

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
October 18, 2017

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

ABSENT MEMBERS: vacant position

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: none

Donna Lawrence made a motion to approve the September minutes. Brent seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Status of No Left Turn on Washington onto 6th Place (alley) and No Left Turn on 6th Place (alley) onto Washington

Dale McCabe said the signs have not been installed yet. Transportation Manager, Chris Harrell was not at the meeting to update members on status. Item will be on the November agenda. Fred Davis is still very concerned about the striping changes that will affect parking on Washington and how that will impact the drivers exiting 6th Place alley.

2) First Street Improvements

Dale updated the group on the progress of the First Street improvements. The new painting and striping has been completed on First Street and as a result of the improvements 37 new parking spaces have been created. Members asked how long cars are supposed to sit on the street unattended. Officer Kienlen said the City Ordinance is 24 hours. Russ Brown said the Chief is looking at changing the ordinance to separate the residential and commercial parking restrictions. There is still concern regarding businesses in the downtown area leaving their customer cars on the street while they are being repaired. Officer Keinlen will stop by the car repair shop and remind the owner of the City Ordinance timelines.

3) Visibility Issue at 14th & Thompson

Dale told the Commission, the City's Codes Enforcement Officer had notified the property owner and the shrubs have been taken care of and the issue resolved.

4) Parking Issues at Dry Hollow School

Dale updated members about the recent Planning Commission meeting and the traffic and parking issues D#21 is experiencing at the Dry Hollow School. D#21 is unable to make the improvements within the time frame (June 8th, 2017), that the Planning Commission had given for the Conditional Use Permit.

Blue Zone is possibly partnering with D#21 to help find some solution for the problem. All schools are a problem with the students and cars interacting continuously.

Members of the Commission believe the problem at the Dry Hollow School is a community issue and want to help solve the problem.

Michael Holloran made a motion to create a small group (from current TSC members) to join together with D#21 (and possibly the Planning Commission) and work towards a solution instead of the issue returning to the Traffic Safety Commission's agenda as repeated concerns. Brent Bybee seconded. Members Pyles, Davis and Kilkenny voted yay. Lawrence abstained her vote. Dale reminded all the next Planning Commission meeting will be held on November 16. Michael will work with interested members and move forward with the new approach.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Stop Sign Request on Pentland at 6th Street

Dale brought up a request he received asking for a stop sign on Pentland at 6th Street. Person requesting stop sign said there are already stop signs on 9th, 8th and 7th Streets. Officer Keinlen said the 6th and Pentland intersection is an uncontrolled intersection and people on Pentland have to yield. Area is a low traffic area. Commission members were unsure about the location. Brent suggested tabling the discussion until the November meeting after everyone has had a chance to look at the area.

B) Visibility Problems at 7th and Pomona

Brent said when the southbound traffic is stopped on Pomona cars have to creep out into the lane of west bound traffic to see around the tree/shrub at that corner. It was also noted there is a brick wall with ivy growing on it that also makes it difficult to see oncoming traffic. This area used to be in the County and had different set back requirements. Members will look at the area and bring it back to the November meeting.

C) The Dalles Possibly Designated as a "Tree City"

Brent talked to members about an interest in establishing The Dalles as a "Tree City". More information will be presented at the November meeting.

D) Street Painting Status

Officer Keinlen asked about the plan for painting the turn arrows on the City streets. Dale explained that street markings are still a priority this season and will continue as long as the weather holds out.

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

Cindy Keever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles Public Works

Final approval

Frank Pyles