Draft

SUBJECT TO COMMISSION
APPROVAL AT THE
NEXT REGULAR MEETING

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
June 19, 2013

| | |
|---|---|
| COMMISSION PRESENT: | John Nelson, Frank Pyles, Chuck Covert, Jim Bishop, Mike Kilkenny and John Layson |
| ABSENT MEMBERS: | one position vacant |
| STAFF PRESENT: | Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Bill Barrier – Transportation Manager, Tim McGlothlin – City Council Representative, Jay Waterbury – Police Chief and Cindy Keever – Administrative Secretary |
| PUBLIC PRESENT: | none |

John Nelson asked to correct the first sentence of the second paragraph under Public Comment to read; Discussion was held regarding funding for painting of *bicycle lanes and how bicyclists could pay* for improvements to the roads. Chuck Covert moved to approve the amended minutes. Mike Kilkenny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATIONS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1) 12th & Kelly Congestion**

A discussion was held on the progress of the proposed changes. Dale McCabe showed members a map of 12th & Kelly Avenue showing the proposed changes to that area. Dale will meet with the property owners within the next week or so and show them what the City is looking to do. The City will then go forward with the project and hire a concrete contactor and then the Transportation Division will patch the road and paint new street markings to finish the improvements. The goal is to get the project done before the next school year begins. Pedestrian traffic is mainly using 11th Street, but 10th and Kelly Avenue intersection will have some minor changes done also. Funds will be available after July 1st, which is the new fiscal year. Mike Kilkenny suggested installing a "Congestion Ahead" sign on both the north and south sides of that area. Bill will evaluate the suggestion. Jay Waterbury reminded members to call the police when trucks are double parked in front of the grocery store.

**2) Safe Passages for Bicycles**

In reference to May's meeting and the concerns Clay Smith had regarding the lack of bicycle lanes installed during new construction and in general around town, Tim McGlothlin is going to work on getting a meeting set up between the public and bicyclists. Tentative idea would be a meeting held at Spooky's and would last no longer than 2 hours. Chuck Covert thought it would be helpful to have information available regarding what has been done to accommodate bicyclists during road construction before that meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Vacant Position Available

Cindy Keever announced that Jaime Van Den Bosch has officially resigned. Please let interested people know there is an opening on the commission board.

2) Notices from Codes Enforcements

Frank Pyles was wondering how the Codes Enforcements decides who gets notices in regards to overgrown trees affecting signs and visibility. Generally notices are complaint driven or noted as the PW crews are out and about. Bill said his crews will go out and immediately trim around a sign if limbs are blocking a safety sign (stop sign). Otherwise the property owner will get a door hanger explaining the problem, then a letter from the City stating they need to trim the trees. It is a slow process because of the required time to wait for responses/action.

3) Public Meeting Regarding Wasco County and Road Funds

Chuck Covert told members that tonight the County is putting on a presentation at the Senior Center regarding their dilemma regarding money shortfalls and how it is affecting the road surfaces. It is a public input and awareness meeting. There will be more meetings scheduled throughout the country with the meeting dates to be announced.

4) Site Visibility Issues on West 6th Street near Coastal Ranch and Supply Driveway

Mike said he has experienced problems entering onto West 6th Street from the driveway near Coastal. Semi- trucks are parking along 6th Street, on the south side, and drivers can't see oncoming east bound traffic until they are pulled out half way into the oncoming traffic's lane. Bill will look at the problem and get back with members in July.

5) Ruts and "Speed Bumps" along 2nd Street

Jim Bishop asked about the status of repairs for the ruts and "speed bumps" along 2nd Street in the downtown area. Bill said the City is going to do an overlay in the near future that will help eliminate some of those problems for the time being.

6) Miscellaneous Information

Bill passed around a grand application from ACTS Oregon. Schools would be the lead in applying for this grant. Bill will forward the email to Dennis Whitehouse of District #21.

A suggestion was made to put a new bike lane symbol near the gymnastic building close to the Webber, 1st and Bargeway intersection.

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

Cindy Keever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles

EAST 10TH STREET
KELLY AVENUE
KELLY AVENUE
EAST 12TH STREET
KELLY AVENUE
EAST 11TH STREET