

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
November 15, 2017

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

ABSENT MEMBERS: Fred Davis and vacant position

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Russ Brown – Council Representative, Dawn Marie Hert – Senior Planner, Chris Harrell – Transportation Manager and Cindy Keever – Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: none

Mike Kilkenny made a motion to approve the October minutes. Donna Lawrence 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

Chris Harrell told the Commission the signs should be installed by the end of the week.

2) Stop Sign Request on Pentland at 6th Street Intersection

Members had a chance to look at the area and a discussion was held regarding the many locations around town with similar issues. Commission did not want to put up a stop sign at this location and a reminder for caution when driving through this intersection (and other similar ones around town) was recommended.

3) 7th and Pomona – Site Visibility Issues

Members had a chance to look at the area and the SE side of the intersection is the problem area (not the wall with the ivy on it that was originally discussed). Dawn Marie will contact Nikki and a letter from the City's Codes Enforcement Office will be sent to the property owner for compliance.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Roundabout Visibility Issues

Drivers continue to have issues with the Russian Sage, especially on the west side. The plant gets too tall and is difficult to see over/around when in full bloom. Dawn Marie will relay the problem to the City Hall Maintenance crew to see if they have ideas for a solution.

B) Tree City Designation

Brent Bybee spoke to the group regarding the benefits of being designated a Tree City (community pride) and the benefits of trees near the streets (traffic calming). A plan is needed for the downtown trees in general and that should start with Urban Renewal. While the TSC was not opposed the Tree City designation it was agreed upon that the Traffic Safety Commission was not where Brent needed to start a conversation regarding the designation. A suggestion to contact the Urban Renewal was made and Brent will follow through with the suggestion.

C) Slow/Caution Signs Requested for Alley between 7th & 8th and Union & Court Streets

Chris Harrell explained the caller's concerns. The TSC decided all alleys need to be exited cautiously and if there is excessive speed in a particular alley the Police Department needs to be contacted directly for the enforcement issue that appears to be occurring.

D) Visibility Issue on 10th Street near Vey Way, South Side

Dale McCabe read Barb Pashek's letter to the commission and spoke to the commission regarding her concerns. Dale said he and the previous Transportation Manager had looked at the driveway exit onto 10th Street some time back. The bump in her driveway was not built to City Standards and staff is currently working with the developer to get the driveway fixed. Regarding visibility at that driveway there is a sidewalk and curb then an 8 foot parking area, then a 6 foot bike lane, then the travel lane. There is a lot of area to creep out into before entering the travel lane. Commission decided no action needs to be taken at this time. Chris will contact Mrs. Pashek and let her know the Commission's recommendation.

E) Planning Commission Meeting Reminder

Dale reminded the Traffic Safety Commission members the Planning Commission meeting is scheduled to be held on the 16th @ 6:00p in the City Council Chambers.

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

Cindy Keever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles Public Works

Final approval

Frank Pyles