

Minutes

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING
Of
June 19, 2019
7:00a

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

ABSENT MEMBERS: Brent Bybee

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Russ Brown – City Council representative and Jean Corbin – Department Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: NA

Mike Kilkenny made a motion to approve the May minutes. Robert Kuenzinger seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NA

OLD BUSINESS:

A) Traffic Lights at 6th and Webber

Dale had contacted David Hirsh from the ODOT office in Bend. David stated that he had not had a chance to evaluate the proposed changes of converting the intersection and signal operations to split phasing. ODOT will evaluate the operation of the intersection and provide a list of “pros” and “cons” of making the switch for the city to consider. He did state that the city and the traffic safety committee will need to recognize that one of the major impacts of the split phasing is that it also splits up and affects the allowed pedestrian movements of the intersection. Once Dale receives information back from ODOT, he will report the findings to the Traffic Safety Committee.

ODOT will be in town on 6/20/19 to modify the signals at 6th and Cherry Heights to install flashing yellow arrows for all of the left hand turn movements of the intersection.

B) Dry Hollow Traffic

Larry asked how the traffic is going at Dry Hollow School?

The response is that it is running smoothly.

Dale let us know that there is a Concrete Contract out and they will be placing a mid-block crosswalk in this summer. The work should be complete by the beginning of the next school year.

C) Visibility at 10th and Chenowith Loop Rd

Michael Holloran followed up on this issue. He spoke to the home owner who trimmed back the bushes. He stated he will comply with whatever the Traffic Safety Committee needs from him.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Election of Officers

Motion passed unanimously to keep the officer positions as they are which is Chairman – Frank Pyles and Vice Chairman – Fred Davis

B) Concerns raised from the public

Robert Kuenzinger mentioned he would like to be informed of any concerns brought to the committee before the next meetings. He would like to be more involved with site visits. Robert asked if it would be possible if Cindy Keever could email the committee when a complaint was made. (This can be discussed when Cindy returns)

It was mentioned for those that are not able to make the current meeting that it would be helpful to receive the minutes in a timely manner so if needed the issue could be addressed before hand.

Dale stated he would inform Robert of any site visits and that he is welcome to join.

C) Student Driver Findings

Larry asked if any of the information his student drivers are finding (example: not stopping at stop signs, cell phone use, and lack of seat belts) would be helpful for the group. Fred stated he thought the information in an email might be nice.

D) Pedestrian Crossing Signal on 3rd (Clock Tower)

Fred brought up an issue with the Signal, stating it did not give much time to cross.

Dale said he would check it out today, if it's still an issue he will let ODOT know as they will be in town tomorrow 6/20/19.

E) Mike Kilkenny brought up to Mike H that he heard that the legislature is trying to pass a law stating Bicyclists may not have to stop at stop signs or stop lights??

Mike H said he will bring this up and hopes this will not pass.

F) 2nd and Cherry Heights

Dale stated we have hired Kittelson and Associates to perform an Intersection operation analysis and Safety Analysis.

The information that was given to him is, the Intersection does meet the requirements of a signal warrant. The North Bound left turn lane is the issue. They are looking into 3 different aspects on how to correct the issue.

1. - A Signal 2. A Round-a-bout 3. Interim Alternative (due to lack of funds) that would consist of signaging, striping and median improvements.

G) E 10th (Thompson) Street Speed Concerns

Frank received a complaint from a neighbor about the continued speeding issue on E 10th. Frank informed them to “keep greasing the wheels” and contact dispatch after every incident. They may check out a radar gun or request that the radar speed trailer be located in the area. Russ brought up an idea of getting a portable speed sign on a trailer that can be moved to any location of complaint.

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

Jean Corbin,
Department Secretary
City of The Dalles Public Works

Final approval

Frank Pyles