

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
August 17, 2016

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

ABSENT MEMBERS: None – 2 vacant positions

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Bill Barrier – Transportation Manager, Pat Ashmore – Police Chief, Russ Brown – City Council Representative and Cindy Keever – Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: Mathew Klebes and Michael Holloran

Chuck Covert made a motion to approve the July minutes with an amendment to include the resignation of Jim Bishop. Donna Lawrence seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A) Michael Holloran asked the Commission to look at the NE corner of Webber and 10th Street. The landscape grass has become too tall and makes it very difficult to see oncoming traffic when pulling onto 10th Street.

B) Michael also talked to the Commission about the need for a crosswalk at the Mt. Hood and 13th Street intersection near the First Church of the Nazarene (1313 Mt. Hood). A discussion was held regarding the regular church services, meetings and activities that are increasing at the church and the need for a painted crosswalk and signs alerting the public to a crosswalk ahead. Michael will work with the church to install ADA ramps on the NW and NE corners and after those are installed, Bill Barrier will have his crew paint a crosswalk across Mt. Hood Street at the 13th Street intersection.

OLD BUSINESS:

A) Downtown Halloween Event Discussion

Mathew Klebes talked to the Commission regarding brainstorming ideas for improving the safety of the pedestrians during the event. Donna Lawrence commented that it isn't the Traffic Safety Commission's job to fix the unsafe situation; it is the Commission's job to advise the City Council of an unsafe situation and advise them to not allow the Trick or Treat event in the downtown area. More discussion followed and ideas that were suggested for improvement are; 1) Adding additional traffic guards, 2) Displaying electric reader boards at the east and west ends of town letting drivers know of the congestion and suggesting different routes, 3) More police presence, 4) Establish a drop off point for the children at the State Office Building parking lot (to ease the traffic congestion downtown), 5) Close some of the side streets to vehicle traffic, 6) Publicize heavily beforehand addressing the safety aspects of the event.

Mike Kilkenny made a motion to have Mathew work with the downtown businesses and create a safety campaign for the downtown Trick or Treaters, and to put some of the above suggestions into place and see how this year goes. Donna seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

B) 14th & Thompson Vision Triangle Complete

City staff visited the intersection and talked to people in the area. The SE corner looks very good and parking could possibly occur there. The SW corner needs 3 bushes removed or trimmed and staff has been in contact with the property owner.

C) One Way Signs Installed on Quinton b/t 9th & 10th Streets

Bill Barrier reported the signs have been installed and the orange flags have been attached to the top to alert drivers of the new changes.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) New Signs near Col. Wright School

Bill recently spoke to the Principal at Col. Wright School regarding their need for a drop off and pick up location near their school at the beginning and end of each day. Currently there is a 4-way stop at 14th and Trevitt plus painted crosswalks, but the school would like to have additional signs installed prior to the crosswalk notifying drivers of the crosswalk. The school will purchase the signs and the City will install them.

B) Downtown Parking Task Force

Dale McCabe updated the Commission on the third Downtown Parking Task Force meeting (held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month). Dale invited Chief Ashmore to the next meeting and welcomed his input.

C) Hedge Trimming Needed

Frank Pyles said there is a hedge at 12th and Thompson (SW corner) that makes it very difficult to see traffic coming down the hill when traveling across 12th Street. Bill will look at the area.

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

Cindy Keever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles

Final approval

Frank Pyles