

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
July 16th, 2014

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

ABSENT MEMBERS: none

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Ethan Wray, Clay Smith and incoming TSC member, Fred Davis

Chuck Covert moved to approve the June minutes as written. Jim Bishop seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATIONS:

Clay Smith wanted to congratulate the City for the bike lane that was painted on Dry Hollow School. He is pleased they are being used.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Site Issues at 14th & Liberty Streets

Dale McCabe brought pictures of the area and measurements for a clear vision triangle at the intersection. Cherry trees planted in front of house are probably not on the list of City approved trees for planting strips. Dale said if the Traffic Safety Commission recommends removal then the issue would be forwarded to the Public Works Director and then the City Manager. Discussion was held regarding if line of site under the canopy was possible. The intersection of 11th and “G” Street is facing the same issue (only worse). Traffic on 14th can stop, creep out into traffic to make sure lanes are clear and proceed but no one knew for sure if that could be done on 11th. Frank Pyles suggested verifying if trees are approved type. Donna Lawrence said if they are not an approved type (according to City Ordinance list) then the trees should be removed. Donna also asked for a list of the approved trees. Clay Smith suggested giving information regarding free trees from the Soil and Conservation District if they are asked to remove the trees. Area has been greatly improved and no one wants to see the homeowner have to remove the trees. John Nelson and Jay Waterbury could not see where the trees were that big of a problem on 14th. A question was asked if the small cherry trees on 14th are likely to cause problems with the cherry industry? Could we get exact identification before next meeting? Item was tabled until the August meeting.

2) Traffic Study at 10th & Thompson Streets

Tim McGlothlin reported the money for the study at 10th & Thompson has been tabled until a later date.

3) I84 Exit 83 West Bound

Dale spoke with ODOT regarding the difficulty entering onto 6th from this off ramp during much of the day. They are aware of the problems but there are no plans to change anything at this time. This could change if someone buys the 6th & Webber property and wants to develop it. The development would cause a traffic study for the area. ODOT and the City also currently have traffic counters out around town. Data collected from the counters can be used during traffic studies.

4) Narrow Streets on 14th and 15th between Madison and Monroe

Jay reported he had checked on the boat being parked on 14th which was causing traffic congestion when two cars met next to the wide boat. Jay said currently there are no width restrictions on vehicles that are parked on the street and commented that he thought the real problem regarding width issues was on 15th Street near Madison and Monroe.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Potholes

Members reported potholes on 2nd Street from Snipes to the Freeway entrance. Bill reported his crew will be patching those soon. At approximately 10th & Perkins there are a couple of potholes. Staff thought those are on a road that is labeled Public Access. No maintenance will occur 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

TIME: 7:00 a.m.
PLACE: The Dalles Public Works Department
Conference Room
1215 W 1st Street
The Dalles OR 97058

AGENDA
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
AUGUST 20, 2014

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 16, 2014
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT
- V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION OR PRESENTATIONS
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
 - a) 14th & Liberty – Approved Trees - Barrier
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Welcome Fred Davis New TSC Member
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT