

TIME: 7:00 A.M. *
PLACE: Recreation Cafe *
215 E. 2nd St. *

Kurt

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City of The Dalles, Oregon Regular Traffic Safety Commission Meeting

of

October 19, 1983

- I. MINUTES - Meeting Minutes of September 21, 1983.
- II. POSTPONED BUSINESS
 - A. TSMP Update - Will be ready for November meeting
 - B. Sight Distance Problem - Court Street between 8th & 9th
- III. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Request: No Parking Zone in Front of 201 Washington St.
(The Dalles Children's House of Montessori)
 - B. Request: Change of Parking Zone in Front of School
District Office.
 - C. Request: Check Accident Data on West Tenth Street
- IV. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Reinhart moved Cushing 2 to deny request.
pass unanimous
adequate area parking already
- B. Hall moved Reinhart 2 to table
pass unanimous
study parking in area & report back
- C. bring back accident history
(check reflectors)

→ E. 9th & Quenton ~ check possibility of reflectors
move snow 21st report to adjourn
mon. 7:30

MINUTES

CITY OF THE DALLES, OREGON
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

of
October 19, 1983
Recreation Cafe

COMMISSION PRESENT: Chairman Mike Courtney, Jack Rinehart, Harvey Prouty, Cecelia Cushing, Maury Snow, Don Hall.

COMMISSION ABSENT: Chris Zukin

STAFF PRESENT: Kurt Corey

VISITORS PRESENT: none

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 A.M. by Chairman Mike Courtney.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Prouty moved, seconded by Rinehart, to approve the September 21, 1983, meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST to Review Sight Distance Problem on Court Street between 8th Street and 9th Street

Commissioner Hall requested at the previous meeting that the east side of Court Street between 8th Street and 9th Street be investigated for sight distance problems associated with entering Court Street from the alley. Commission members in attendance indicated they had investigated the situation and agreed that the shrubs along Court Street were the problem source and should be trimmed. Commission recommended that the property owner be notified to trim the shrubs.

REQUEST for Loading Zone in Front of 201 Washington Street (The Dalles Children's House of Montessori)

A request was received from Susan Elwood, Administrator of The Dalles Children's House of Montessori to change the No Parking zone in front of their establishment to a five-minute loading zone for picking up and dropping off children. Staff opinion was that the request could be granted since traffic patterns would pose no safety hazard in allowing the loading zone. Commissioners felt that adequate parking exists both along the Washington Street curbside and in the City parking lot and that no safety hazard is demonstrated by the existing condition. Rinehart moved, Cushing seconded, to deny the request. Motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST to Change Loading Zone in Front of High School

A request was received from Steve Miller, Business Manager of School District 12 to relocate the existing loading zone approximately fifty feet easterly so as to allow a clear view of eastbound traffic to pedestrians using the east crosswalk in front of the high school on East 10th Street. A letter was presented from City Attorney Bill Cloran endorsing the School District's request. The consensus of Commission's opinion was that possible side effects of the relocation were not readily discernible, in particular the restoration of the existing loading zone to on-street parking spaces. Hall moved, seconded by Rinehart, to table the request until a staff report on the overall geometry and parking conditions is prepared and submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

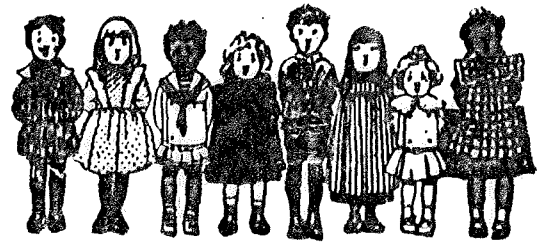
REQUEST to Review Accident Data on West 10th Street between Union Street and Cherry Heights Road

Chairman Courtney expressed concern over the number of parked cars being run into along West 10th Street. Staff recommended investigation of accident data along the route to determine if a single causative factor could be isolated. Commission requested that such information be prepared for the next regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business pending, Chairman Courtney adjourned the meeting at 7:30 A.M.

THE DALLES
Children's House
of Montessori
EDUCATION, INC.
201 Washington St.
The Dalles, Oregon 97058



September 28, 1983

To: The Dalles City Council
The Dalles Traffic Safety Board

Regarding: No Parking Zone in front of 201 Washington St.

Dear Sirs:

I would like to request that the No Parking Zone marked with a yellow curb in front of 201 Washington be changed to a maximum 5 (five) minute parking Loading Zone.

This building address now houses The Dalles Children's House of Montessori, a pre-school for children ages 2½ to 6. Because of the nature of our business, it is vital to have a area directly out of the front door that can be used for short periods of time while parents walk their children into the classroom, or escort them out to the car after class.

Due to the very young age of some of our children and the close proximity to a busy intersection (1st and Washington) and the railroad, I feel it would be in the best interests of the city to protect the safety of the children by allowing the parents to park for no more than 5 minutes directly in front of the school entrance. This way the parents will not be forced to escort children across the railroad tracks or the busy street. As a young mother myself, I can vouch for the unpredictable nature of the pre-school child and their amazing ability to worm their way out of a parent's grasp and dart quickly into a street.

Attached is a diagram of the intersection at 1st and Washington. As you can see, there is an ample area already marked with the yellow curb. There is no obstacle to parking here: the visibility is excellent, there are no fire hydrants, 1st street is a one-way street (which will prevent unseen traffic from coming suddenly around the corner in a hazardous fashion).

I was informed by the owner of the building, Ray Matthew that this zone was at one time a loading zone when the building was used as a warehouse.

We do not request that the city do more than declare this area a loading zone. The curb, as previously stated, is already painted and there is no particular need (on our part) to have the city go to the expense of erecting a sign. We can simply inform our parents of the 5 minute parking zone.

School is starting on October 3, 1983. Children will be dropped off from 8:25 to 8:35, and picked up from 11:30 to 11:40. There is a possibility that we may have an afternoon class next year from 1:00 to 4:00. In event that class materializes, we would foresee drop offs from 12:55 to 1:05 and pick-ups from 4:00 to 4:10.

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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Because of the fact that school will be in session beginning next week, I ask you to turn your immediate attention to this problem.

Our parents have been informed that the area is currently designated as a No Parking Zone, and that we will notify them if the status of the Zone changes.

I apologize if the 'rush' nature of this is an inconvenience. It was only brought to my attention in the past week, due to the several vehicles that had been ticketed while unloading in that zone (including the Northwest Natural Gas Co. truck) that the zone was in fact NOT legally a loading zone.

Part of our criteria in selecting a school location had been that it had to have a loading zone as per city ordinances. Now, after investing over \$150 dollars in interior renovation, we cannot afford to move.

I ask you to please take swift action for the safety of our children.

Sincerely,

Susan Elwood

Susan Elwood, Administrator
The Dalles Children's
House of Montessori
201 Washington
The Dalles

(6-6549)

6-1292



The Dalles School District No. 12

September 29, 1983

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of The Dalles
c/o Del Cesar, City Manager
313 Court Street
The Dalles, OR 97058

RE: Parking in front of School District Office

Dear Sir:

At present, an area on 10th Street in front of the District Office is being used for official school district vehicles and a loading zone. This area is the width of Court Street and is between two crosswalks at the end of Court Street on 10th Street.

It was recently brought to our attention that a serious safety hazard exists when our small school bus is parked in this loading zone. The bus, because of its size, blocks the vision of the east crosswalk for eastbound traffic on 10th Street.

It is our request that we return this present loading area to public parking and designate a fifty foot space to the east side (toward Washington Street) of the most easterly crosswalk to be the official loading area.

We hope you will find this proposal acceptable.

Sincerely,

Steve Miller
Business Manager

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The Dallas School District #12

Fire hydrant



District Office

Proposed Loading
Zone

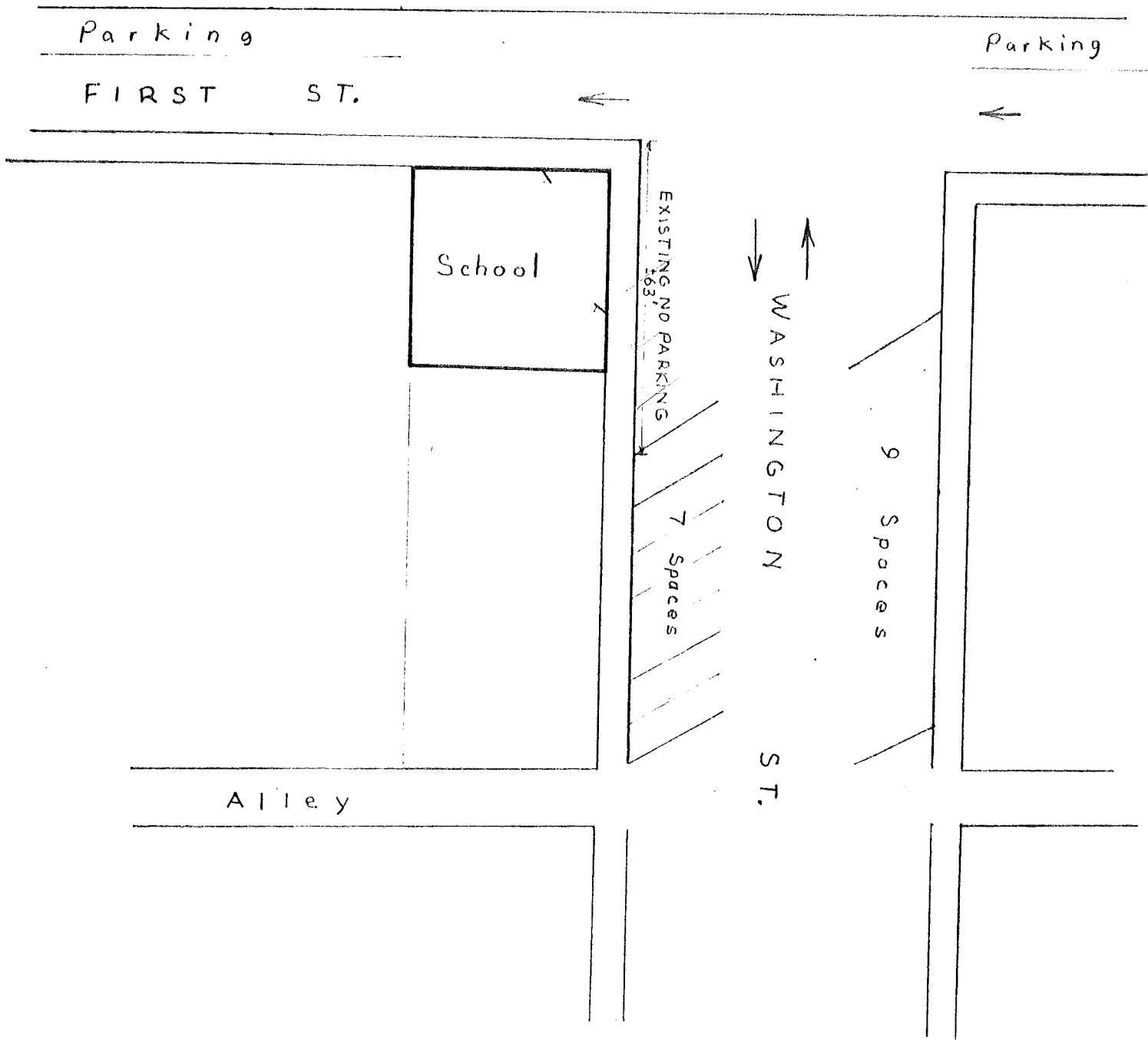
Current Loading Zone
(return to public parking)

East
Cross-
walk

West
Cross-
walk

10TH
Street

Court
Street



Scale: 1" = 30'



CITY of THE DALLES

313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON 97058

OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY

(503) 296-5481

September 30, 1983

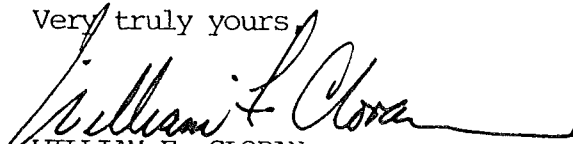
TO: Traffic Safety Commission
FROM: Bill Cloran, City Attorney
RE: Request of School District 12 to Relocate Parking Spaces

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am familiar with the request of School District 12 to relocate restricted parking/loading zones for their vehicles easterly of the east crosswalk at the intersection of 10th and Court Streets. I have personally observed the situation existing at this location and support the School District's request.

At present time, parking is located between the Court Street crosswalks or to the west of the west crosswalk. Students crossing from south to north are shielded from the view of eastbound traffic when the courier truck uses the loading zone. While one would like to believe that high school students would be cautious and look around the courier truck after entering the crosswalk to be sure that there was no eastbound traffic, they do not always do so. Moving the loading zone as suggested by Mr. Miller appears to be the best solution to the problem. I endorse the School District's request.

Very truly yours,


WILLIAM F. CLORAN
City Attorney

WFC/cm

cc: Rod McKee
Steve Miller