

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
October 19, 2016

COMMISSION PRESENT: Frank Pyles, Mike Kilkenny, and Donna Lawrence

ABSENT MEMBERS: Chuck Covert, Fred Davis and 2 vacant positions

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Bill Barrier – Transportation Manager, Dawn Marie Hert – Senior Planner, Russ Brown – City Council Representative, Steve Baska - Captain with the Police Department and Shelly Gray – Department Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

Mike Kilkenny would like a change made to the September minutes. Donna Lawrence made a motion to approve the September minutes with an amendment to the first paragraph under Old Business. Matthew Klebes will contact the Cherry Growers to see if that option is available. Mike Kilkenny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

A) None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A) Downtown Halloween Event Discussion

Mike Kilkenny said that the Lion's Club has signed up to have four people on every intersection downtown and that, in conjunction with the reader boards, should help keep the event safe.

Dawn Marie said that Matthew provided a copy of the task sheet and that he was working with Cherry Growers to exit a different way, instead of using Madison Street.

B) Donna mentioned visibility issues at the 10<sup>th</sup> and Webber Street intersection. Dale said that Public Works conducted a clear vision triangle on Tuesday, the 18<sup>th</sup>, and reported the findings to Nikki Lesich, Code Enforcement officer. Vegetation does need to be removed/cut back.

C) Mike reported that the gymnastics club had an event and had someone present to prevent people from parking in No Parking areas and to help direct traffic to parking lots.

D) Russ asked if Bill Barrier is the liaison for code enforcement. Bill said that he does receive code enforcement complaints. He makes an assessment and addresses the homeowner if needed. If he doesn't receive a response, then he contacts Nikki.

Russ mentioned that the school zone sign in the westbound lane by St. Mary's is covered by a tree. Bill said he'd check it out.

Bill said school zone signs were installed at 14<sup>th</sup> and Trevitt.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A) Request for additional ADA accessible parking space in City Parking lot off of 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Dale shared an email that Public Works Director, Dave Anderson, received regarding a request for an additional handicap spot in the city parking lot behind Klindt's. There is an employee that requires the use of the spot and it was occupied for an entire day, which spurred the email to Dave.

Dawn Marie said that the ratio is 1 per 25 spots and that the city not only meets but exceeds that ratio.

The group discussed the differences between a regular ADA and a van-accessible ADA spot.

Mike said that if there is a need, he would like to provide an extra spot and made a motion to convert one of the parking spots in the employee lot to a handicap accessible spot.

Dale suggested that staff could evaluate the number of spaces and see if there is a need for an additional one.

Dawn Marie said she would work with Ty and Terry to see if the spot behind Klindt's is regularly used by others or if it was a one-time occurrence.

Mike then made a motion and Donna seconded the motion to recommend that staff evaluate the number of spaces in the employee parking lot and the motion passed unanimously.

B) Russ asked if there is a time frame on the two spaces on Federal for the hospital. The group wasn't sure and Russ said he would look the next time he went by there.

C) Dale reported on the Downtown Parking Task Force. He said a lot of projects had been discussed and the group is currently prioritizing tasks based on the estimated time frame for completion (short, intermediate or long term). He said that he will invite Police Chief Pat Ashmore to the next meeting to discuss enforcement as the crux of the problem is employees/employers parking in spaces that are meant to be for customers only. He also mentioned that the task force has discussed adding lighting, a blue emergency call box and having a dedicated enforcement/safety officer.

Donna said that the meetings are going smoothly and the group is cleaning up the parking boundary and is focused on enforcement.

Steve said that if there is an ongoing issue, the Police Department assigns an officer to target that issue and it's possible to have an officer target the downtown parking issue.

**ROUND TABLE:**

Bill said the street department's projects are winding down and they are now focusing on maintenance and grading gravel roads.

Mike asked about the rule for someone parking on the corner and cited 10<sup>th</sup> and Pentland as a reoccurring issue. Steve said to call it in to the police and they will check out the issue.

Steve mentioned that Chief Ashmore is concerned with motorists not stopping for pedestrians and that he's talked about doing "saturation enforcement," where an officer observes how motorists respond to pedestrians attempting to cross the road. If a motorist doesn't stop, their information will be passed along to an officer down the road who will then pull them over

regarding failure to yield to a pedestrian. Also, beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be an officer dedicated to downtown traffic enforcement.

Frank said that 12<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> streets are now smoothed and speeds have increased. He also thanked the street crew for Morton St.

Bill thanked the police crew for their help with traffic control during paving this past summer.

Bill also mentioned the reader boards will be placed at the swimming pool and the roundabout for the Halloween event.

Donna asked for an updated list of the TSC members, including their expiration dates. (After meeting, Shelly spoke with Cindy Keever, the Administrative Secretary, who said she would provide that list).

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

Shelly Gray  
Department Secretary  
City of The Dalles

Final approval

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Frank Pyles