

SUBJECT TO COMMISSION
APPROVAL AT THE
NEXT REGULAR MEETING

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
January 15, 2014

COMMISSION PRESENT: John Nelson, Frank Pyles, Chuck Covert, Donna Lawrence,
Jim Bishop and John Layson

ABSENT MEMBERS: Mike Kilkenny

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Tim McGlothlin – Council
Representative, Bill Barrier – Transportation Manager, and
Cindy Keever – Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: Russ Brown and Clay Smith

Chuck Covert moved to approve the minutes of the December meeting. Frank Pyles seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATIONS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Oregon TSC 2013 Survey for Oregon Impact

John Nelson asked members for their ideas on the list of questions from the 2013 survey. Attached are the combined ideas that will be submitted to Oregon Impact.

2) Sunrise Academy School Zone/Crosswalk Request

Dale McCabe and Bill Barrier looked at the areas surrounding Sunrise Academy and The Dalles High School. Bill passed out a map showing the areas that need “school zone” signs. The area needs to have 25 signs installed and would encompass both Sunrise and The Dalles High School. Discussion was held regarding the large number of signs that are needed to comply with the MUTCD manual (*Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*). Tim McGlothlin suggested breaking the cost of the project into two phases.

Phase I would include the Sunrise Academy area and they would pay for the purchase of those signs. Phase II would look at The Dalles High School sign needs and the costs involved to bring the signage up to the standards established by the MUTCD manual.

Russ Brown said he thought the installation of additional signs near the high school was a typical government knee jerk reaction about needing new signs for the area around The Dalles High School that has been unsigned for many years and it has functioned just fine.

Chuck Covert said he agrees that it needs to be done, but the problem is who will pay for the new signs? John Layson thought it was a good idea to break the project into Phase I and Phase II. Discussion was held regarding the creation of a school zone from Washington to Federal Streets for Sunrise Academy that is contiguous to the school property.

Donna Lawrence had questions regarding how the school zones affect neighbors and their on-street parking, how do ADA ramps effect on street parking, and does the installation of school zone signs mean It is necessary to put in a crosswalk and signs?

A motion was made by Chuck to approve the request from Sonrise Academy to establish a school zone and install the appropriate signage on 12th street and install ADA ramps and painted crosswalks at 12th and Federal. It was the Traffic Safety Commission's recommendation and preference that all costs associated with the school zone for Sonrise Academy be paid for by Sonrise Academy. A motion was also included for the approval to proceed with the project using Phase I and II Plan. Jim Bishop seconded the recommendation and the motion passed unanimously.

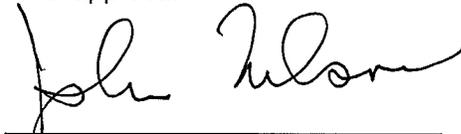
NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Bishop expressed his, and his neighbor's, concerns regarding driving in slick conditions down Fremont Street towards Hwy 197. The bank on the right side of the road is steep and needs a guardrail. This is a County Road, so Chuck Covert said he will take Jim's concerns to the next county roads meeting.

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

Cindy Kever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles

Final approval



John Nelson