

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
May 17, 2017

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

ABSENT MEMBERS: vacant position

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Nancy Anderson and her daughter Jenny

Mike Kilkenny made a motion to approve the April minutes. Donna Lawrence seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

See New Business

OLD BUSINESS:

A) Clear Vision Triangle Results on West 10th Street near Sun Ray Apartments

Dale McCabe reported he had done a Clear Vision Triangle Study and the area has plenty of visibility clearance, 6' bike lane, 8' travel lane and speed is 25 mph in the area. No further action needed at this time.

B) Status of School Zone Signs near High School

Dale told members this item has come before the Commission before and it is up to District 21 if they want to spend the money for improvements. No further action needed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Dry Hollow School Parking Issue

Discussion was held regarding problems and solutions and Dale let members know this has been an ongoing problem for the Dry Hollow School and D#21 for a long time. D#21 is supposed to have more information and a plan by June 30th.

Fred Davis said this issue has been reviewed multiple times and made a motion as follows. The Traffic Safety Commission strongly recommends District 21 come up with a solution or plan before the beginning of September when the new school year begins. Donna Lawrence seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Dale will keep the members in the loop as upcoming information becomes available.

B) Handicap Parking Request at 1906 E 14th

Guests Nancy Anderson and her daughter Jenny spoke to the group about Jenny's disabilities and the parking issues they are having adjacent to their property. Upon hearing their issues members determined it was not a Traffic Safety issue but rather an issue between neighbors.

Michael Holloran volunteered to go up and talk to all parties involved and see if a solution could be reached among the neighbors. No further action needed.

C) Snipes Street Speed Zone

Dale said he checked the signs in the area yesterday and they are still 35mph. A discussion followed regarding the reasons a request to reduce the speed limit from 35 to 25mph was submitted. Discussion was held regarding designations of streets (Collector Streets vs Arterial Streets) and speed limits on specific types of streets. Chief Ashmore said data shows that speed is a contributing factor to pedestrian accidents.

Brent Bybee made a motion to change the speed limit to 25 mph on Snipes between 6th Street and 10th Street. Fred seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

D) Visibility Concerns on Scenic Drive

Mike Kilkenny explained where the area is on Scenic Drive where it is difficult to turn left onto Lincoln Way. Members will look at before the June meeting and discussion will continue at the next meeting.

E) Concerns Regarding Reduced Speeds near Wahtonka School

Cindy Keever received a phone call from Georgia Murray regarding her concerns about the speed limit changes near the Wahtonka School. A discussion was held and Chief Ashmore will look at the area and provide recommendations at the June meeting.

F) Miscellaneous

1) Brent Bybee said he had attended a Planners Conference recently regarding Traffic Growth Management and said there were some good opportunities for help with grants, City wide study and bike/public transportation. Brent will present more information at the June meeting.

2) Dale told the members a company is in town laying fiber wires and they will be continuing their construction through July. Members will probably notice and increase in construction on the streets.

3) Mike wanted to commend the Distracted Drivers event that was organized by Larry Fairclo. Event seemed to have a lot of volunteers and was very visible to the public.

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

Frank Pyles