

SUBJECT TO COMMISSION
APPROVAL AT THE
NEXT REGULAR MEETING

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
April 17, 2013

COMMISSION PRESENT: John Nelson, Frank Pyles, Chuck Covert and Mike Kilkenny,

ABSENT MEMBERS: Jamie Van Den Bosch, Jim Bishop and John Layson

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Tim McGlothlin – City
Council Representative, Dawn Marie Hert – Senior Planner
and Cindy Keever – Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

Chuck Covert moved to approve the minutes as written. Frank Pyles seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Heritage Way Sign Needs

No new information at this time.

2) Mobil Food Cart at 10th and Trevitt

Dawn Marie Hert reported she had met with the owner of the mobile food cart and they are moving forward with their compliance.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Election of Officers

Mike Kilkenny made a motion to elect John Nelson to serve another term as the Chairman. Chuck Covert seconded the motion and all approved.

Mike Kilkenny made a motion to elect Frank Pyles to serve another term as the Vice Chairman. Chuck Covert seconded the motion and all approved.

2) Vacant Position Available in May

Cindy Keever informed the Commission members and staff there would be one vacant position available as Chuck Covert will not be serving another four year term. Chuck's term ends at the end of April. The City Clerk will be accepting applications and an appointment will be made by the Mayor.

3) Request to Move 20 mph Sign near 2nd and Lincoln

Dawn Hert told members she had received a concern from Ken Sommerfelt, owner of Montira's Thai Cuisine regarding the posted speed and the width of the curved street where West 2nd connects into Lincoln Street

Discussion was held regarding different options to make that area safer for pedestrians and drivers. Safety suggestions for that area were; 1) Move the 20mph sign further west, possibly to the corner of 2nd and Pentland Streets. Hopefully this would slow traffic down entering into the curve and give pedestrians more time to safely move thru the cross walk. 2) At the 2nd and Lincoln Stop sign installing a small sign underneath the stop sign saying "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop,3) West of 2nd and Pentland a sign warning drivers a "Reduced Speed Ahead" zone is coming up, 4) Painting white lines or dashes on Lincoln between 2nd and 3rd so cars could make the decision faster on whether they want to turn right or left.

Frank Pyles made a motion to have City Staff look at the area and report back to the Commission during the May meeting. Mike Kilkenny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4) Thank You

Chuck Covert thanked the Commission for the opportunity to serve on the board. He had learned a lot during his term and appreciated the experience.

5) Parking Issues Unresolved near Gymnastic Studio

Mike asked if the Police Department had begun issuing tickets near the gymnastics studio. Dawn Marie said the Police Chief would not instruct his officers to do that until after the construction was done in that area.

6) Miscellaneous

Tim McGlothlin reported the problem has been taken care of on Chenowith Loop Road. The yellow stripe was needed in front of Taco Rio and the owner has agreed to park on the side so as not to block visibility.

Dale McCabe mentioned the area adjacent to the skate park is beginning to look un-kept because of dead trees and weeds. Tim said high definition cameras will be installed around the perimeter.

Tim said the sidewalks on the east side of Chenowith Loop has run into funding issues so there has been no further movement towards getting new sidewalks installed.

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

Cindy Keever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles



1. Possibly move ramp sign south of intersection. Meetings on 25th x 20th

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x 20th

Liberty

2nd

Lincoln

Lincoln

2nd

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