

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

December 17, 2014

COMMISSION PRESENT: John Nelson, Fred Davis, Frank Pyles, Mike Kilkenny,  
Chuck Covert and Donna Lawrence

ABSENT MEMBERS: Jim Bishop

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: Alexis Keilman, Damon Spangle, Brian Goodwin and Jerry  
Johnson

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:**

Alexis Keilman and Damon Spangle distributed handouts from a Power Point presentation explaining why they think longboards should be allowed on the streets (similar to bike traffic) and how the City's ordinance could be worded (similarly to the Portland ordinance) to allow for longboards on the streets.

Some of the items Alexis discussed were: 1) Longboards can't be used to do tricks 2) Crashing isn't as likely (as when using a skateboard) if it is done in a safe environment 3) Longboard riders must abide by the traffic rules 4) Longboards can't be ridden after dark 5) Riding would only start after 7:00a because of the noise they make (follow curfew hours for noise ordinance) 6) Riders would wear some type of light to make themselves more visible 7) Summer is basically the only time to ride because of sanding gravel on edge of road

A discussion was held regarding how the message could get to the longboard riders that they must obey the laws, the importance of wearing a helmet and the need to police themselves so rules are followed. Chief Waterbury said our City ordinance needs a better definition of what a longboard is. Members agreed their biggest concerns were for the safety of both the riders and the drivers of vehicles. It was suggested that members continue to monitor the longboard issues and solutions in the Portland area which could then possibly be adapted to The Dalles ordinance at a later time.

Chuck Covert made a motion to deny the request to change the ordinance to allow longboard riders in The Dalles to ride in the street (currently the ordinance allows for the use of longboards on the sidewalks, except in the downtown area). Donna Lawrence seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1) Tree Trimming**

The question was asked if the trees were trimmed on Court Street just below the library, as it did not appear they had been trimmed. Bill Barrier thought they had been trimmed, but said he would double check and let the group know at the next meeting.

**2) Speed Signs on 4<sup>th</sup> Street**

Chief Waterbury checked 4<sup>th</sup> Street for adequate 20 mph signs and reported all necessary signs are in place.

**3) Signage for Mill Creek Bridge**

Bill reported Public Works will be adding additional truck signage regarding the Mill Creek Bridge on 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Additional signs will be installed at Trevitt and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place and on Mt. Hood and 6<sup>th</sup>.

**4) School Zone Signs near Sonrise Academy**

Fred Davis let the group know he had emailed Sonrise Academy informing them of their options.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

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

Cindy Keever  
Administrative Secretary  
City of The Dalles

Final approval



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John Nelson