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NOTICE OF MEETING

CITY OF THE DALLES TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

March 21, 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 - FEBRUARY 15, 1984
- IV. COUNCIL MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 21, 1984
- ~~POSTPONED~~ BUSINESS
V. CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY ASSOCIATION - WASCO WEE-BUCKLE
Presentation by Jacque Corey
- VI. REQUESTS
Intersection Improvement, E. 18th & E. 19th Near Dry Hollow Rd.
- VII. EAST TENTH STREET SURVEY
VISITOR'S BUSINESS

MEETING MINUTES

City of The Dalles Traffic Safety Commission

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CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Commission Present: Jack Rinehart, Harvey Prouty, Maury Snow, Cecelia Cushing, Chairman Mike Courtney.
Commission Absent: Don Hall, Chris Zukin.
Staff Present: Kurt Corey, Assistant to City Engineer.
Visitors Present: Jacque Corey, Cliff Preston, Delbert and Cheryl Simila and family.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Maury Snow moved, seconded by Cecelia Cushing, to approve the February 15, 1984, meeting minutes as submitted. Motion passed unanimously. Yes - Rinehart, Prouty, Snow, Cushing. Absent - Hall, Zukin.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 1984 AND FEBRUARY 21, 1984

City Council minutes reflecting council action on the January, 1984 and February, 1984 Traffic Safety Commission proceedings were submitted for information only with no action necessary.

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY ASSOCIATION - WASCO WEE BUCKLE

Jacque Corey, Chairman of the Wasco Wee Buckle Child Passenger Safety Association, was in attendance to make a presentation outlining the goals and activities of the recently formed organization. The presentation stressed the importance of the proper use of passenger restraint systems, the structure of the legislative action which now specifies mandatory use of restraint systems for children under the age of five, the need for an organized educational effort to provide public awareness of both the legal and practical requirements for passenger restraint systems, and the organizations' goal to establish an infant safety seat loaner program. As a part of the presentation, a film prepared by the National Highway Traffic Safety Association was shown which dramatically portrayed the consequences of the failure or improper use of child restraint systems. In conclusion, the Traffic Safety Commission was requested to endorse the efforts of Wasco Wee-Buckle and to support a Mayoral proclamation for a Child Passenger Safety Week in The Dalles.

During discussion following the presentation, Cushing asked about financial support of Wasco Wee-Buckle. Mrs. Corey explained that pamphlets had been donated by Physicians for Automotive Safety, an organization with local participation of Dr. Jeff Hoffman of The Dalles. In addition, car seats for the loaner program would be acquired through local donations and no local tax support was being solicited. Rinehart questioned the prudence of loaning car seats and felt that damage and losses would be high. Rinehart also likened the loaner program to a welfare program. Mrs. Corey responded that the loaner program was only one of the Wasco Wee-Buckle goals with public education being of primary importance. She further explained that the loaner program was not a new concept but one that had been well received and highly successful in many other cities and counties.

Following discussion, Snow moved, seconded by Cushing, to endorse the Wasco Wee-Buckle Child Passenger Safety Association and to go on record in support of a Mayoral proclamation for a Child Passenger Safety Week in The Dalles to be prepared and submitted to City Council by the association. Motion carried 3-1. Yes - Prouty, Snow, Cushing. No - Rinehart. Absent - Hall, Zukin.

POSTPONED BUSINESS - REQUEST FOR WARNING SIGN NEAR THE DALLES CHILD CARE CENTER

Delbert and Cheryl Simila and their two children were in attendance to request warning signs near The Dalles Child Care Center at East 9th and Wright Sts. A verbal request had been received and submitted to the Commission at their February 15, 1984 regular meeting at which time the Commission requested additional information. Simila's presented a letter and a series of photographs to explain their concern for the safety of the large number of children crossing the street at certain times of the day. It was pointed out that no warning or speed zone signs are in place, no crosswalk exists, and no off-street parking for loading/unloading is available. The request was nonspecific but requested staff advice and Traffic Safety Commission approval of area safety improvements. A staff memo to the Commission in February recommended placement of playground warning signs as the most appropriate MUTCD sign placement.

