

SUBJECT TO COMMISSION  
APPROVAL AT THE  
NEXT REGULAR MEETING

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
January 16, 2013

COMMISSION PRESENT: John Nelson, Frank Pyles, Chuck Covert, Mike Kilkenny,  
John Layson, Jim Bishop and Jamie Van Den Bosch

ABSENT MEMBERS: none

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer and Cindy Keever –  
Administrative Secretary bill

PUBLIC PRESENT: Jennifer Blevins

John Layson moved to approve the minutes of the December meeting. Mike Kilkenny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATIONS:**

Jennifer Blevins of 1212 Blakely Drive read a letter regarding her concerns to the Commission regarding the parking situation at 1215 & 1217 Blakely Drive. Jennifer distributed pictures to the members and gave a brief history of the parking problems that are caused by the duplex across the road from her that was originally a single dwelling unit and has over the years been a triplex and is now being used as a duplex. Jennifer has been before the Planning and Codes Departments and before the City Council in regards to the four parking spaces that the Planning Department has allowed for the duplex and is currently in the appeals process. Jennifer said she has been told to contact the Police when the cars at the duplex are blocking driveways, which she has done, but said it is not effective to call the Police Department each time a car is parked incorrectly. A discussion was held regarding the yellowing of the curb by the fire hydrant and her concerns for the fire trucks to access the hydrant with the vehicles parked on each side of the road and her concerns if the fire truck can actually drive thru the area to get to the hydrant. Bill Barrier said the curbs are painted yellow and are painted approximately 4 or 5 feet out from hydrant which is standard and adequate.

Discussion was continued and the Commission decided on a recommendation. Jim Bishop made a recommendation to have a meeting set up between the Police Chief, Jay Waterbury and Jennifer to discuss the parking issues at 1215 and 1217 Blakely Drive. Jennifer will contact the Police Chief for a meeting. Mike Kilkenny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1) East Bound Traffic on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street need to Yield to Traffic in Roundabout**

Frank Pyles reported that the drivers heading east on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street are continuing to speed ahead of the traffic that is in the roundabout instead of properly yielding. Frank did note that while a policeman was situated close to that area, drivers would yield to traffic in the roundabout, but quickly returned to the unyielding habits when enforcement is not around.

## **2) Excessive Speed Continues at the Old Dufur Road and 10<sup>th</sup> Street Intersection**

Frank Pyles said the traffic is still speeding thru the area making it very difficult to back out of his driveway onto Old Dufur Road. Bill said he will take the speed radar trailer out and set it up so people can be aware of their speed and be reminded that it is still a 20 mph speed zone.

## **3) Kelly Avenue Traffic Study Recommendations**

Dale McCabe reported that at the January 14, 2013 City Council meeting, the Council discussed the Traffic Safety Commission's recommendations to adopt the Kelly Avenue hybrid Plan of A & D. Council upheld the recommendation. Project will be budgeted for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 and could possibly be completed by the summer of 2013.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **1) East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street near Big Jim's Drive Inn Slick**

Jamie Van Den Bosch asked if ODOT could be contacted and requested to put more sand or deicer in the "S" curve by Big Jim's Drive In on East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Most of the area is kept well sanded/deiced, but the area thru the "S" curves heading both east and west could use more attention. Bill will contact ODOT with that request.

#### **2) Additional Signage for Freeway Off Ramp onto 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Needed**

Jamie said the freeway off ramp onto West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street by the Dairy Queen needs additional signage or something to let traffic know the far right lane is for turning and not driving thru. Bill will look at the area and discuss options at the February meeting.

#### **3) Difficult Intersections to Observe Oncoming Traffic**

John Nelson suggested a couple of intersections that need more yellow painted curbs so that visibility could be increased. The areas he has noticed are Pentland and 7<sup>th</sup> and Garrison and 7<sup>th</sup>. Intersections at 14<sup>th</sup> and Union, exiting out of Eagle Cave Estates and 2<sup>nd</sup> and Union were also mentioned by other members. A discussion was held regarding the many difficult intersections and the proper way to ease into the intersection until visibility is improved. No action needed at this time.

#### **4) Outlet Signage Needed at Sun Ridge Subdivision**

John Layson asked if there could be a "No Outlet" sign or a directional sign towards the street that guides a driver out of the Sun Ridge Subdivision. He said when entering into the subdivision from the west (hospital) side it is confusing on which street takes a driver heading east out of the subdivision. This confusion causes the driver to end up using people's yards or driveways to turn around. Bill will look at the area and will bring suggestions to the Commission in February.

#### **5) Caution Needed While Driving near the High School during Beginning and End of School Day**

Jennifer Blevins said she has had near misses when driving thru the area by the high school with people pulling out in front of her after they have dropped off or picked up a child from school. Tim McGlothlin said there have been many discussions regarding areas to move the buses when unloading and loading students. Tim will bring more information to the February meeting.

**6) Parking Issues on Trevitt between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets.**

Tim said the Taco Wagon on Trevitt has entered into an arrangement with the St. Vincent's De Paul store to use their parking lot for customer parking. More information is pending and will be brought up at the February meeting.

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

Cindy Keever  
Administrative Secretary  
City of The Dalles