

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
September 19, 2018

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

ABSENT MEMBERS: none

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: none

Donna Lawrence made a motion to approve the August minutes. Mike Kilkenny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A) Fines for Use of Cell Phones during Driving

A brief discussion was held regarding cell phone use at the end of the August meeting. Russ Brown brought the subject up for further discussion. A discussion was held about the cost of cell phone fines. Most members felt the cell phone fines should be \$1000 per incident and then have it be up a judge to reduce the fine at his discretion. Larry Fairclo contacted ODOT and they do have a diversion program for people who get tickets for using their cell phones while driving (or during other restrictions). Mike Kilkenny made a motion and Donna Lawrence seconded the motion to recommend the \$1000 per incident fine.

Before the motion was put before the commission Brent Bybee made an amendment to the motion. Fine could be \$1000 along with a diversion program. Upon completion of the diversion program the fine could be reduced. More discussion followed.

Mike then made another recommendation to follow the State recommended regulations along with an option to attend and complete a diversion program. Donna seconded the motion. Frank Pyles, Fred Davis, Michael Holloran and Larry were all in favor of the motion. Brent Bybee was opposed.

B) 12<sup>th</sup> & Laughlin – Clear Vision Triangle

Dale McCabe talked to the group and said in order to make that intersection match the clear vision requirements each side of that intersection a 53 foot of parking spaces would have to occur. He felt that was too much parking to take away from the residents in the area. A question was asked about the accident history for that area. A request for that information to be shared at the October meeting will be made.

Brent said while going down the hill and looking east he was almost in an accident again last week. Dale asked if accident history can be provided for both intersections at 12 & Laughlin and at 12 & Jefferson

C) Status of Recommendations @ 12<sup>th</sup> & Thompson

Dale had talked with Nikki, the City's Codes Enforcement Officer, and she had passed the request along to the City's Right of Way Planner. Dale was unsure about the status of the trimming. He will report back at the October meeting.

D) ADA Parking Place on Laughlin and 3<sup>rd</sup>

Chris Harrell said he had called Mr. Foster and let him know the Traffic Control Device Request was returned and the installation would begin shortly.

E) Delivery Truck Loading Zone/Parking Area – between 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> off of Kelly Avenue

Chris told the TSC members the Traffic Control Device Request had been returned and his crews would be installing soon.

F) Corner of W 7<sup>th</sup> & Floral – “No Parking Beyond This Sign” Request

Chris updated the members about the planned improvements of laying down rock on Pomona to help give residents another exit out of that area. Project is ongoing.

G) Neon Nights Debriefing Meeting Status

Donna asked about the status of the meeting that was held between various agencies after the car cruise and subsequent accident. Chris summarized the meeting and recommendations. As soon as he receives the completed memo from the Public Works Director he will share with the Traffic Safety Commission.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A) Dry Hollow School Update

Dale told the members that temporary crosswalks are in place in the mornings at the schools and it is much better than it was up there before the temporary things were put in place. The Safe Routes to Schools Infrastructure Grant application is due October 15, 2018. A letter of intent has already been sent out. The grant will only pay for improvements in the right of way. Tomorrow night is the Planning Commission meeting, at 6:00p.m., and Dry Hollow School administrators plan to give a presentation. Dale also gave updates on future improvements (if grant is awarded).

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

Cindy Keever  
Administrative Secretary  
City of The Dalles Public Works

Final approval

  
Frank Pyles