

TIME: 7:00 a.m.
PLACE: The Dalles Public Works Department
Conference Room
1215 W 1st Street
The Dalles OR 97058

AGENDA
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
JUNE 18, 2014

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 21, 2014
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT
- V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION OR PRESENTATIONS
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Resignation of John Layson
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
June 18, 2014

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

ABSENT MEMBERS: John Layson

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Tim McGlothlin – Council Representative and Cindy Keever – Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: Ethan Wray

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

PUBLIC COMMENT/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATIONS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) 10th & Thompson

John Nelson asked Tim McGlothlin if he had talked to the City Council regarding concerns the Traffic Safety Commission members have regarding the 10th and Thompson budget item. Tim has not, but will ask to have it put on next month's agenda.

2) Site Issues at 12th & Thompson Intersection

John asked Dale McCabe if any of the shrubs have been trimmed. When cars are parked on the east side and are looking south it is difficult to see traffic traveling down the hill. Dale was not sure if any trimming had been done. Dale told members the manufactured home and shrubs on the SE corner are both on private property and they are not causing a site problem. The power pole that is set at the corner is causing the visibility issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Resignation of John Layson

A letter was received from John Layson regretfully submitting his resignation as a Traffic Safety Commission member effective immediately. John's letter was forwarded to the City Clerk and the City has begun accepting applications for the vacated position.

2) Site Visibility Issues

A discussion was held regarding various locations that need vegetation trimmed or even possibly removed.

- * Alley west of Union Street between 12th & 13th needs the shrubs trimmed.
- * Traffic heading east and west while entering into the roundabout, the vegetation (Russian Sage), is too tall and needs trimmed because it is difficult to see the traffic that is already in the roundabout.
- * At 14th and Lincoln the trees planted in the parking strip are making it difficult to look west and see oncoming traffic. Dale will do a vision triangle and report back to the Commission.
- * On 14th Street, west of Kelly Avenue, there is a large fishing boat that parks on the street. Although cones are put at the corners to help with visibility, the road is too narrow to park the large boat on the street. Information will be passed along to the Police Chief.

3) I84 Exit 83 Off Ramp and West 6th Street

Donna Lawrence brought up the difficulty of entering onto West 6th Street from I84's Exit 83 (in front of Denny's Restaurant). This area has been discussed many times over the years because of the continuing difficulty when making a left hand turn onto West 6th. Discussion evolved regarding the large volume of traffic on 6th Street during the day and the substantial increase in traffic (4000 to 5000 cars) during cherry harvest and the change in traffic that could occur when the old Armory site is developed. The question was asked if a traffic light is proposed for this intersection. Dale will contact ODOT regarding the questions and ask about ODOT's future plans for this exit and report back to the Commission.

4) 7th Street Extension

Dale gave an update regarding the new West 7th Street that is being designed and the MOG Transportation Center.

5) 1st and Union (Boat Dock Area) Congestion

Tim McGlothlin reported the trash from the docked cruise ships was being carried across 1st Street to waiting garbage trucks which was causing added congestion to the area. The Dalles Disposal trucks have changed their pickup route and are now parking on the river side of 1st Street so their employees no longer need to walk across 1st Street.


6) PSA for Roundabout Driving Rules

Tim McGlothlin recommended the Traffic Safety Commission put together a Public Service Announcement (PSA) letting drivers know what they need to do while in a roundabout. He suggested the PSA be put in the paper and on the radio and both an English and Spanish version should run too. All commissioners agreed this was a good idea.

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

Cindy Keever
Administrative Secretary
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Final approval



John Nelson

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Thursday, May 29, 2014

As I believe you may be aware, on April 28 I had a heart attack which required that I be air lifted to OSHU on Portland, where Dr. Chadderdon successfully implanted a stent into the appropriate artery. Unfortunately, about 6 hours later, after my wife and daughters had left for home, my heart developed ventricular tachycardia arrest. Dr. Chadderdon is the kind of person who does not take kindly to having his work undone by an ungrateful body, so he proceeded with compressions and paddles and managed to bring me back to life. Albeit with a couple of broken ribs but I am walking and talking which beats the long term vacation I was about to take.

Earlier this week I had my first intake session with the cardiac rehab nurse, who outlined the basics of a 10-13 week rehab program I will be going through beginning about mid-June. This program will take place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Monday and Friday are principally exercise and weight training which will take most of the morning. On Wednesday I will also have the exercise portion in the morning but it will also be followed by a classroom situation which will go until early afternoon (approx 2 pm.) With the combination of counseling, education, and physical therapy in this program I would expect to be in better physical shape at the end of summer than I was in April when I had the heart attack. However it is going to be a long, physically and emotionally demanding program of change which is going to test my will power I am sure. This is going to have to be my main focus this summer.

In addition, the doctors tell me that there are two other arteries in the same area which have great potential of causing another one or possibly two heart attacks of the same magnitude as the first. Because of the advanced stages of my COPD as well as a severely damaged kidneys as a result of the medications that I have had administered prior to the heart attack, I am told that preventive maintenance is not an option. I need to get myself into as good as possible shape and then if they happen hope that I survive them also.

The key point here is that I have been told to dial back my activity level as much as is possible and concentrate on getting my body back into a healthful state. For this reason I am now trying to make it as clear as possible that I am resigning my positions on all committees and boards that I presently serve upon. I will also be

dialing back my physical involvement in The Dalles Lions Club with the end of my term as President at the end of June.

Effective immediately I am resigning my positions on the following committees:

City of The Dalles Traffic & Safety Committee

City of The Dalles Budget Committee

City of The Dalles Sign code Committee

I am also resigning my position on the Board of Directors of Community Meals.

I wish each of these groups well in all future endeavors and please know that I did enjoy my service to each committee and to the Community Meals Program. I will miss working with each of you, but it is presently necessary to concentrate my efforts on my own physical well being.

Respectfully and regretfully,

John R. Layson

To Te Dalles Lions Club,

With the end of my term at the close of June, I will no longer accept any physical position within the club. I will continue to try to contribute to the good of the organization in any intellectual means possible but positions that will require physical output on my part will not be considered at least for the first year of my recovery

Chuck Covert

From: Jay Waterbury <jwaterbury@ci.the-dalles.or.us>
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2014 4:31 PM
To: 'Chuck Covert' (napatd@gorge.net)
Subject: Traffic Safety

Chuck,

I will not make the next traffic safety meeting. At the last one I came away with several issues to look at. Here is what I did and if you could pass it on I would appreciate it.

Speeders on E. 9th Dry Hollow to Quintion---was passed to the traffic officer and he did write a few tickets there.

Yellow parking spot across from The Dalles High at 10th and Washington---this was passed on to all the officers and I know it has produced some tickets.

Yellow zone/bike lane parkers at River Road and Webber---passed on to the troops.

Slow moving sign on the back of a horse cart. Are they required to any and how many? Need to have one. I haven't had a chance to talk to her yet but will try when I get back from vacation.

Thanx

Jay

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