

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
February 19, 2014

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

ABSENT MEMBERS: none

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Janelle Lawrence – Oregon Impact and Russ Brown

Chuck Covert moved to approve the minutes of the January with one spelling correction. Frank Pyles seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATIONS:

Russ Brown recently attended a Council Goal Setting Session and questioned the request to hire a consultant for \$15,000 to help develop a plan for the 10th/Thompson/Old Dufur Road intersection. Russ brought police reports showing there have been 3 accidents in the last eighteen years and he believes the money would be better spent on road maintenance instead of a study. While he agrees the intersection is bizarre, he thinks the intersection is fairly safe and doesn't believe the money should be spent on something that doesn't need fixing. Tim McGlothlin said he will take Russ's concerns to the City Council. Frank Pyles said he sees a lot of near misses because he lives near that intersection and travels thru it several times a day. Donna Lawrence asked why the City is spending money on a study for that intersection. Donna wants to proactively put out there the Traffic Safety Commission doesn't see the need for these monies to be spent. Staff said the study has to do more with long range planning and isn't just a study for today's issues. When a study is done it looks at the geology of the area, pedestrian access, bike movement, car movement, parking on the street and available right-of-way Dale McCabe told members that the City Engineering Division takes the information provided by the study and then develops the final plan.

Russ believes if Thompson were a project that was happening next year, then yes it should be done, but the timing is wrong at this time. Tim suggested a re-evaluation of the goal and a look at the timing of this study. He will take this information to the City Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Traffic Counts for 6th, 12th, and 19th Streets

Bill Barrier passed around handouts from the radar board computer program showing the different areas of collected data. A discussion followed and members expressed their appreciation for the amount of information will now be available.

2)

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Oregon Impact Speaker

Janelle Lawrence, Director of Oregon Impact, visited with the Commission, passed out flyers and explained the different grants they have available and different displays that are available to use for the community. Janelle suggested looking at their website and setting up modules for easy viewing and possible training opportunities. She also strongly encouraged the Commission to contact her if anyone thinks of anything that The Dalles can use.

2) Purchase of School Zone Signs

Bill told the Commission he had purchased two of the new style safety green school signs to be used at 12th & H Street.

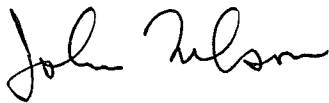
3) Pothole on Scenic Drive

John Nelson reported a water cut that has sunk and is now a pothole on Scenic Drive near the Garrison Street intersection.

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

Cindy Kever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles

Final approval



John Nelson