

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

November 19, 2014

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

ABSENT MEMBERS: Fred Davis

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Lisa Farquharson, The Dalles Chamber of Commerce President and Matthew Klebes, Director of The Dalles Main Street

Chuck Covert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mike Kilkenny seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1) Status of School Zone Signs and Curb Cuts around Sonrise Academy School**

Dale McCabe told the Commission the City will redo some of the radiuses on the sidewalks to make sure the intersections are ADA compliant. The City will also install or paint the crosswalk crossings. Sonrise Academy will be responsible for the purchase of the signs and the City will do the installation. This is a correction from the October 2014 minutes. Dale thought the cost of the signs would be approximately \$1000.

**2) Installation of Signs at 6<sup>th</sup> & Webber and at 2<sup>nd</sup> & Webber**

Bill updated the group that the installation of signs at 6<sup>th</sup> & Webber had been completed but the installation at 2<sup>nd</sup> & Webber had not been done yet. The signs have been ordered but not installed as the November meeting.

**3) Tree Root Causing Rough Road**

Bill reported nothing can be done during the cold weather. He will re-evaluate next spring.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1) Request for Reduction of Hours for Blinking Traffic Lights on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets**

Lisa Farquharson and Matt Klebes spoke to the group regarding changing the perception of the downtown area. A request was made to turn off the blinking traffic lights in the morning starting at 7:30a instead of 8:00a.m. A request was also made to discontinue the blinking lights on Sunday. A discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of these requests. Dale read excerpts from the MUTCD Manual regarding the Advantages and Disadvantages of Traffic Control Signals. It was decided Lisa would collect input from all businesses in the downtown area regarding their thoughts on changing the traffic lights. A survey of businesses that are open on Sunday will be conducted in the next month or so. The City will conduct traffic counts in the spring on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets (downtown area). This issue will return before the Traffic Safety Commission and more discussion regarding changing of the lights will be held at a later Traffic Safety Commission meeting in the spring.

**2) Miscellaneous**

Donna Lawrence voiced her concerns regarding drivers who speed on 4<sup>th</sup> Street Grade. Chief Waterbury will double check the area for speed signs and report his findings at the December meeting.

Chief Waterbury invited all Traffic Safety Commission members to do a Ride Along with the City Police.

John Nelson gave a brief update about the Planning Commissions City Infill discussions.

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

Cindy Keever  
Administrative Secretary  
City of The Dalles

Final approval



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John Nelson