

SUBJECT TO COMMISSION  
APPROVAL AT THE  
NEXT REGULAR MEETING

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
November 17, 2012

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

ABSENT MEMBERS: Jamie Van Den Bosch

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

Chuck Covert moved to approve the minutes of the August meeting. Mike Kilkenny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1) Update of Kelly Avenue Traffic Study**

Dale McCabe gave an update regarding the Kittleson's traffic study report and his progress regarding contacting the adjacent property owners.

**2) Miscellaneous**

Mike Kilkenny asked about the timeline for repairs of the asphalt on West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in front of Casa El Mirador. Bill Barrier said he hoped to get something done during this season.

A discussion was held regarding the concrete crosswalks on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and how badly the asphalt has grooved and the "speed bumps" that have been created.

Tim McGlothlin gave updates regarding the sidewalk permit on Trevitt, the visibility issues near the taco stand on Chenowith Loop and traffic issues and health permit requirements for the taco stand at the 9<sup>th</sup> and Trevitt intersection.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1) Submittal of Project to ACTS Oregon for Brewery Grade Crosswalk Installation**

A letter and pictures were passed around for members to look at regarding the Brewery Grade, 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Dry Hollow Road project. John Nelson wrote a story for the Oregon ACTS Traffic Safety Connections newsletter. John's story and supporting pictures will be submitted for future publication.

## **2) Visibility Issues Exiting Alleys**

A discussion was held regarding the visibility problems that are caused when vehicles park too close to outlets from alleys.

## **3) West Bound Traffic in Roundabout**

Frank Pyles warned members to watch the west bound drivers that are entering the roundabout. West bound drivers accelerate to get in front of the traffic that is already in the roundabout, instead of yielding. Other commission member agreed they had experienced similar situations and expressed using caution.

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 Kever  
Administrative Secretary  
City of The Dalles

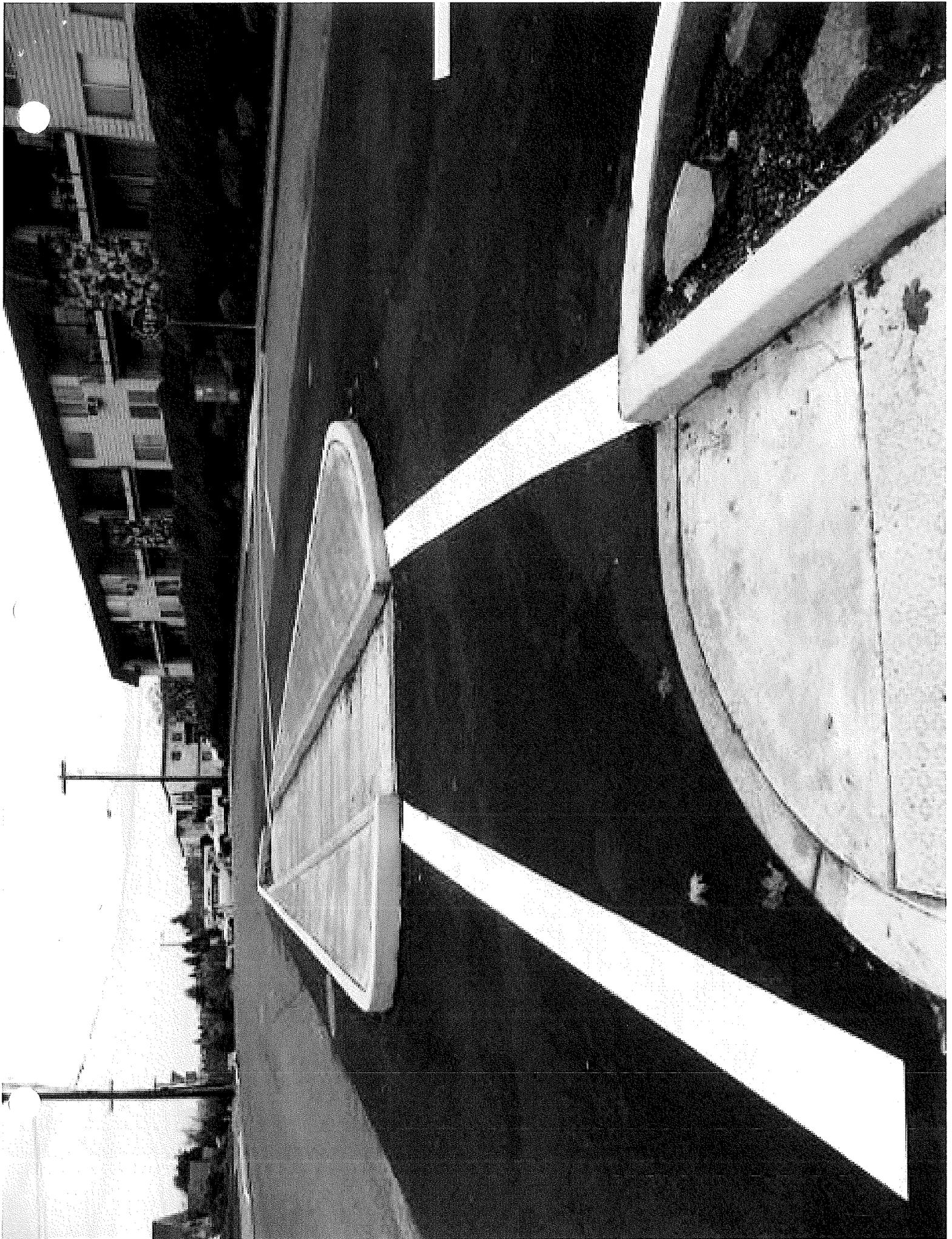
The Dalles is one of the oldest cities in Oregon. As such it has a collection of some very odd street intersections.

