

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
September 20, 2017

COMMISSION PRESENT: Frank Pyles, Fred Davis and Donna Lawrence

ABSENT MEMBERS: Michael Holloran, Mike Kilkenny, Brent Bybee and vacant position

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Chris Harrell – Transportation Manager, Russ Brown – Council Representative Cindy Keever – Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: none

Fred Davis said a correction needed to be made in the minutes. On page 2 under Miscellaneous, Item #2 the word plant needs to be changed to plan. Donna Lawrence made a motion to approve the corrected minutes. Fred seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Parking Issues at Dry Hollow School

Donna told the group she had received notice in the mail from District #21/Dry Hollow School they were going to start working on the parking problem. Dale McCabe said they are on the Planning Commission's agenda for October. Brief discussion followed regarding planned attendance at the Planning Commission meeting and an upcoming neighborhood meeting.

2) Handicap Parking on Street Request on East 14th

Chris Harrell explained he had the Lead Operator for the Transportation Division speak with the owner on E 14th and explain it's not the City's policy to establish ADA space in front of a residence.

A discussion followed regarding ways to help families who need help with ADA ramps and access into their homes. Bill Hamilton and Nicole Beaman work with different groups who can possibly give aid to the person making the request. Their contact information will be forwarded.

3) First Street Improvements

Dale talked about the upcoming improvements that are planned for First Street. New white paint is going to be applied to the T's & L's on the street, extension of yellow painted curbs, new signage and the closing of guardrails near the railroad tracks is planned. Chris also mentioned the City will be working with area mechanic and body shop businesses to make sure they are not keeping their customers cars on the street, which will also free up additional parking too.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) No Left Turn from Washington onto 6th Place (alley) and No Left Turn on 6th Place (alley) onto Washington

Russ Brown described the area where he has observed drivers turning off of Washington onto 6th Place alley or onto Washington from the 6th Place alley. A discussion followed because both turning options are dangerous because of the blind corner at 7th and Washington. Chris Harrell suggested a gore painted median also to remind drivers about the no left turn.

Fred made a motion to install a No Left Turn sign off of Washington onto the 6th Place alley and a No Left Turn sign from the 6th Place alley onto Washington Street. Donna seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

A discussion followed the motion regarding downtown parking and the need for more parking spaces. Dale explained the Downtown Parking Plan and areas where angle parking is going to be installed. Fred Davis asked to go on record that he is against the angle parking on Washington between 4th & 5th Streets. He believes there is an increased risk of accidents due to visibility loss.

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

Cindy Keever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles Public Works

Final approval

Frank Pyles