

SUBJECT TO COMMISSION
APPROVAL AT THE
NEXT REGULAR MEETING

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
August 21, 2013

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

ABSENT MEMBERS: None

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Clay Smith and Ethan Wray

John Nelson asked to have a correction under Commission Present. Commissioner Layson should have been listed under Absent Member. 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

Dale McCabe met with property owners yesterday and told the commission the contract will go out in mid-August. The City will wait until the area is done, then see how it functions before the suggested “congestion” signs are installed.

2) Bicycle Summit Meeting

Clay Smith said he felt that the August Bicycle Summit meeting was successful and had a lot of positive discussion between all who attended. There was a good selection of people in attendance and Clay wanted to let people know he appreciated the Traffic Safety Commission listening to his concerns. Tim McGlothlin said some of the items discussed were; 1) Alternate bike routes, 2) Street sweeping improvements, 3) Additional bike lanes, 4) Goat head control, 5) Education and representation of bike interest groups. There will be additional meetings scheduled to continue the efforts.

3) Division and 6th Street Visibility Issues

Bill Barrier reported the charger for the sign display had some problems and they were unable to complete the study. A part has been ordered and it will be installed as time allows. Discussion was held regarding how the 40 mph speed, bend in road and the sign and shrub on the corner of the private property does cause concern for drivers, especially if in a lower style vehicle.

4) Visibility Problems on Court Street between 4th & 5th Street

John Nelson asked if the painting for the no parking zone has been completed on Court Street. If so, he has noticed cars are continuing to park in the blackout area. Chief Waterbury said to contact the police department when anyone sees cars that are illegally parked.

5) Kelly Avenue Sidewalk Improvements

Dale McCabe reported the improvements on Kelly Avenue are underway. The contractor will start Monday morning. The first priority is the corner of 11th Street & Kelly Avenue. Project is scheduled to be done by the 6th of September.

6) Chip Seal Project Postponed

The chip sealing projects on Dry Hollow and Mt. Hood Streets have been postponed because of the Blackburn Fire. They will be rescheduled.

7) Webber Street Water Line Project

Dale reported the Webber Street Water Line Project is scheduled to start the first week of September and should be finished in October.

8) 2nd Street Patch

Jim Bishop wanted to express his thanks to the Public Works Department for paving the north side of 2nd Street. The patch has made a big difference when crossing the concrete sidewalks.

9) Pothole at Cherry Heights and 6th Street Intersection

John Layson reported there is a pothole at the Cherry Heights & 6th Street intersection. Dale explained that the project for the Goodwill Store, plus area businesses, will be improving the entrances and exits to that lot and that should also fix the potholes near those intersections.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Welcome New Commission Member

Donna Lawrence was welcomed as our newest commission member. Donna's term will expire April 30th, 2015.

2) Map of UGB Helpful to Members

Chuck brought in a large Urban Growth Boundary map that he thought would be useful for identifying areas around town. A brief discussion was held regarding the history of how local roads have been developed thru out the years. It was decided the large map would be distributed at the September meeting to all TSC members.

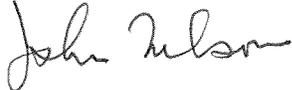
3) Directional Signs for Alleys

John Nelson mentioned he had spoken with a citizen in regards to her concerns about the alleys in the downtown area being used in the wrong direction. She believes there needs to be better signage indicating directions. Item will be put on the September agenda.

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

Final approval

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Nelson".

John Nelson