

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
MARCH 18, 2015

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 18, 2015
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT
- V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION OR PRESENTATIONS
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
- A.
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

March 18, 2015

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

ABSENT MEMBERS: Jim Bishop

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Bill Barrier – Transportation Manager, Russ Brown – Council Representative and Cindy Keever – Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: Clay Smith

Chuck Covert made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Frank Pyles seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATIONS:

Clay Smith expressed his frustration with people who park in the bike lane for one to three days at a time, especially along 10th Street. Clay said he has called those vehicles into the police but doesn't seem to get a response. A discussion was held regarding abandoned vehicles vs vehicles that are parked illegally and the different tickets that are given out. Chief Waterbury advised Clay to call the Police Department again if he sees no response from the illegally parked vehicle as the first call may easily get prioritized behind emergency situations.

Clay also wanted to voice his displeasure regarding the middle of the roundabout and what he sees as an obstruction in the middle. Dale McCabe noted the roundabout was designed without a clear view to the other side so that drivers will maintain slower speeds and proceed with caution throughout.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Tree Trimming

Bill Barrier said the Transportation Division has not had a chance to trim the trees on Court Street, but will as soon as the plumage starts.

2) Bus Traffic Traveling Down Jefferson between Scenic Drive and 14th Street

Donna Lawrence reported she witnessed a bus driving down Jefferson. There is signage that says no truck traffic, but nothing saying no bus traffic. More discussion is needed with the tour companies and their bus drivers.

3) Update of Scenic Drive Project

Dale reported the City had met with the Chronicle and all is going well on the Scenic Drive Phase I project.

4) 6th & Liberty Pothole

Bill told the group he will look at the area needing pothole repair work and will fix it as soon as the asphalt plants are up and running and the hot mix is available.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Scenic Drive Property Owners Concerned About Visibility Issues and Speeding In The Area

Dale reported that during the meeting with the property owners on Scenic Drive the people had two major concerns. People in the area had concerns about people driving too fast thru that area. Dale told the people at the meeting about the Radar Gun Program available thru the local Police Department. Property owners were also concerned about the lack of visibility in two places on Jefferson and Scenic Drive. At the top of Jefferson, heading south and looking towards the east a fence blocks some of the visibility and heading north, looking east on Scenic Drive the cars parked along the curb make it difficult to see oncoming vehicles. Chief Waterbury will see if he can't get some extra patrols in the area to help slow drivers down.

2) New Business on 3rd Street near Liberty

Cindy Keever read a request from Lowell Lender with the Center for Living asking if some sort of warning sign or flags could be put up along 3rd Street letting drivers know there is a new business located in the old Windemere Building. A discussion was held regarding the new use of the building. No action at this time.

3) Safety of Trees in Right of Way

Fred Davis asked what the Commission's role was regarding privately owned trees in the parking strip. The tree under discussion is located near the high school at the corner of 10th & Court Street. One of the large branches is currently being propped up with a 4 x 4 post. Russ Brown suggested sending the property owner the new modified ordinance addressing Nuisance Trees. Technically this is not a traffic safety issue so no action was taken at this time.

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
City of The Dalles

Final approval



John Nelson

Cynthia Keever

From: Cynthia Keever
ant: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 4:06 PM
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Cc: rbrown@skyride.net; Bill Barrier; Dale McCabe; Dawn Hert; Jay Waterbury
Subject: 3rd & Liberty - Center for Living

Hi All - I just received a call from a gentleman named Lowell Lender @ Center for Living which is now located in the downtown corridor in the old Windemere building near 3rd and Liberty. Staff is concerned about the traffic that rapidly comes around the corner at Lincoln, that drivers are probably not aware that the building is now housing children, and the problem of trying to get drivers to stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk.

They are not sure what can be done to alert drivers of the changes in the area, but would like to come in and brainstorm with the committee. Lowell will try to have someone come in and meet with the group in the morning, but because of the short notice it may be the April meeting before they can get any representation.

Just wanted to give everyone a heads up.

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