

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

April 16, 2014

COMMISSION PRESENT: John Nelson, Frank Pyles, Chuck Covert, Mike Kilkenny,

ABSENT MEMBERS: John Layson, Jim Bishop and Donna Lawrence

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Bill Barrier – Transportation Manager, Dawn Marie Hert – Senior Planner, Tim McGlothlin – Council Representative and Cindy Keever – Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: Ethan Wray

Chuck Covert moved to approve the March minutes. Mike Kilkenny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1) Reappointment of Mike Kilkenny**

Mike Kilkenny was reappointed by the Mayor for another 4 year term.

**2) Traffic Study at 10<sup>th</sup> & Thompson**

Dale McCabe reported the traffic study funding for the 10<sup>th</sup> & Thompson intersection did go before the Council. A decision by the City Council was postponed until the Planning Commission Standards and Finance meetings are completed.

**3) Visibility Issue at 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Kelly Avenue**

Bill Barrier brought pictures taken on Kelly Avenue and 9<sup>th</sup> Street showing the terrain. Vehicles entering onto Kelly Avenue from 9<sup>th</sup> Street do have a difficult time due to the slope and curve of the hill, vegetation, fences and speed of oncoming traffic. The Federal MUTCD book (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) states that the stop bar has to be within 12 feet of a stop sign. Bill and Dale will look at the site and try to determine some way to help traffic entering onto Kelly Avenue.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1) 9<sup>th</sup> and Trevitt Street Bottleneck**

John Nelson said he has observed drivers exiting from the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Shopping Center parking lot onto Trevitt Street and it has been causing the traffic to back up on Trevitt. Discussion followed.

## 2) Garage Sale Signs

Tim McGlothlin led a discussion regarding garage sale signs around the City. People are still using signs on boxes weighted down with rocks at corners which don't work well for several reasons. There are several plexiglass posterboards around town and they are a much better option.

## 3) Traffic Paint Around Town

Chuck Covert pointed out how important the white fog lines and yellow and white traffic lines are for safety of both pedestrians and drivers. A discussion was held regarding how different (from years past) the standards which are now placed on paint manufacturers are and the decline in the life of the paint on the roads. Lines fade quickly which makes the cost of regular maintenance increase substantially.

## 4) Street Conditions

Chuck Covert asked the question of how much it would cost to get the City Streets up to 90% in good condition. Group discussion followed.

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

Final approval



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John Nelson