

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
March 19, 2014

COMMISSION PRESENT: John Nelson, Frank Pyles, Chuck Covert, Mike Kilkenny,
Jim Bishop, and Donna Lawrence

ABSENT MEMBERS: John Layson

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Bill Barrier – Transportation
Manager, and Cindy Keever – Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Under Public Comment the last word of the 3rd sentence needs to be changed to fixing instead of fixed. Chuck Covert moved to approve the corrected minutes of the February meeting with the one spelling correction. Mike Kilkenny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATIONS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Traffic Study for 10th and Thompson

Dale McCabe reported the 10th & Thompson traffic study funding will be on the City Council agenda for the March 24, 2014 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Signage on Post Office Snorkel Lane

Donna Lawrence reported the Post Office sign for the snorkel lane downtown is faded and beige colored. That sign is on private property. Donna will talk with Post Master about getting sign replaced.

2) Street Painting Needed by Schools

John Nelson told the commission members there will be two new modules moved to Dry Hollow and Chenoweth Schools because of the State mandated phase in for all day kindergarten. John thought both areas have safety issues in regards to the students walking to and from school. He noted especially at Dry Hollow and 19th the traffic paint lines are badly worn and difficult to see. John suggested the paint by the schools be freshened up more often than once per year. Bill explained the paint that is now used is a water-based paint and does not last as long as it used to.

3) Miscellaneous

Frank Pyles reported there is a visibility problem where a tall fence has been built on the NW side of the 9th and Kelly Avenue. Trees are growing near the fence and could potentially cause more visibility issues as they mature. Caution is advised at this time.

Frank expressed his concern when trying to make a left hand turn across 6th Street near Cousin's Restaurant. Traffic is heavy and it is very difficult to navigate especially during peak drive times. Bill Barrier said a stop light is slated for Snipes Street in the future.

Dale McCabe updated members with construction progress happening in the Chenowith Business Park

Bill reported the new school signs have been installed near The Dalles Middle School.

Bill updated the committee about a new Federal law regarding paving from curb to curb. The new law will increase the cost of the Webber & 2nd Street project substantially. Consequently the paving project has been scaled back. A discussion followed regarding roads and the monies available to keep them in good shape.

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

Cindy Keever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles

Final approval



John Nelson