

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

October 15, 2014

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

ABSENT MEMBERS: None

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Barrier – Transportation Manager, Jay Waterbury – Police Chief, Tim McGlothlin – Council Representative and Cindy Keever – Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: Russ Brown

Mike Kilkenny made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Frank Pyles seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATIONS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) School Signs around Sonrise Academy School

Bill Barrier told the Commission members that Dave Anderson, Public Works Director and Dale McCabe had went up to Sonrise Academy and gave estimates regarding curbs and sidewalk ramps in the area. It was suggested by City staff to make 12th Street, Union to Federal, a school corridor. The City will install the School Zone signs, but it will be up to Sonrise Academy and The Dalles High School to install curb cuts and ramps for the corners where crosswalks are needed.

2) Installation of Signs at 6th & Webber and at 2nd & Webber

Bill reported ODOT will be installing signs in these areas when the sign crew travels thru The Dalles again. Discussion was held regarding how effective signs are for people who have lived in the area for any length of time.

3) Additional Trimming needed at 6th & Court Street

Bill reported he had turned In 8 new areas to be trimmed to Nikki Lesich, Codes Enforcement Officer, two have complied as of October 14th.

4) 14th & Lincoln Visibility Issues

Bill reported he had talked to the property owner at the corner of 14th and Lincoln regarding the trees causing site issues. The property owner had recently purchased the property and does not like the trees so is considering removing them and planting something else in the area. Bill spoke with the property owner regarding acceptable trees in the parking strip and ways to improve visibility.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Tree Root Causing Rough Road

Mike Kilkenny told Bill there appeared to be a root under the pavement that is getting bigger and causing a hump in the road which is very dangerous to motorcycles traveling that road. The area is on Scenic Drive just south of 16th Street in the north bound lane. Bill knew the area and will investigate.

2) Street Patches are Starting to Sink on Scenic Way

John Nelson reported he had noticed the asphalt patches on Scenic below Radio Way seem to be sinking. Bill will have his crew take a look at the area.

3) Downtown Trees - Sap Making a Mess

Tim McGlothlin passed along complaints he has heard from various people regarding the sap falling on cars and sidewalks in the downtown corridor. Discussion was held regarding why trees are weeping and possibly better suited trees for the downtown area.

4) Load Limit Signs on 6th Street Bridge

Donna Lawrence brought up her concern regarding semi-trucks crossing the bridge. She thought there needed to be a sign so trucks don't get into the area and then have to go across the bridge because they can't back out of the area. Bill assured Donna and members there were signs before the 3 way stop at Mt. Hood, giving drivers a chance to detour around the bridge.

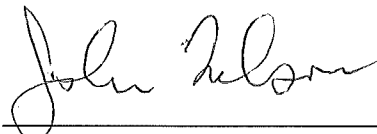
5) Congestion and Visibility Issues on Court Street between 4th and 5th Streets

Fred Davis explained the problems people have when using the alleyway and exiting onto Court Street. Visibility is very poor when pulling onto Court Street. He suggested eliminating a parking space to the south of the alley for increases visibility. A discussion was held regarding how long this problem has been occurring and different solutions. A suggestion of a 4-way stop at 5th and Court was suggested. Pros and cons were discussed. No action at this time.

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



John Nelson