

Minutes

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING
Of
July 17, 2019
7:00a

COMMISSION PRESENT: Frank Pyles, Larry Fairclo, Mike Kilkenny, Robert Kuenzinger,

ABSENT MEMBERS: Brent Bybee, Michael Holloran, Fred Davis, Russ Brown ,Jeff Kienlen

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Chris Harrell – Transportation Manager
and Jean Corbin – Department Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: NA

Mike Kilkenny made a motion to approve the June 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. *Dale will contact ODOT and hopes to bring updated info to the next meeting in August.*

B) Traffic Lights at 6th and Cherry Heights

On 6/20/19 ODOT installed the flashing yellow arrows for all of the left hand turn movements of the intersection at 6th and Cherry Heights. Traffic seems to be moving more efficient through the intersection.

C) 2nd and Cherry Heights

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

The Intersection does meet the requirements. The North Bound left turn movement is the issue. They are now in the Alternative Analysis evaluation phase of the project.

D) Curb on 2nd and Washington

Chris Harrell reported that his crew has completed the extension of the yellow paint on the curb by 5 feet, on the corner of 2nd and Washington in front of Hamptons Furniture. As requested and previously approved by the Traffic Safety Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Dead End Signs

A request was submitted by two citizens asking for Dead End Signs to be placed on their streets. One on Ester Way off Scenic and one on 16th St off of Riverview St. Frank Pyles moved to motion and Larry Fairclo seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously to add a Dead End sign at both requested locations. Once approved, Chris Harrell will find an appropriate area in the right-of-way to post the signs.

B) Campers and Boats parked along the narrow streets.

Robert brought up the concern of campers and boats parking along the narrow streets. It was stated that, this is a codes enforcement and or police department issue. Please contact Nikki Lesich our Codes Enforcer at (541)296-5481 Ext. 1153 or email nlesich@ci.the-dalles.or.us

C) Concrete Contract 2019 ADA improvement Project.

Dale shared that the Concrete Contract for ADA improvements was approved by city council and we are in the pre-construction phase with the contractors. There will be three stages to the project.

1. Dry Hollow and E 19th –Bulb outs/mid- block cross walk and rapid flashing beacon light.
2. ADA ramps – 10th and Union
3. ADA ramps at the round-a-bout at the base of Brewery Grade.

The first two stages hope to be finished by the end of August, before the new school year.

D) There was discussion brought up by Chris Harrell of the cost benefit analysis for water based paint vs modified urethane vs thermo plastic paints for long line striping for our roads to be performed by a private agency and or a public contracting.

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.

Jean Corbin,
Department Secretary
City of The Dalles Public Works

Final approval

Frank Pyles