

SUBJECT TO COMMISSION  
APPROVAL AT THE  
NEXT REGULAR MEETING

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
August 15, 2012

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

ABSENT MEMBERS: Chuck Covert and vacant position

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Jay Waterbury – Chief of Police, Bill Barrier – Transportation Supervisor, and Cindy Keever – Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: Allyson Smith and Dennis Whitehouse

Bill Barrier asked for a correction in the July minutes. Under Old Business, Item #5, the location of the ADA ramp should be 13<sup>th</sup> and “H”. Mike Kilkenny moved to approve the minutes of the July meeting with the necessary corrections. Frank Pyles seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Allyson Smith with the North Central Public Health District passed around the survey results from a Pedestrian Environmental Quality Index (PEQI) Survey that was recently conducted. Survey template was from the San Francisco Department of Public Health Program on Health, Equity and Sustainability. Discussion was held regarding the red zone (Poor Quality: Pedestrian Conditions Absent) vs the yellow zone (Average Quality: Pedestrian Quality). Allyson said she had personally conducted much of the survey and still had questions regarding the differences between the red and yellow areas. An in depth discussion was held regarding the value of a study using urban standards in a rural area. Walking corridors to schools were discussed. Dennis Whitehouse with School District #21 said that the school district has established a “Walk Zone”. The “Walk Zone” for elementary and middle school aged children is one mile from their school. The “Walk Zone” for high school aged children is one and a half miles from their school.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1) Crosswalk at 9<sup>th</sup> and Brewery Grade**

Staff told Commission members the crosswalk project will take place in September.

**2) Status of Sign at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Hostetler**

No change on the status of the County’s “Right Turn Permitted without Stopping sign”. Staff will try and contact the County for an update.

**3) Bus Parking at The Dalles High School**

Bill Barrier and Dennis Whitehouse will meet at the high school to discuss moving the crosswalk from the north side of the street to the south side of the street.

#### **4) ACTS Grants**

Bill said he had checked the ACTS Grants that were available and they were for schools and the parks and recreation districts. He said when he checked on it, he found there to be a lot of interest and also a lot of applications were submitted.

#### **5) Bike Master Plan**

Dale McCabe reported there was grant money available from the state for Transportation Master Plan, but there had been a lot of interest and the amounts were not that large. Dale said it would cost approximately \$220,000 to update our plan, and a decision was made to not apply at this time. Possibly money will be put in the 2013/14 budget for the update.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business at this time.

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

Cindy Keever  
Administrative Secretary  
City of The Dalles