street. No further action needed.

C) Neon Nights Car Cruise Recommendations

Transportation Manager Chris Harrell handed out the minutes from the 9/11/18 Neon Cruise Debrief meeting. Officer Kienlen and Chris informed the group about the discussion. Members asked to be included in information sharing of any subsequent meetings.

E) Parking Lines on Union between 3rd Street and the alley between 2nd & 3rd Street

Discussion was held regarding the need for the left turn lane on Union at 3rd Street. Dale McCabe talked to the group about the possibility of changing that intersection (and the one on Washington too). Eliminating the south bound, left turn lane on Union would make the turning radius much easier for large vehicles that are turning left (north) off of 3rd Street. Michael Holloran made a motion to include the cost of changing those two intersections with

any potential bids the City might be accepting for updating the 6th & Cherry Heights intersection. Mike Kilkenny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) 14th & Dry Hollow Crosswalk Request

Dale talked to the group about a recent request for a crosswalk at 14th & Dry Hollow. Discussion was held and members were asked to look at the area within the next month and more discussion will occur at the November meeting. A question was also asked if the TSC could do an educational campaign on crosswalk awareness.

Because of the discussion regarding the topography, traffic volume and speeds in the area, Fred made a motion to reduce the speed to 25mph between 14th and 19th on Dry Hollow to make it consistent with other speed limits in the area. Frank seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

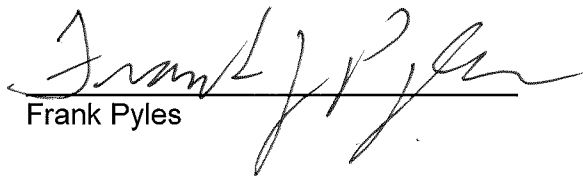
B) Interstate 84, Exit #83 Problems

Michael asked about the history of this intersection and the need to make changes to help eliminate the difficulty of turning left onto 6th Street and the traffic that comes dangerously close at times to backing up onto the freeway. . Dale said there have been many discussions regarding that area. Exit 83 is an ODOT exit and work would need to occur with them first, before the City could propose any changes. Michael said he will contact someone within ODOT and will bring information to the November meeting.

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

Cindy Keever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles Public Works

Final approval


Frank Pyles