

Minutes

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING
of
December 19, 2018
7:00a

COMMISSION PRESENT: Frank Pyles, Fred Davis, Larry Fairclo, Mike
Kilkenny, Brent Bybee, Donna Lawrence and
Michael Holloran

ABSENT MEMBERS: none

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Jeff Kienlen –
Safety Officer and Cindy Keever – Administrative
Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: Ron McHale

Donna Lawrence made a motion to approve the November minutes. Mike
Kilkenny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron McHale, property owner at 2700 W 2nd asked the TSC for assistance with
neighborhood parking issues and a discussion was held. After hearing the
issues, Brent Bybee suggested Mr. McHale contact the City's Planning
Department regarding the original requirements for the area businesses. No
action needed.

OLD BUSINESS:

A) I84, Exit #83, Right Turn Only Request

Michael Holloran shared his conversations with ODOT regarding this intersection.
Dale McCabe said the Transportation System Plan (TSP), the study that was
conducted several years ago, shows the intersection functioning fine until 2035.
While TSC members did not necessarily agree with the TSP findings, no further
action was decided at this time.

B) Cell Phone Usage and Fines While Driving

City Councilperson, Russ Brown was going to give a report regarding the status
of the fine amounts but was not in attendance. A discussion was held regarding
diversion options that are currently available. Larry Fairclo and Michael Holloran
plan to attend one of the January diversion classes and will report back to the
group at a later date.

C) Visibility Improvements at 12th & Thompson

Frank Pyles wanted to thank the commission and staff for their diligence in listening and helping to make changes at 12th & Thompson. With the removal of the 2 shrubs it is much easier, (and safer), to see the traffic driving down Thompson.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) 6th & Webber & 2nd & Webber Intersections

Dale McCabe brought maps from the TSP showing the 5 year CIP (Capital Improvement Projects) and these intersections are on it. Discussion was held regarding the congestion that occurs at peak drive times. Members recommended the City start saving and bump this project to a higher priority on the Transportation System Plan. No action needed at this time.

B) Request for Bus Stop on E 2nd Street (in Handicap Location)

A request was received from The Dalles Main Street to move the parking space on 2nd Street at the NE corner of 2nd and Madison and change the handicapped parking spot to a Bus Stop for the Hop On/Hop Off buses that are affiliated with the cruise ships. Dale suggested City staff evaluate the area first and if needed the request will return as an agenda item. No action necessary.

C) Jordan & 9th Street Intersection - No Stop Sign Complaint

The City's On Call person received a complaint saying there was no stop sign on Jordan at 9th Street for vehicles traveling southbound. Because it was an after regular business hours concern, he responded to the complaint, put up a temporary stop sign and then took it down the next business day after a discussion was held regarding the need. City staff determined it is a like many other areas in town and does not meet the criteria in the MUTCD manual for a stop sign. This intersection is also like many others in town where the cross traffic is required to yield to oncoming traffic. No further action needed.

D) 2nd & Washington Left Turn Lane

Brent Bybee talked about the left turn lane on 2nd Street and the need to eliminate it. A discussion was held regarding which size vehicles can use it and which cannot. Also, if there is still a need for the left turn lanes on Washington and Union at 3rd Street. Dale said staff will look at the area and report back to the commission at the January meeting.

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

Cindy Keever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles Public Works

Final approval


Frank Pyles