

SUBJECT TO COMMISSION
APPROVAL AT THE
NEXT REGULAR MEETING

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
September 18, 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, Dawn Marie Hert – Senior Planner, Tim McGlothlin – City Council Representative and Cindy Keever – Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: Shirley Hovda, property owner at 3302 W 2nd Street and Ethan Wray

John Nelson asked to have a correction under Commission Present. John Layson and Donna Lawrence were both present, not absent. Chuck Covert moved to approve the amended minutes. Jim Bishop seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATIONS:

Shirley Hovda explained to the Commission why she is concerned about the hazards to pedestrians in the area and vehicles entering and exiting her lot now that the stop sign at the corner of W 2nd and Hostetler has had a “Yield, Right Turn Permitted without Stopping” sign added to the stop sign. Dale McCabe suggested the members re-look at the area; the City will take some vision triangle measurements and will invite Marty Matherly with Wasco County to attend the October TSC meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Speed Study at 6th & Division

John Layson said he has driven the area and agrees that making a left hand turn is dangerous. Dale said he did not believe the speed study had been done yet at the 6th & Division intersection. He added the engineers will also do a visibility study so both pieces of information can be presented at the next meeting.

2) Kelly Avenue Sidewalk Improvements

Dale McCabe reported improvements have been completed. He said he visited the area during the student lunch time and it was working much better. He compiled data while he was watching the pedestrian traffic and noted that 89% of the kids used the new crosswalk area while walking east towards the store. 77% used the crosswalk when walking west, back towards the school. A discussion was held among members regarding having police presence to issue jay walking tickets. It was also discussed about notifying the school to have a reminder sent out to students regarding the new crosswalk and encouraging students to use it for everyone’s safety.

3) Webber Street Water Line Project

Dale McCabe told members the Webber Street project will begin once the locates are completed. Repaving of Webber will be in the spring of 2014.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Directional Signs in Alleys in Downtown Corridor

John Nelson reported he had walked all of the alleys in the downtown area checking on the signs in the alleys. He said they are inconsistently placed on buildings in addition to ones that are old and faded and have been vandalized with graffiti. John suggested signs by Zim's and between Court and Washington. Dawn Marie said directional signs can't always be placed on buildings because property owners won't allow it. Members agreed painted directional signs at alley entrances would be the most consistent.

2) Stop Sign Visibility Problem at 4th and Union Street - East Bound

Dale had received a concern regarding the visibility of the stop sign at 4th and Union Street. Citizen said cars traveling east bound on 4th frequently drive thru the stop sign because of the large van like vehicle that frequently parks near the corner. A suggestion was made to install a "Stop Ahead" sign to warn drivers of the upcoming stop sign.

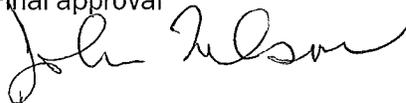
3) 5th & Court Street Parking Space Elimination

Mike Kilkeny noted the parking space on Court near 5th Street has not been yellowed out yet and people are still parking there. Once it has been painted yellow please advise the police department if violators are noticed.

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

Cindy Kever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles

Final approval



John Nelson