

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
February 15, 2017

COMMISSION PRESENT: Frank Pyles, Fred Davis, Chuck Covert, Mike Kilkenny, and Donna Lawrence

ABSENT MEMBERS: 2 vacant positions

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Michael Holloran

Donna Lawrence made a motion to approve the December minutes. Chuck Covert seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. There was no meeting in January due to inclement weather so no minutes were recorded.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michael Holloran talked with Commission members regarding the difficulty of navigating the City’s website. Suggestions were made and Donna Lawrence will talk to the City Clerk regarding suggestions to improve the website.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A) Yellowing of Curbs on Webber @ 8<sup>th</sup> Street Intersection

Cindy Keever reported no work has been done at this intersection due to all of the snow currently at the edge of the road. Area will be addressed once snow has melted.

B) Downtown Parking Task Force

Dale McCabe told the Commission the meetings have concluded and a report will be given to the Council during the 2-27-17 meeting. Council will then recommend direction of study.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A) Snow Removal Comments and Suggestions

Fred Davis wrote an email on 1-16-17, suggesting grading the snow on 6<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge earlier in the morning to avoid confusion and congestion when cars need to be re-routed around the area. The Commission discussed shoveling and the cleaning of snow off of the sidewalks during snow events.

Questions and ideas were;

- 1) What is the length of time allowed to clean your sidewalk? Staff did not know exact time, but said there is a City Ordinance that addresses property owner responsibilities.
- 2) Should the Commission make a recommendation to enforce removing snow from sidewalks?
- 3) While it was acknowledged this year was extremely unusual for the amount of snow we received and the length of time it stayed, it was agreed that care must be given when cleaning streets to not create a pile so large that traffic entering the roadway can’t see over the pile of snow or cause it to be so large that traffic has to cross the yellow line to get around it.
- 4) Ideas were discussed on ways to get information out to the public. One suggestion was to put information on the monthly water and sewer bills.

- 5) A list of names of people or companies who remove snow from sidewalks would be helpful. Possibly have the names at Public Works in case a citizen needs suggestions
- 6) Mike Kilkenny wanted to give kudos to all of the City employees who have helped in the snow removal process. Well Done!

B) Bike Safety and Enforcement

While not a pressing matter at this time, Fred asked if the Commission would put on the “long term radar” a discussion regarding bicycles and the need for people riding them to ride safely and enforcement when they do not follow the rules.

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

Cindy Keever  
Administrative Secretary  
City of The Dalles Public Works

Final approval

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Frank Pyles