

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
May 18, 2016

COMMISSION PRESENT: Frank Pyles, Chuck Covert, Mike Kilkenny, Donna Lawrence, Jim Bishop and Fred Davis

ABSENT MEMBERS: Vacant position

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Russ Brown – City Council Representative and Cindy Keever – Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: Don Arbon – MCMC, Greg Kaser – Farmer’s Market, Phil Lewis – NWCP&R and Michelle Harmon – The Dalles Chamber of Commerce

Chuck Covert made a motion to approve the April minutes. Mike Kilkenny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michelle Harmon with The Dalles Chamber of Commerce let the TSC group know they are working with the bus companies to correct the traffic jams that are occurring when more than one bus is loading or unloading passengers by the dock. Dale McCabe reported Daniel Hunt is working on a grant for the Fort Rock area. Trail could possibly be pushed over which would give more room for buses too.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1) Donna Lawrence asked Michelle if she had heard what the status was regarding the Trick or Treating event in the downtown area of The Dalles. Michelle said she had not heard any discussion but would ask and someone would get back with Donna or the TSC group.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A) Election of Officers

Chuck Covert made a motion to nominate Frank Pyles as the Chairperson for another year. Mike Kilkenny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Chuck made a motion to nominate Fred Davis as the Vice-Chairperson. Mike seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

B) Request for Private Parking Spaces on Federal Street near 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Intersection

Don Arbon representing MCMC explained they had just recently moved into the old Craig’s building. Many of their clients are handicapped or in a recovery stage so MCMC was requesting two parking spots for Patient Parking or possibly ADA parking. Chief Waterbury said in the City parking lot behind Craig’s the City could designate two private parking spots but on the street that option wasn’t available. A discussion was held and the various options were discussed. Mike Kilkenny made a motion to approve the installation of two signs designating the first two stalls on Federal (next to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street) as short term parking. Signs will read “30 Minute Parking,

M – F, 8a – 5p”. Concern was raised if the installation of these signs would conflict with the Downtown Parking ordinance. Bill will route the motion thru the Public Works Director and then to the City Attorney for their input.

C) Request to Change “No Parking” signs” to “Loading Only” signs near City Park

Greg Kaser representing the local Farmer’s Market asked if the “No Parking” signs at the end of 6<sup>th</sup> Street next to the City Park be changed to “Loading Zone” or “Loading/Unloading 7a – 2p”. This could be a temporary sign coinciding with the Farmer’s Market which runs June thru October. Mr. Kaser, members of the TSC and staff met at the City Park after the meeting to discuss various possibilities.

D) Request for Handicap Parking near 609 E 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

Discussion was held regarding ADA parking locations near the 609 E 2<sup>nd</sup> Street address. It was noted that block currently has five curb cuts and parking is at a premium thru that area because of the curb cuts. It was suggested the store use the space on the west side of their building in the parking area adjacent to their building for handicapped parking.

Donna made a motion to deny the request. Fred Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

E) A discussion was held again regarding the traffic speeds and visibility on Scenic Drive near the Jefferson Street intersection. Staff will meet on site and bring suggestions to the June meeting.

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

Cindy Keever  
Administrative Secretary  
City of The Dalles

Final approval

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Frank Pyles