During discussion, Chairman Courtney pointed out that several years ago when the Child Care Center opened, the Traffic Safety Commission expressed concern for locating upon a relatively high traffic street and recommended against allowing the Center to open on 9th Street. At that time, representatives of the Center gave assurance that the operation would remain small and that safety would not be a problem. Courtney stated that the earlier concerns were now being realized. Snow offered the possibility of loading/unloading along Wright Street as a safety measure to which Simila's replied that parking availability made 9th Street loading/unloading inevitable. Rinehart felt the recommendation constituted a "babysitting" measure and suggested that the safety of the children must rest primarily with both the parents and the Center. Cushing stated similar feelings. Courtney suggested correspondence with the Child Care Center to require on-site signs and/or education to make people more aware of the traffic conditions. Prouty stated that the warning signs did not seem like an unreasonable request and felt that the fact that the safety problem had been foreseen did not justify denying the request at this time. Following discussion, Snow moved, seconded by Prouty, to recommend the installation of two warning signs to be located by the City with the

condition that The Dalles Child Care Center be contacted to develop a method of warning the children and parents as well as the area traffic. Motion carried 2-0. Yes - Snow, Prouty. Abstaining - Rinehart, Cushing. Chairman Courtney indicated that his vote was in favor of the recommendation in order to let the record show that a majority in attendance favored the proposal.

VISITOR'S BUSINESS

Cliff Preston, 1502 E. 12th Street, was in attendance to request the Traffic Safety Commission to address some personal concerns relating to traffic safety in The Dalles. A letter to Mr. Preston from Director of Public Works Rod McKee was presented which suggested that Mr. Preston attend a Traffic Safety Commission meeting. Mr. Preston's concerns were outlined as follows:

- 1) Stop signs should be installed on Clark Street at East 11th Street and East 12th Street.
- 2) All the paved or improved streets within the City Limits should have painted yellow centerline striping since all other cities in Oregon stripe all of their streets.
- 3) Bicycle riding on sidewalks should be prohibited. In addition, wheel chair ramps encourage bicyclists to ride on sidewalks.
- 4) Westbound traffic on East Second Street should not be allowed to turn left onto Brewery Grade; also, with all the other problems around town, the City should not be spending so much effort on Brewery Grade because it is already safe enough and wide enough.
- 5) Most traffic on East 12th Street exceeds the 25 mph speed limit and the Police Department rarely patrols the area.

The points were addressed by staff as follows:

- 1) Clark Street is an unimproved dirt street which dead-ends at 12th Street; no current traffic count data is available. While the intersections may warrant stop signs by virtue of their school zone status and the levels of traffic on East 11th Street and East 12th Street, it is fairly obvious to the average driver that Clark Street is the minor street and must yield to the two cross streets. Stop signs would probably be routinely recommended as a part of a Clark Street improvement project. The improvement of Clark Street would be upon petition of the affected property owners. It was suggested that Mr. Preston approach School District 12 regarding the improvement. Chairman Courtney requested traffic data for a future meeting in order to more closely examine the existing condition.
- 2) Paint striping in The Dalles is performed annually within fiscal and manpower limitations. Little benefit could be derived from paint striping every street within the City since the vast majority of streets serve only local residential traffic. Mr. Preston was asked to propose specific additions to the paint striping program which would serve to provide a net beneficial safety improvement to major traveled routes.

