

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
August 19, 2015

COMMISSION PRESENT: Frank Pyles, Chuck Covert, Mike Kilkenny, Jim Bishop & Donna Lawrence

ABSENT MEMBERS: Fred Davis and vacant position

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

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Mike Kilkenny made a motion to approve the July minutes. Chuck Covert seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATIONS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Loading Zone Sign Request

A request was made for a Loading Zone Sign to be installed on the SE corner of 4th & Washington. This is an area that had previously been discussed regarding installing a handicap sign. The property & business owner had improved the corner parking strip area to accommodate the loading and unloading of her employee from her van, but because this area is public parking the parking spot was regularly being used by another employee in the area, thus not making it available for loading and unloading purposes.

A discussion followed, with suggestions of possibly yellowing out approximately 10 feet and installing a “15 minute only loading zone” sign on 4th Street. Donna Lawrence suggested talking to the driver of the car who is parking adjacent to where the improvements were made for the wheelchair loading & unloading area. She also thought Chief Waterbury should be contacted regarding his thoughts since his department will be enforcing the sign.

2) Speed Study on E. Scenic near Jefferson Street

Cindy Kever read Chief Waterbury’s email regarding several speed studies he has conducted in the last month or so. Based on the information he collected he did not feel there was a need for any speed changes in the area. He also mentioned that the black truck that was parking on Scenic across from Jefferson was not causing any problems. No further action needed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Visibility Issues at Various Locations

a) Russ Brown reported restricted visibility at the W 7th & Chenoweth Loop intersection and the stop sign on 7th is covered with tree branches. Tree branches will be removed so the stop sign is visible and drivers were reminded to stop then proceed cautiously out over the crosswalk until oncoming traffic can be seen and driver can safely enter intersection.

b) A concern was brought up regarding the sign on the SW corner of Vey Way and 10th Street. Placement of sign is within code and it was suggested that drivers stop, and then proceed cautiously in order to see cross traffic.

c) At Oregon and 12th Street, on the NW corner, there is a tall fence that makes visibility difficult. Proceed with caution there too.

2) Miscellaneous

a) Dale McCabe reported the crack seal contract has started and should be done by the end of September.

b) Frank Pyles reported the potholes on 12th Street need to be taken care of.

c) Jim Bishop complimented PW and said the chip seal on Brentwood looked good.

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

Cindy Kever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles

Final approval

Frank Pyles