

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
September 17, 2014

COMMISSION PRESENT: John Nelson, Frank Pyles, Fred Davis, Mike Kilkenney, Jim Bishop and Donna Lawrence

ABSENT MEMBERS: Chuck Covert

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

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Fred Davis asked to correct the August minutes. Under New Business, #1, in the 2nd paragraph Fred Davis' comments were re-written for clarity. Frank approved the minutes with the corrections. Jim seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATIONS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Weeds Adjacent to Railroad Right of Way

Bill Barrier reported he had contacted the new Railroad Track Master for the local area and they will spray for the Russian thistle along the tracks.

2) Street Trees and Visibility Issues

A discussion was held regarding areas that had recently been reported as needed trimmed. (or vegetation on trees needing trimmed). Chief Waterbury thought the lower branches on the tree on the south side had not been trimmed enough at the 6th and Court location. Bill will re-visit the area. Bill let the commission know the tree at 9th and Wright is dead but the ivy that has covered the tree (and is causing the visibility issue) needs to be removed. Both the tree and the ivy need to be removed for safety and visibility. Bill will work with the City's Code's Compliance officer to notify the property owner.

3) 14th and Lincoln – Approved Trees

Bill spoke with the County Extension Agent (Lynn Long) regarding the ornamental cherry trees at 14th and Lincoln. Spraying and maintenance of fruit trees are within his jurisdiction but ornamental non-bearing fruit trees are not. Donna Lawrence suggested contacting the property owner regarding site visibility problems that are being caused by his trees, but Fred Davis thought using the system in place (Codes Enforcement) was the best solution. Chief Waterbury asked if the Codes Enforcement Officer had been trained on visibility issues and clear vision triangle measurements. Dale McCabe did not think she had ever been given any information regarding

clear vision triangles. He will send her information. The Commission asked Bill to initiate letters (via the Codes Enforcement Officer) to property owners for maintenance of trees.

4) Driving Etiquette for Round About

John Nelson thanked the City for the Roundabout PSA that was sent to the area media

5) – School Signage

Dale McCabe updated the commission members regarding the school signs and ADA ramps around the high school and Sunrise Academy.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) ODOT Signs at 6th & Webber and 2nd & Webber

Bill let the commission members know that ODOT is installing “Yield to Oncoming Traffic” signs for both the north and south bound lanes at the 6th and Webber and 2nd and Webber intersection (with the 6th Street intersection already having been done).

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

Cindy Kever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles

Final approval



John Nelson