

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
April 18, 2018

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

ABSENT MEMBERS: Donna Lawrence

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: none

Michael Holloran made a motion to approve the March minutes as corrected. Mike Kilkenny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS:

A) E 16th Place New Signage

Cindy Keever relayed a message from Chris Harrell, Transportation Manager. She told members the new signage on E 16th Place will be done within the next 2 weeks.

B) Citizens Making Dangerous “U” Turns

A discussion was held regarding cars that make “U” turns at the bottom of the off ramp onto West 2nd Street near Tum-a-Lum. Officer Kienlen said he parks there periodically and has stopped people for making the dangerous “U” turn. Dale McCabe talked briefly about the West Gateway Project and how it may affect the area.

Conversation moved to the difficult off ramp, #83, and how difficult it is for traffic to turn left to get across 6th Street. A suggestion was made to either close the off ramp or make it a “Right Turn Only”. This off ramp belongs to ODOT. No further action at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Request for Map of Handicap Parking Locations around The Dalles

Dale received a call from a citizen wondering if the City has a map of the handicap parking locations. Caller was concerned that an apartment complex had installed their own handicap parking sign on a City Street. Manager of the apartment complex has been contacted and asked to remove the illegal sign.

Fred Davis asked if the City has a definitive policy on where we do (and don’t) install them. Dale said we do not have a policy for handicapped parking locations. He did say the TSC does not suggest approval of handicap parking signs in residential areas but the City is more receptive to installing them in the commercial areas of the town, dependent on current locations of exiting handicap parking signs. Public access buildings have clear rules for handicapped parking but on

private property and in existing areas, the rules aren't as clear. He can look into the issue further if so directed. No further action at this time.

B) Next Blue Zone Meeting

Fred asked the date for the next Blue Zone meeting. Dale reported there will be two meetings. One will be on April 24th @ 8:00a and one on April 27th between 4:00p – 5:00p. The Mill Creek trail (which is a Blue Zone Project) cleanup will occur on April 21st.

C) Dry Hollow and 12th Street

Larry Fairclo passed out a lab assignment worksheet he had done with one of his students at 12th and Dry Hollow. Data was very interesting.

D) Auto Zone Driveways

Officer Kienlen asked about the driveways at the new Auto Zone Store on West 6th Street. Dale said the easterly driveway is a "Right In and Right Out Only" and the center driveway can turn either left or right. Discussion was held about the traffic dangers through the area.

E) Traffic Clear Vision Triangle Research Needed in a Couple Locations

Frank Pyles asked if a clear vision triangle report can be done for; 1) 12th & Thompson and 2) 2600 Block of E 10th. Dale said we can go up and measure out the areas and report back at the May meeting.

F) Plant Growth Causing Vision Clearance Problems

Fred mentioned there is a lot of plant growth at the NE corner of 10th and "G" Street making it difficult to see oncoming traffic when stopped. Nikki with Codes Enforcement will be notified.

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

Cindy Keever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles Public Works

Final approval


Frank Pyles

Location Dry Hollow @ 12th Street

Date 3-23-18

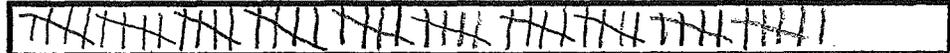
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Ending Time 3:57

Directions

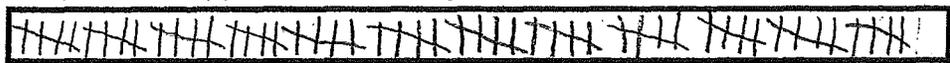
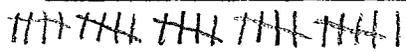
You are to find an Un-controlled Intersection (stop signs only) and for 30 minutes, record the following:

1. How many cars stopped correctly for full 2 second stop?

Correct 

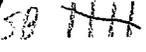
total 51

2. How many cars stopped in-correctly at the crosswalk?

IN 


total 86

3. How many cars never came to a complete stop?

touch # 
60 50 

total 61

4. How many cars made no attempt to stop at the intersection?

Raw 

total 11

5. How many drivers were talking on their cell phone?

cell phone 

total 2

6. How many drivers/passenger did you observe **not** wearing a seatbelt?

Seat belts 

total 0

7. Write a summary from what you observed and learned.