

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
September 16, 2015

COMMISSION PRESENT: Frank Pyles, Fred Davis, Mike Kilkenny, Jim Bishop & Donna Lawrence

ABSENT MEMBERS: Chuck Covert and vacant position

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Jay Waterbury – Police Chief and Cindy Keever – Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: Theresa Peters, Dennis Whitehouse, Clay Smith, Ruby Kauble, Janet & Jim Block

Mike Kilkenny made a motion to approve the August minutes. Jim Bishop seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATIONS:

1) Request for a One Way Street in the 1900 block of Dry Hollow Road

Jim & Janet Block and Ruby Kauble, residents of the 1900 block of Dry Hollow, spoke with the group regarding the traffic problems in front of their homes. There are currently two 15 mph signs on this section of road with one near 19th and one near Dry Hollow. Unfortunately these signs have not slowed the traffic down as drivers take a short cut thru to Dry Hollow. They currently have a petition signed by all of the 10 homes that use this roadway to change it to one way traffic pattern, with traffic exiting out onto 19th Street. A discussion followed. Mike Kilkenny made a motion to move forward with a recommendation to change this road to a one way street with traffic entering off of Dry Hollow and exiting onto 19th Street. Donna Lawrence seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

2) Request for Stop Sign on 10th Street at Snipes Street Intersection

A discussion was held regarding the request for a stop sign on 10th Street. Cindy Keever explained the callers concerns. Fred Davis suggested doing a physical review of the area. It was suggested that a no parking sign be placed in front of 2737 W 10th. This would help drivers who are stopped on Snipes and are looking east on 10th Street. Chief Waterbury and Dale McCabe will go out and do a vision triangle study and report their finding at the October meeting.

3) Request for a Handicap Sign in Front of 214 E 12th Street

A discussion was held regarding installing handicapped signs in front of houses in residential areas and the precedence this practice would set. Mike Kilkenny made a motion to deny the installation of a Handicap Sign in front of the house. Jim Bishop seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. City personnel will contact the requestee.

4) Safety Concerns near the Dry Hollow School

Dry Hollow School Principal, Teresa Peters and D21 Operations Department Manager, Dennis Whitehouse spoke to the group regarding a couple of their concerns with the signage and lack of fresh paint on the crosswalks near the 19th and Dry Hollow intersection. Principal Peters asked if the painting of the crosswalks was scheduled to be completed soon because drivers and children need to clearly see the defined areas for pedestrian crossings.

Principal Peters also explained why they think the school crosswalk sign needs to be closer to the actual crosswalk and possibly a sign reminding drivers of the speed limit. Note – School Zone signs and 20 mph signs must be contiguous to the school property. She was also discussed how there are no sidewalks on the north side of 16th Place. Not sure of a solution at this time Dale McCabe said the City will look at moving the crosswalk sign and will also look at a pre-warning sign saying School Zone Ahead.

Dennis Whitehouse also updated the commission regarding D21's solution to the drop off and pick up area for the Dry Hollow School students.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Loading Zone Sign Request at SE corner of 4th & Washington

Dale McCabe let the Commission know that the placement of this sign has occurred and seems to be working as needed.

- 2) Dale also let the Commission know the traffic counts for the downtown area had been completed and submitted to the Chamber of Commerce. No action needed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Request for School Zone @ 12th & Thompson (Columbia Lutheran School)

Dale explained that the same scenario that was required of Sonrise Academy would be required for Columbia Lutheran School. The school would pay for the signs and the City would install them at no additional cost. Signs would be placed at 12th & Thompson for traffic heading west and on 12th Street for traffic heading east.

Mike made a motion to install the signs if they would buy the signs. Donna Lawrence seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 2) Dale told the group the City had applied for a TGM Grant and had been awarded the grant. This grant is to be used for the TSP Plan and part of the grant requirement is to have a public advisory committee. If anyone is interested in being a representative from the TSC please let Dale know. This project should run thru December 2016. Donna Lawrence and Frank Pyles both submitted their names as possible representatives. Dale will pass their information along to the Mayor.

- 3) Fred reported the trees have been pruned at 7th & Court Streets!

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

Cindy Keever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles

Final approval

Frank Pyles