

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
April 19, 2017

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

ABSENT MEMBERS: none

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Bill Barrier – Transportation
Supervisor, Russ Brown – Council Representative, Jeff
Keinlin – City Police Safety Officer and Cindy Keever –
Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

Bill Barrier noted the last paragraph before the adjournment, in the March minutes, should have read, Michael Holloran made a motion to change West 10 Street – from Hostetler to Chenowith Creek Bridge and Hostetler – from 10th to 6th Street to a 20 mph speed zone during school hours.

Chuck Covert made a motion to approve the corrected March minutes. Donna Lawrence seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS:

A) Distracted Driver's Flyer

A flyer from Larry Fairclo (Diamond F Driving School) was shown to the group regarding the Distracted Driving Campaign. Dale reported Diamond F Driving School will have a float in the Cherry Festival and on May 13th volunteers will be holding awareness signs at intersections in the downtown corridor to help raise awareness of the problem of distracted drivers.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) New Members

Brent Bybee and Michael Holloran were welcomed to the Traffic Safety Commission.

B) Clear Vision Triangle on West 10 Street near Sun Ray apartments

Dale explained the concerned citizen request regarding visibility issues near the Sunray apartment's entrance and exit driveway. Donna Lawrence made a motion to have City staff conduct a Clear Vision Triangle Study. Chuck Covert seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

C) Miscellaneous Signs Needed near High School and on West 8 Street

The Dalles City Police Safety Officer Jeff Keinlin had requested various speed signs near the high school and on 8th Street. Bill Barrier gave a brief history of the area and talks that have occurred with District 21 regarding speed signs and school zone signs and curb cuts. D21 will have to do an Engineering Study to establish a "Safe Route to School Zone" (per the MUTCD)

Officer Keinlin also spoke about 19th Street near the Dry Hollow School and how chaotic the traffic is during drop off and pick up times. Dale McCabe told the members about a year and a half ago D21/Dry Hollow added module buildings to their property and part of their requirements were to give the Planning Commission an update on the parking situation and their long term progress plan. Dale said at that time they had a conceptual design which was located next to the soccer field. Dale will check with the Planning Department to see what has been done. A suggestion was also made to bump out the curb (as was done on Kelly Avenue) to protect pedestrians from the traffic.

Officer Keinlin spoke to the Commission members regarding the Pedestrian Safety Program in the downtown area and trying to change the mindset of local drivers so they will stop for pedestrians trying to cross the street. At 3rd and Court Streets cars are allowed to park close to the crosswalk making it difficult for drivers to see pedestrians trying to cross the street. A suggestion was made to lengthen the yellow curbs on 3rd Street. Dale noted during the Downtown Task Force meetings the group looked at painting more yellow near crosswalks to alleviate the vision obstruction. 2nd Street has been done, but 3rd Street still needs to be done.

Officer Keinlin asked about the speed on Snipes between 6th and 10th Street. Currently the speed limit is at 35 mph but should it be 25 mph? Question will be put on the May agenda for further review.

Miscellaneous

A) Chuck thanked the members for the years he has spent on the Traffic Safety Commission and told everyone they are doing a great job and he appreciated serving on a commission with such a high productivity rate.

B) Brent Bybee asked about the pedestrian that was struck by a car at 2nd and Webber. Officer Keinlin said it was a driver error that caused the accident.

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

Cindy Keever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles Public Works

Final approval

Frank Pyles