

Minutes

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING  
Of  
May 15, 2019  
7:00a

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

ABSENT MEMBERS: Robert Kuenzinger and Fred Davis

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Chris Harrell – Transportation Manager, Russ Brown – City Council representative and Cindy Keever – Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: Debbie Park, Director of Transportation NWCS District #21

Brent Bybee made a motion to approve the April minutes. Mike Kilkenny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Debbie Park spoke to the commission about the lack of clear visibility at 10<sup>th</sup> and Chenowith Loop Road. When stopped the stop bar/cross walk line she thinks it is very dangerous to the kids that are walking to school.

Dale McCabe spoke to the group about a clear vision triangle that was done last year. Some trimming of the trees was done, but according to Debbie it is still difficult to see around the trees. A discussion was held regarding the danger to the children walking in that area.

Michael Holloran volunteered to talk to the homeowners at that location to see if a solution can't be found. Chris Harrell will forward owner information to Michael.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A) New Sign on Dry Hollow

Chris Harrell told the commission members the new sign on Dry Hollow is up and functioning well. The thermoplastic markings that were put down along with the new signs in that area are looking good too. He would like to do a demonstration of the sign's capabilities at the June meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A) Lack of Visibility at 9<sup>th</sup> and Union Intersection

Dale McCabe explained the concern that was brought to him about visibility issues at this intersection. Staff did go up and conducted a vision triangle. While staff agreed it is a difficult intersection to see around if vehicles are parked right up to the corner there are many intersections similar to this one around town and extra caution needs to be taken when creeping out into the lane of traffic. Discussion was held and no further action was required.

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New Business continued –

B) Suggestion to Lower the Speed on Webber

Dale talked about a request from Officer Kienlen to lower the speed limit on 10<sup>th</sup> Street from Webber and extending the 25 mph zone west to Walnut Street.

A motion was made to extend the 25 mph speed zone to Walnut on 10<sup>th</sup> with Pyles, Fairclo, Kilkenny and Holloran in favor and Bybee opposed. Motion passed 4 to 1.

C) Traffic Lights at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Webber and at 6<sup>th</sup> and Webber

Dale brought a detailed report to the group that Robert Kuenzinger had recently compiled with suggestions for both intersections to help traffic flow better. Members were very interested in the report. Dale said he had contacted ODOT and they will look at the report and will also give the City a report with the pros and cons of the suggested changes in Robert's report. Dale will bring the ODOT back to the commission as soon as he receives it.

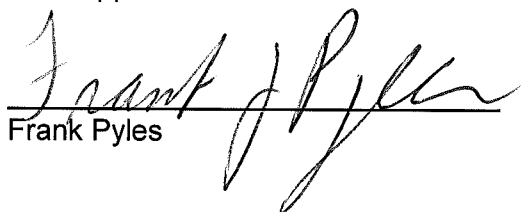
D) Miscellaneous

Chris updated the commission about the timelines for long line painting by the County (on City streets) and the yellow curb application that is to start the second week of June.

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

Cindy Keever,  
Administrative Secretary  
City of The Dalles Public Works

Final approval

  
Frank Pyles