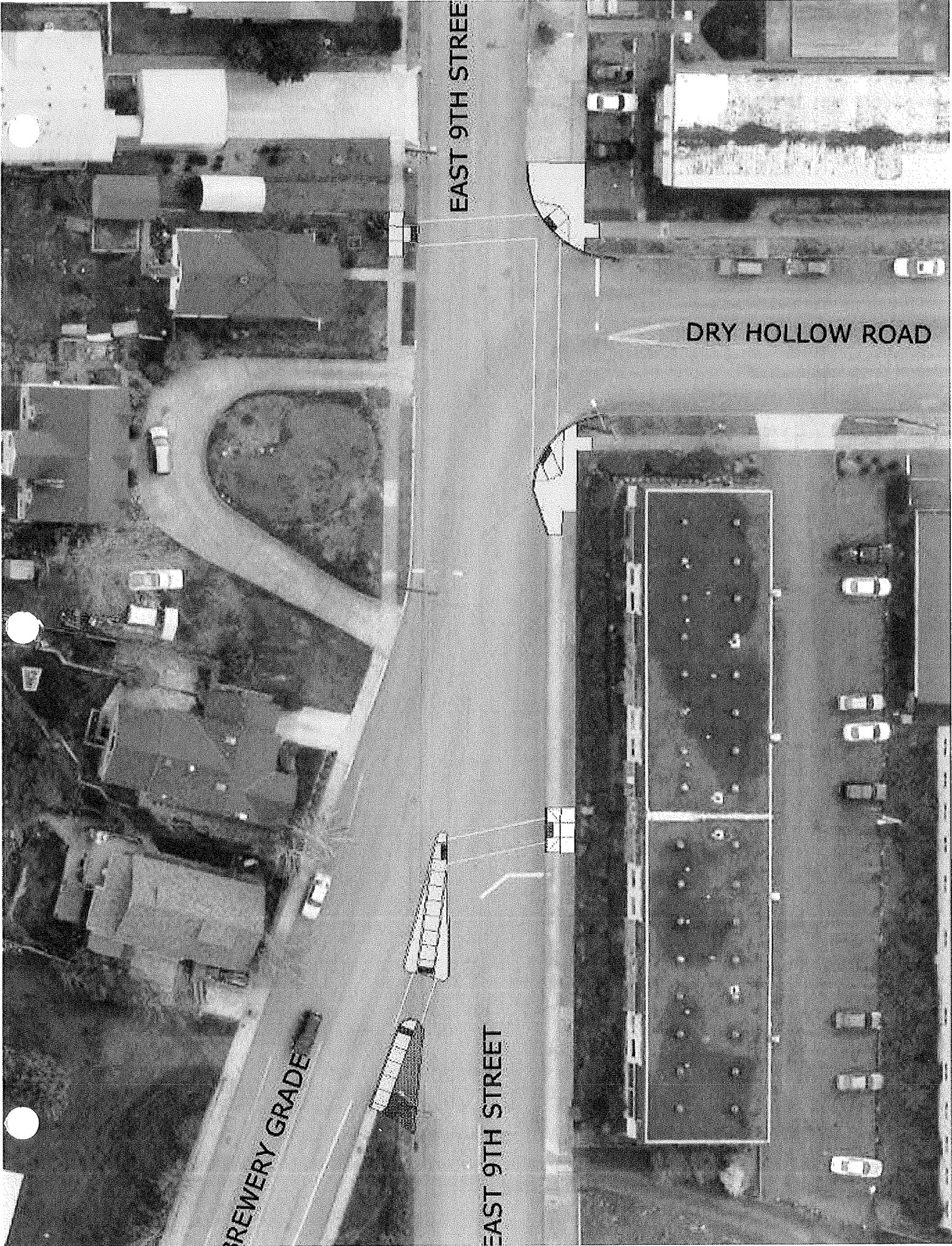
A year ago a citizen came to a traffic safety meeting to ask how to improve a most confusing intersection at the top of Brewery Grade. It functioned poorly for both the pedestrian and driver. A motorist traveling up the grade, would come abruptly to the top of the hill with the wide intersection of East Ninth Street. That motorist would have to make a quick determination about how to safely navigate a vast sea of asphalt with few markings, merge onto East Ninth traveling diagonally, and try to watch traffic entering the intersection where another major arterial intersected with East Ninth. Pedestrians crossing Ninth could find themselves stranded in the middle of this expanse of asphalt with the traffic situation suddenly changed.

The commission took action on this citizen's request and recommended that Public Works study the intersection and produce several designs to improve its safety. Within the year a solution was chosen using cement curbing, signage and crosswalk markings which improved safety for pedestrians crossing Ninth, and gave better visual guidance to drivers.

As shown in this example, the Traffic Safety Commission is proud of its ability to act upon citizen generated ideas and improve traffic and pedestrian safety in the community.







EAST 9TH STREET

DRY HOLLOW ROAD

BREWERY GRADE

EAST 9TH STREET