

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
August 15, 2018

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

ABSENT MEMBERS: none

STAFF PRESENT: Chris Harrell – Transportation Manager, Russ Brown – Council Representative, Jeff Keinlein – City Police, and Cindy Keever – Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: none

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS:

A) A discussion was held regarding the “No Parking” request on the corner of W7th & Floral. Chris Harrell, the Transportation Manager gave an estimate of costs for signage and road improvements. A discussion was held regarding other ways to exit that neighborhood. Mike Kilkenny made a motion to improve the “alley way” off of Floral Court to make it more usable for area residents and to have the City Codes Enforcement Officer work with area residents for trimming low hanging tree branches to make visibility better. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. No signage on the corner will be installed at this time.

B) A request for a clear vision triangle was received for 12th & Laughlin. City staff looked at the intersection of 14th & Laughlin but not 12th & Laughlin. Public Works staff found a new white vinyl fence that is obscuring a clear vision triangle. City staff will work with resident to correct issue. Original request will be postponed to September meeting.

C) The Transportation Manager will check with the City’s Codes Enforcement Office (Nikki) to find out the status of recommendations at 12th & Thompson.

D) A request for an ADA parking place in front of 420 E 3rd Street was discussed with the question of where other ADA locations were close by. Staff gave the commissioners other ADA locations. Donna Lawrence made a recommendation to create an ADA parking spot on Laughlin near 3rd Street. Mike Kilkenny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) A citizen request for a stop sign at 6h & Pentland was brought to the table by Chris Harrell, City Transportation Manager and a discussion was held regarding the request. Mike Kilkenny made a motion to deny installing a new stop sign at 6th & Pentland. Donna seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

B) A discussion was held regarding the congestion on Kelly Avenue, between 11th & 12th Streets, near the small grocery store and ways to alleviate some of the congestion. Delivery

trucks have been unloading while parked on Kelly Avenue. Donna made a motion to make the alley on the north side of the building a "No Parking/Loading Zone area. Mike seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. City staff will put the markings down with paint and thermal plastic to ensure longevity of the markings.

C) An email was received by City staff asking the Traffic Safety Commission to please revisit the school zone speed signs near Wahtonka School. The commission discussed different ways to make the public aware of the change in the speed zone and ways to make it as clear as possible. Brent Bybee mad a motion to remove the 25 mph signs entirely and to move the School Zone 20 mph sign to Irvine Street. Donna seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

D) Donna was approached by a citizen who was very concerned about the accident on 2nd Street after the Neon Nights car cruise was discussed. A discussion was held regarding various ways to make the event safer and a reminder was mentioned that this is a Main Street event and is not a City sponsored event. Some of the suggestions were as follows:
1) Sign a waiver – no burn outs, 2) Need three instead of two cones blocking each side road, 3) Police on bikes (for faster response time), 4) Driver's chirping tires immediately expelled from cruise, 5) Ticketing to increase exponentially after cruise has ended, and 6) Many more volunteers are needed to help during the event.

E) A discussion was held regarding the Intersection Observation Report that Larry Fairclo had shared with commission members during the July meeting. Members talked about a cell phone "diversion" class and how the fines for using a cell phone while driving a car have went up substantially.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Donna Lawrence 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

Intersection Observations

Student observations - Diamond F Driving School -Summer 2018

To: The Dalles Traffic Safety Meeting

Students were to sit for **thirty** minutes at a **controlled** intersection with only **stop signs**. Students were to watch drivers on approach to the crosswalk or stop line. If neither of those stop places were present, then they were supposed to stop at the first of the sidewalk/road. They would record how many stopped correctly, how many stopped in the crosswalk or intersection. How many did "touch & go's or did not slow or stop. At the right bottom corner, I put a star for high student quality, a ~~4~~ for ok quality and a ? for not sure if they were even there.

They also watched for those on cell phones and not wearing their seatbelts. We talked about right of way laws and I plan to incorporate the yielding laws into this observation lab.

At the end of this assignment was the student's summary of what they learned. What I wanted them to gain from this lab was to expect that most drivers do not come to complete stops and will often do a "touch and go" with little searching of the intersection.

Larry Fairclo
Diamond F Driving School

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Crosswalk Lab Assignment

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Location By MCMC Clinic ^{12th}
Dry HollowDate 8/11/18?Beginning Time 10:00Ending Time 10:30**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?

|||| |||| ||||total 15

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

|||total 3

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

|total 1

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

|total 1

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

|||total 36. How many drivers/passenger did you observe **NOT** wearing a seatbelt?0total 0

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

more people do wear seatbelts now and people talking on the phone are definitely less aware of their surroundings

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Crosswalk Lab Assignment

557

Location Hood River Jackson Park Int.Date 8/6/18Beginning Time 3:00 PMEnding Time 3:30 PM**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?

total 11

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

total 7

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

total 4

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

total 1

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

total 26. How many drivers/passenger did you observe **not** wearing a seatbelt?total 1

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

Everyone tried to stop but some just didn't

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Crosswalk Lab Assignment

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589

Location 12th Street and dry Hollow

Date

7/28Beginning Time 3:00Ending Time 3:30

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?total 412. How many cars stopped in-correctly at the crosswalk?total 373. How many cars never came to a complete stop?total 57

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

total 1

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

total 16. How many drivers/passenger did you observe **not** wearing a seatbelt?total 1

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

One observation I found out was a lot of cars that stopped was only because they were waiting for other cars. Also a lot of cars stop for one second and then leave.

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Location: Wyeast Middle school

562

Beginning time: 11:28

Ending time: 12:03



Full 2-Second Stop		<u>32</u>
Stopped incorrectly		<u>27</u>
Never stopped Complete stops		<u>41</u>
no stop		<u>7</u>
on Phone		<u>2</u>
not wearing Seat belt		<u>1</u>

I noticed that people don't usually stop fully or at all if there are no other cars.

Location Dry Hollow RD and E 12th st. intersection. Date 7-20-18

Beginning Time 3:14 pm

Ending Time 3:45

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?

 total 99

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

 total 31

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

 total 115

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

 total 5

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

 total 4

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

 total 0

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

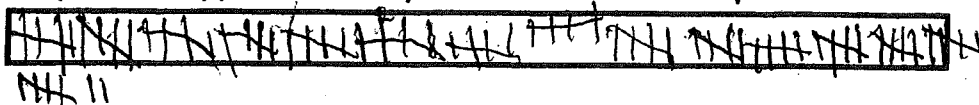
I learned that the drivers seem to be really lax about if they come to a complete stop. Some seem not to care, others may not even notice. Weird thing, all 2 motorcycles stopped when and where they were supposed to.

Location 12th & Dry HollowDate 7-16-18Beginning Time 10:15Ending Time 10:45

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?



total 77

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



total 36

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



total 78

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



total _____

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



total 2

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



total _____

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

Most drivers only come to a complete stop at a 4way when there are other cars around them in the intersection
Put a police car on the corner and see what happens