

Minutes

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

Of

June 17, 2020

7:00a

ZOOM MEETING

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

ABSENT MEMBERS: Brent Bybee

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, and Cindy Keever – Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mike Kilkenny made a motion to approve the February minutes. Larry Fairclo seconded the minutes and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

A) Webber Street between 8th & 10th Street Visibility Issues

City staff painted 40' of yellow back from the entrance to Columbia Basin Care Home to help eliminate some of the visibility issues there. Cars exiting the business need to slowly proceed out onto Webber until they can get a clear view of oncoming traffic. No further action needed at this time.

B) Handicap Parking Space Request from 214 Court Street

A suggestion was made to look at the area first before making any decisions so this item will be on the July agenda.

C) Appointment of New Council Representative for TSC

With the recent resignation of Robert Kuenzinger the appointment of Russ Brown as his replacement is currently awaiting final approval through the City Council process which will happen later this month.

D) Michael Holloran asked about the status of the 6th and Webber intersection and how close ODOT is to completing those requested changes. Dale McCabe hasn't heard from ODOT but will check with them soon and report his findings for the July meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Request for Handicap Parking Spot at 316 E 3rd Street

Dale suggested placing the handicapped parking space around the corner on Federal so that the person getting out of the vehicle can get out of the vehicle on a less busy street but is still close to the ADA ramp at the corner. Mike Kilkenny made a motion to approve Dale's suggestion and Fred Davis seconded the motion. All approved.

B) Yellowing of Curbs Request for 901 Case Street (Duplex A & B) and 813 Case Street (Duplex A & B)

A discussion was held regarding the narrowness of the streets in the area and that the original request came from the garbage company. Their trucks have a difficult time maneuvering through the cars and turning the corner. David Mills suggested painting a 3' yellow curb on the south side and a 15' yellow curb on the north side so the garbage trucks can access that area.

Michael Holloran made a motion to accept David Mills' suggestion about yellowing curbs and Fred Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

C) Resignation of Robert Kuenzinger/New Member Appointment

See "Old Business", Item C.

D) Re-Appointment of Frank Pyles to Commission

The Mayor has recently asked Frank if he would be interested in serving another term on the Traffic Safety Commission. Frank has accepted the invitation and is currently awaiting approval by the City Council.

E) East Scenic Drive and Jefferson Intersection

Larry Fairclo said he had spoken with Phil Foote about Phil's concerns about the near misses he witnesses and the speeds drivers travel in the area. He would like the City to consider making that a 3 way stop. Dale gave a brief history of the area and the concerns that have been raised in the past about that intersection. Fred Davis asked if speed bumps have ever been considered. Larry asked if a radar gun can be checked out. The answer is yes and that can be done through the Police Department. Dale will check with Officer Keinlen regarding accidents or other problems that have occurred in the area.

F) Michael asked if the Russian Sage plants at the roundabout can be trimmed to help the cars entering the roundabout to see (and be seen) better.

G) Michael brought up to the members that there had been another crash where I84 Exit 83 connects to West 6th Street. Members all agreed something needs to be done. Data will continue to be collected.

H) West 2nd and Cherry Heights Intersection Improvements

Dale updated the members about the upcoming project that Crestline is doing at West 2nd and Cherry Heights. For the traffic heading north on Cherry Heights there will be no going straight across nor any left turns. It will become a right turn only. Project is bid to be completed by July 10, 2020.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mike Kilkenny 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