- 3) City ordinance does not currently prohibit bicycles on sidewalks; however, no previous complaints have been received to indicate that a widespread problem exists. The City also lacks a system of designated bicycle routes which may compound the problem. Regarding wheelchair ramps, the Engineering Department is committed to a program of installing wheelchair ramps wherever possible and sees the program as one of particular benefit. Comments will be requested from the City Police Department.
- 4) The westbound left hand turn at East 2nd Street onto Brewery Grade has been proposed to be eliminated in previous traffic studies. East 2nd Street is under the jurisdiction of the State Highway Department at Brewery Grade and any action would be subject to a study and approval by that agency.

It is hoped and anticipated that the intersection geometry will be improved along with the improvement of Brewery Grade. The decision to improve Brewery Grade was made several years ago; the Engineering Department concurs with the need to improve the alignment and traffic capacity from a traffic engineering and safety standpoint.

- 5) Several Commission members in attendance noted that they often see City Police radar units along East 12th Street and that the area is generally well patrolled. Mr. Preston was advised to make a formal complaint to the Police Department if the problem persists since enforcement of traffic laws is not one of the responsibilities of the Traffic Safety Commission.

Following discussion, Mr. Preston offered to escort members of the Commission around town to observe other noted deficiencies. The consensus of the members in attendance was that Commissioner Don Hall would be the most appropriate representative to accompany Mr. Preston on such a tour and that Mr. Hall would be urged to schedule a meeting with Mr. Preston.

REQUEST FOR INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, EAST 18th AND EAST 19th STREETS NEAR DRY HOLLOW ROAD

A letter was received from Dr. Hal Sessions requesting that the unimproved road connecting the end of East 18th Street with East 19th Street either be improved or barricaded. A staff memo was submitted suggesting that since the unimproved portion lies outside the City Limits, that Wasco County be requested to grade and gravel the lower street area and install a stop sign at East 19th Street. During discussion, Rinehart stated that partially improving the street would create a continual maintenance problem for the County and suggested barricading the end of East 18th Street. Staff pointed out that the end of the improved street area lies beyond the crest of a vertical curve and additional warning signs would be required if a barricade was installed. Following discussion, Rinehart moved, seconded by Prouty, to barricade the end of East 18th Street so as to allow access to all existing residences and to install necessary warning signs. Motion passed unanimously. Yes - Rinehart, Prouty, Snow, Cushing. Absent - Hall, Zukin.

EAST TENTH STREET SURVEY

The engineer's report and recommendation was submitted to the Commission for review at their February 15, 1984 regular meeting. The Commission at that time requested a map showing the locations of existing parking strips, a copy of which was included for review. The Engineer's recommendation previously submitted called for widening by the elimination of parking strips, allowing on-street parking along widened side(s) only, and maintaining the existing two-way traffic pattern. During discussion, it was pointed out that no parking strips exist on either side from approximately two hundred feet west of Clark Street and extending to Lewis Street. Staff explained that the platted East 10th Street right-of-way in this area was only forty feet; since existing parking strips are generally located along the south side, it would seem most appropriate to widen the south side through this area as well, a matter which would require either right-of-way acquisition or elimination of sidewalk. Commissioner Snow asked about financial obligation of relocating utility poles. Staff replied that, in general, the utilities could be requested to relocate poles within existing rights-of-way at no charge. Following discussion, Rinehart moved, seconded by Snow, to endorse the Engineer's recommendation with the following additions:

- 1) Widening should be concentrated along the south side to make the best use of existing available parking strips;
- 2) Recommend elimination of sidewalk along south side from two hundred feet west of Clark Street to Lewis Street in order to accommodate five-foot widening of street area;
- 3) Request City Council to determine course of action regarding procedure, time frame, and funding alternatives for the improvement project. Motion passed unanimously. Yes - Rinehart, Prouty, Snow, Cushing. Absent - Hall, Zukin.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business pending, Chairman Courtney adjourned the meeting at 8:25 A.M.

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Library Board - Meeting Minutes of March 14th, 1984

The Library Board's meeting minutes of March 14th, 1984 were presented to Council as information only and no action was taken.

