

SUBJECT TO COMMISSION
APPROVAL AT THE
NEXT REGULAR MEETING

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
Minutes from
May 16, 2012

COMMISSION PRESENT: John Nelson, Frank Pyles, Jim Bishop, Chuck Covert,
Jaime Van Den Bosch and Mike Kilkenny

ABSENT MEMBERS: Duane Howell

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

Chuck Covert moved to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Jaime Van Den Bosch seconded the move but noted her name was spelled incorrectly on page 2. Correction will be made and minutes were approved as corrected.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATIONS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Brewery Grade

Dale McCabe presented the new Option #3 construction drawing for the intersection at the top of Brewery Grade. This drawing has a crosswalk with the sidewalk extended out further because of the grades and to meet the ADA accessible requirements. The stop sign will be moved east and placed right at the crosswalk. There will be a raised concrete island and no truck turning movement allowed. Visibility will be better looking down Brewery Grade. This proposal has been passed along to the City Manager who will update the City Council. Project completion is planned before the end of June 2012. Bill Barrier said his crew will demo, grind, grade, stripe and sign the area. A concrete contractor will be hired for the concrete work and this will be within Bill's budget. Work will have to be planned carefully because of the cherry harvest.

2) Kelly Avenue Congestion between 10th & 12th Streets

Dale gave an update on the traffic study on Kelly Avenue between 10th and 12th Streets which should be done by the middle of June. Counters were placed and counts were taken during peak hours for pedestrians and vehicles. Dale and the consultants were on site one day from 11a to 12:30p and they got a real eye-opener. Kids came in groves from the high school and they didn't stop, they just walked down 11th and crossed Kelly

Avenue at an angle. There were 140+ pedestrians at peak hour on that particular day. Parking space is really lacking.

3) Potholes on E 2nd Street near Big Jim's Drive In

Dale has let ODOT know about the large puddles by Big Jim's. They are aware of them. Bill explained the drain pipe length there is long and it just doesn't drain very fast so consequently a big puddle forms.

4) Misc.

Bill said he is working with the hospital to put up the Celilo Center directional signs starting in the roundabout area. Bill also said potholes are being addressed but the weather has to be dry and warm or they won't hold up after being filled and crack sealing will begin next week.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Excessive Speed near 7th and Snipes

Bill was called by a woman concerned about excessive speeds at 7th and Snipes. He went out with the radar gun and stood there with the woman to show her what speed they were actually driving. She has complained about two cars that race from 7th Street to Bob Stones where they apparently work. One is a red Honda and the other is a white car. It happens at 7:00a then again at noon. Jay took note of the times and the cars but did say he won't put out a radar cart in that area because of the vandalism.

2) Stop Sign at the Boat Basin

Discussion was held on the repeated damage to the stop sign at the Boat Basin. Bill reported the stop sign does belong to the State and they are talking with him on ways to protect it and make it more visible. Charlie Patterson had put a strobe stripe on it but within 2 days it was hit again.

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

Cindy Keever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles