

Kurt Corey

NOTICE OF MEETING

CITY OF THE DALLES TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

February 15, 1984

Recreation Cafe, Mirror Room
215 E. 2nd St.
The Dalles, Oregon

7:00 A.M.

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. MINUTES - January 18, 1984
- IV. Council Minutes from January 3, 1984
- V. REQUESTS
 - 1. Truck Parking (letter from Teresa Hughes)
 - 2. "Playground" sign for Child Care Center
 - 3. Stop signs at Garrison and Pentland at West 7th St.
- VI. EAST TENTH STREET SURVEY REPORT

MEETING MINUTES

City of The Dalles Traffic Safety Commission

February 15, 1984

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 A.M. by Chairman Mike Courtney.

ROLL CALL

Commission Present: Chairman Mike Courtney, Maury Snow, Harvey Prouty,
Don Hall, Cecelia Cushing, Chris Zukin.
Commission Absent: Jack Rinehart.
Staff Present: Paul Nagy, Kurt Corey
Visitors Present: John and Teresa Hughes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Maury Snow moved, seconded by Don Hall to approve the January 18, 1984, meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed unanimously. Yes - Snow, Prouty, Hall, Cushing, Zukin. Absent - Rinehart.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 1984

City Council minutes reflecting council action on the November and December, 1983 Traffic Safety Commission proceedings were submitted for information with no action necessary.

REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 79-974A

Teresa Hughes was in attendance to question certain provisions of the ordinance regarding storage of vehicles on streets as follows:

- 1) The ordinance prohibits any vehicle over 8000 lb. gross weight from parking on city streets between the hours of 9:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. This would include all semi rigs, farm vehicles, most bread trucks and delivery vans, and some personal vehicles.

On a recent drive around town during the specified hours, more than one hundred such vehicles were noted on the streets.
- 2) The ordinance may be interpreted as also prohibiting off-street parking of such vehicles during the same hours. This would present both an inconvenience and a security concern.
- 3) The ordinance apparently allows that the trailer portion of a semi-rig legally park on the street while the tractor portion may not.
- 4) It is conceded that the prohibition of starting or running vehicles during sleeping hours may be justifiable, but the relation between parking and starting is unclear.

- 5) A Hughes vehicle was recently singled out for ordinance enforcement while the owner of another truck parked on the same block was not notified.
- 6) The Union Pacific lot has been suggested as a potential truck parking location; however, the property is currently leased by the City which consequently includes the property within the limitations of the ordinance.
- 7) Another section of the ordinance prohibits any vehicle from parking on the street for more than 48 consecutive hours. This apparently makes weekend parking illegal.
- 8) Mrs. Hughes suggested possible revision of the ordinance. If not, the ordinance should be unilaterally enforced.

Police Chief Paul Nagy submitted a letter and supporting information regarding the ordinance and was in attendance to address the noted concerns:

- 1) The ordinance covers a wide range of vehicles making enforcement difficult due to time and manpower constraints but not impossible.
- 2) The interpretation of the ordinance as to whether off-street parking is included would be a legal question. The ordinance is currently enforced as applicable only to on-street parking.
- 3) The existence of semi-trailers without tractors parked on the streets has not been noted to be a problem.
- 4) The ordinance could possibly be worded more appropriately to prohibit starting or running of noisy trucks in residential areas as well as parking.
- 5) The low ratio of patrolmen to trucks has mandated the policy of enforcement by complaint.
- 6) City-owned property could be utilized for truck storage or parking with City Council approval.
- 7) Although the 48-hour on-street parking limit could provide for illegal weekend parking, enforcement proceedings typically require several days. No vehicle is moved or impounded without exhaustive efforts to contact the owner prior to such moving or impoundment.
- 8) Repeal of the ordinance would not be in the best interest of the general population of The Dalles. Nagy offered to attempt program development for more consistent enforcement.

Following discussion, Chris Zukin moved, seconded by Snow to obtain an interpretation of the portion of the ordinance regarding off-street parking and that the ordinance be left intact if said interpretation yields that off-street truck parking is legal. Motion passed unanimously. Yes - Snow, Prouty, Hall, Cushing, Zukin. Absent - Rinehart.

REQUEST FOR WARNING SIGN NEAR THE DALLES CHILD CARE CENTER

Staff received a request from concerned citizens to place some type of warning signs along West 9th Street near The Dalles Child Care Center to make drivers aware of the large number of children in the area. A staff memo was submitted for Commission review stating that the concern may be legitimate and suggesting an appropriate sign placement per the MUTCD. Staff indicated that the signs would be an inexpensive preventive insurance and would also serve to warn delivery truck drivers serving the Ninth Street Shopping Center.

During discussion, Commission members stated that the area was generally well-patrolled and that parents could improve the safety by picking up and dropping off children along the Wright Street frontage. Additionally, the Commission was unsure as to the specific concerns registered in the request. Following discussion, Snow moved, seconded by Cushing to table the request until the next meeting so that supporting information could be submitted by those concerned and alternatives could be considered. Motion carried unanimously. Yes - Snow, Prouty, Hall, Cushing, Zukin. Absent - Rinehart.

REQUEST FOR STOP SIGNS AT GARRISON STREET AND PENTLAND STREET AT WEST 7TH STREET

A verbal request was received from Mr. Don Drake to place stop signs at the specified locations, citing a number of near-collisions as his basis for concern. A staff memo outlining Mr. Drake's concern and MUTCD warrants was submitted for review. During discussion, it was pointed out that:

- 1) None of the streets in question are high traffic generators,
- 2) The right-of-way rule provides adequate traffic control, and
- 3) The intersections do not have a high accident record.

Prouty moved, seconded by Snow to deny the request. Motion passed unanimously. Yes - Snow, Prouty, Hall, Cushing, Zukin.

EAST TENTH STREET SURVEY REPORT

The Engineering Department staff submitted a report and recommendation concerning the property owner survey in the East 10th Street area between Kelly Avenue and Lewis Street. The Engineer's recommendation was to widen the street by the elimination of parking strips, allow on-street parking along widened side(s) only, and to maintain the existing two-way traffic pattern. The Commission was advised that their options included rejection, acceptance, or modification of the report. Staff explained that widening one side with parking on one side would provide a street exceeding the minimum residential standard. Widening both sides would provide a residential standard street with parking allowed on both sides. Some blocks have curbside sidewalks, retaining walls, etc. which could greatly increase the expense. The Commission was also advised that funding alternatives were possible, including L.I.D.'s, city participation, direct petition from property owners, or a combination. The Commission generally concurred with the Engineer's report but was uncertain as to which blocks

and which sides have parking strips which could be removed. In that regard, a request was made for a map showing existing sidewalks and parking strips. Staff agreed to provide such a map for the next meeting when final action will be taken.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Staff briefly reported on the status of previous Commission proceedings and recommendations:

- 1) City Council concurred with the Commission recommendation to install a stop sign in the alley behind Recreation Lanes;
- 2) At the same meeting, Council authorized an engineering study be made of the Jefferson and Scenic Drive area; and
- 3) Ed LaRoque had been contacted and stated he had experienced no further problems with trucks blocking the alley behind his business and expressed his thanks for the Commission's efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business pending, Chairman Courtney adjourned the meeting at 8:20 A.M.



CITY of THE DALLES

313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON 97058

March 15, 1984

MEMORANDUM

TO: Traffic Safety Commission

FROM: Kurt Corey, Assistant to City Engineer *Kurt Corey*

RE: Intersection of E. 18th and E. 19th Streets near Dry Hollow Road

Attached for your information is a letter from Dr. Hal Sessions and a return letter from Mayor John Lundell. Dr. Sessions asks that the road (E. 18th Street) either be closed or improved. The intersection in question is as indicated on the attached map.

The unimproved portion of the roadway lies outside the City Limits; the City has no legal authority to regulate County roads. However, with City Council approval, a barricade could be constructed across East 18th Street at the end of the improved street (edge of City Limits) similar to other installations around the City where a safety hazard may exist in leaving an unimproved street open.

The improvement of this road section is a matter of consideration for Wasco County. If the road was improved, traffic volumes would no doubt warrant a stop sign at the intersection of 19th Street. This office would recommend submitting a request to Wasco County to grade and gravel the roadway and install a stop sign at the intersection.

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THE DALLES OREGON 97058
503-298-4133

March 1, 1983

John Lundell
Mayor
City of The Dalles
The Dalles, Oregon 97058

Dear Sir

I would like to bring to your attention what I consider to be a very dangerous situation here in The Dalles. As I drive from the corner of East 19th and Dry Hollow up the hill to East 19th there is a very dangerous non intersection. Many of the people living on 18th Street are driving down the unfinished end of the street through a basic dirt and gravel pathway and entering on 19th Street halfway downhill. Due to the lay of the land as you are coming up 19th Street you cannot see these people until they pull out into the street. This is obviously an unmarked intersection as they are not driving on a legal road. On two occasions in the past two months as people have pulled out of this gravel road I have had to slow down quite abruptly or swerve around them. This is a very poor visibility area and I think any casual observation by your office of this situation would reveal that.

I understand this sits on the border of the City and the County, but I must very firmly recommend that the street either be barricaded to end this illegal practice or that the road be completed and properly marked.

Thank you very much for your attention to this problem.

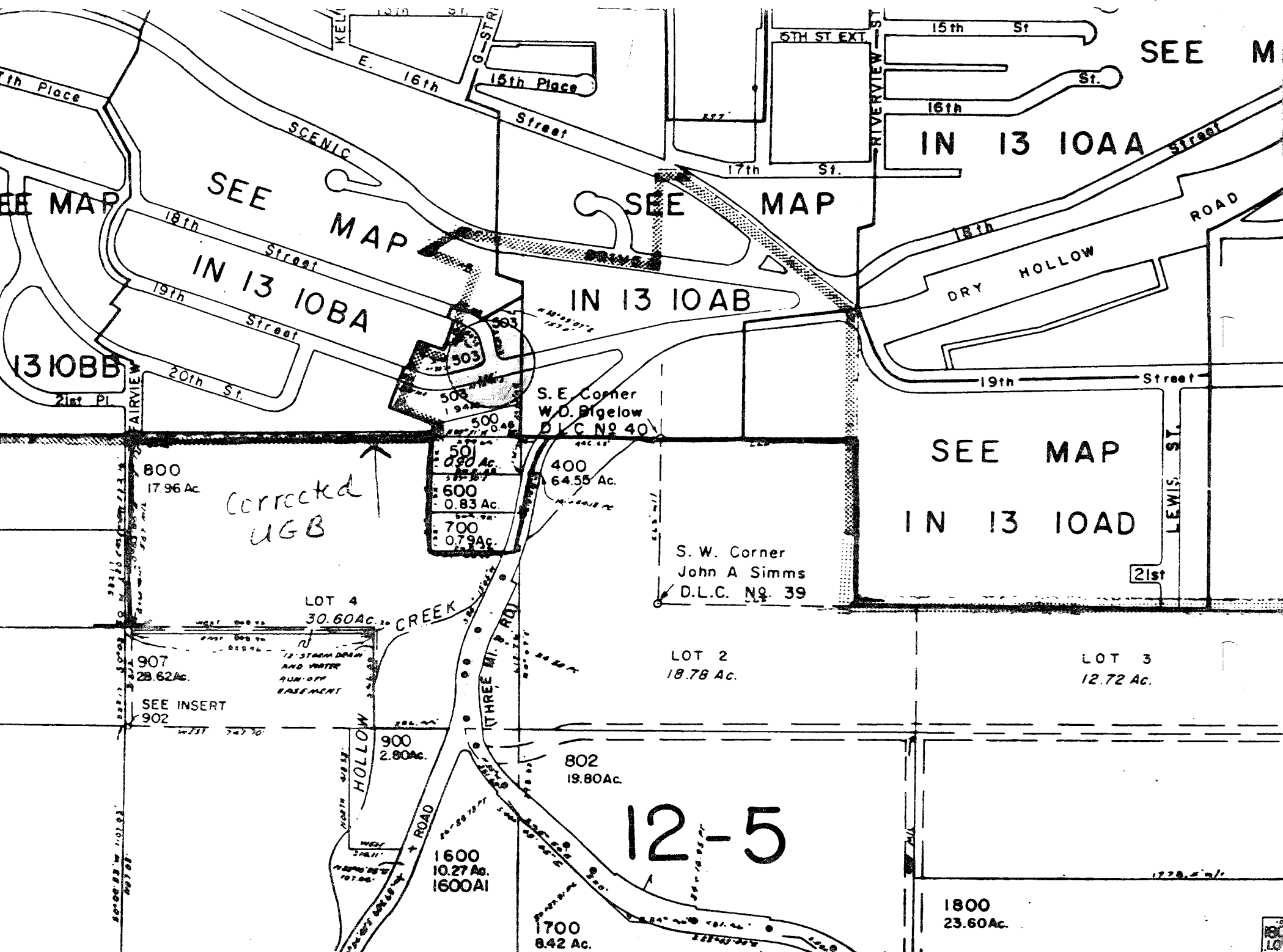
Sincerely yours

Hal R. Sessions III, M.D.

HRS/ssd

CLERK OF THE COURT MANAGER

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Traffic Safety Commission
FROM: Kurt Corey, Assistant to City Engineer
RE: East 10th Street Survey



At the February 15 regular meeting, a request was made for a map showing which sides of East 10th Street between Kelly Avenue and Lewis Street could be widened by the removal of parking strips.

Attached is the requested information with the red lines indicating existing parking strips.