Planning Commission - Meeting Minutes of March 15th, 1984

The Planning Commission's meeting minutes of March 15th, 1984 were presented to Council as information only and no action was taken.

Traffic Safety Commission - Meeting Minutes of March 21st, 1984

Assistant City Engineer Kurt Corey was present at the Council meeting to discuss Traffic Safety Commission recommendations that were a result of the Commission's March 21st meeting.

Warning Signs Placement - The Dalles Child Care Center on W. 9th Street

Merritt Probstfield moved, seconded by Susan Woods, to approve installation of warning signs for the Child Care Center on W. 9th Street.

Intersection Improvements/ E. 18th and E. 19th Streets, Near Dry Hollow Road.

Hazel Phillips moved, seconded by Dewanda Clark, to refer the intersection improvements at E. 18th and E. 19th Streets to staff who will meet with the County Engineer for study and report. The recommendation of the Traffic Safety Commission was denied at this time which was to barricade the end of E. 18th Street where it intersects E. 19th Street, near Dry Hollow Road. The motion carried unanimously. Yes - Mabrey, Woods, Clark, Phillips and Probstfield.

CITY MANAGER

Request/ Set Public Hearing Date to Amend Sign Ordinance

Sue Woods moved, seconded by Dewanda Clark, to call for a public hearing for the next City Council meeting, April 16th, to consider a change in the sign ordinance. Motion carried unanimously. Yes - Mabrey, Clark, Probstfield, Phillips and Woods.

April Meeting Dates

The April meeting dates were presented by City Manager Cesar. Two additional meetings were added to its context. First, the Solid Waste Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 11th at 7:30 p.m.; secondly, the Budget Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 23rd at 7:30 p.m.

New Fixed Base Operators (FBOs') at Airport

Airport Commission Chairman Ronald Somers was present at the Council meeting and announced that Mr. Don Mobley of Cascade Flight Center wished to relinquish FBO contact with the City. Further, he conveyed the Commission recommends that

Recreation & Parks

Discussion/ Funding of Natatorium Repairs

An expected report from an engineering firm of Seattle, Washington, had not yet arrived and therefore discussion will occur at the next Council meeting, April 16th, 1984.

REQUESTS & PETITIONS

Request/ Placement of Recycling Decals on Garbage Container Lids - by, Art Braun, The Dalles Disposal Service, Inc.

Art Braun, Owner of The Dalles Disposal Service, Inc. was present to request permission to place decals on all garbage can containers within the City. The decals to call attention to recycling.

Hazel Phillips moved, seconded by Merritt Probstfield, to refer Mr. Braun's requests to the Solid Waste Committee, scheduled to meet Wednesday, April 11th, 7:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Yes - Mabrey, Woods, Probstfield, Clark and Phillips.

Request/ Vacate Alley between Lincoln and Pentland Streets and between W. 11th and W. 12th Streets.

The request to vacate the alley between Lincoln and Pentland Streets and between W. 11th and W. 12th Streets was referred to the Planning Commission for further review as moved by Dewanda Clark and seconded by Hazel Phillips. The motion carried unanimously. Yes - Mabrey, Probstfield, Phillips, Clark and Woods.

Request/ Basic Service Rate Increase - by, Cox Cable The Dalles

The request to increase the basic cable fee for Cox Cable The Dalles was presented to Council as information only. As per the new franchise with Cox Cable, the Council has 30 days to consider the request.

Request/ O.L.C.C. Package License for Short Stop Market and Mobil Station for New Outlet, Package License

City Manager Cesar read a report from the Police Department regarding the Short Stop Market and Mobil Station requesting a package license from O.L.C.C.

Sue Woods then moved, seconded by Merritt Probstfield, to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously. Yes - Woods, Clark, Phillips, Mabrey and Probstfield.

COMMISSION & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Committee - Meeting Minutes of March 21st, 1984

The Budget Committee's meeting minutes of March 21st, 1984 had been presented to Council as information only and no action was taken.