

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
April 17, 2019

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 20, 2019
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
 - A) Yellow Curb on 2nd at ^{Washington} ~~Union~~ Street
 - B) Driver Feedback from Sign on Dry Hollow
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 - A) Introduction of New Member – Robert Kuenzinger exp. 2B
 - B) Re-Appointment – Fred Davis exp. 2B
- VI. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

of
April 17, 2019
7:00a

COMMISSION PRESENT: Frank Pyles, Fred Davis, Robert Kuenzinger, Mike Kilkenny, Brent Bybee and Michael Holloran

ABSENT MEMBERS: Larry Fairclo

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Chris Harrell – Transportation Manager, Russ Brown – City Council representative, Jeff Kienlen – Police Safety Officer and Cindy Keever – Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

Mike Kilkenny made a motion to approve the March minutes. Brent Bybee seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS:

A) Yellow Curb on 2nd near Washington Street Intersection

Chris Harrell told the members the yellow curb on 2nd Street had been extended approximately 3.5 more feet, to meet the requested suggestion of 50 feet. No further action needed.

B) Driver Feedback from Sign on Dry Hollow

Chris also told the group that the Driver Feedback sign was going to be installed the week of April 22nd. He explained how the new sign will work and where the thermoplastic markings will be put into the pavement and where the new and different signs will be installed. No further action needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Introduction of New Member – Robert Kuenzinger

Robert Kuenzinger has been appointed to fill the vacancy of Donna Lawrence's term on the Traffic Safety Commission. His term will expire on April 30, 2021.

B) Re-appointment – Fred Davis

Fred David has been re-appointed to the Traffic Safety Commission with his term to expire on April 30, 2023.

C)

Dale McCabe brought a concern to the group from a citizen who recently experienced an accident at the intersection of 9th and Union. Driver was concerned about the lack of visibility when on 9th Street heading east. When stopped at the stop sign the parked cars on Union Street make it very difficult to see cars coming up the hill. Citizen suggested making the intersection a 4-way stop.

A discussion was held regarding the visibility. While members agreed it is difficult to see oncoming traffic they reminded all there are intersections similar to this all over town because of on street parking and drivers must carefully ease into the intersection when crossing.

Frank Pyles made a motion to have staff to do a Clear Vision Triangle study and bring results to the May meeting to see if changes need to occur. Brent seconded the motion. Mike Kilkenney and Fred Davis said yay to the motion. Michael Holloran and Robert Kuenzinger said nay to the motion. Item will be on May agenda.

D) Miscellaneous

Officer Kienlen suggested lowing the speed on Webber near 10th Street. Discussion followed.

Brent Bybee talked with the group regarding the need for painting the traffic lines and a discussion was held regarding the quality of the paint that is now available and possible other solutions.

Brent also suggested looking at getting a bike route that would take bicyclists through town. Dale said it is already in the discussion stage.

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

Cindy Keever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles Public Works

Final approval



Frank Pyles

Dale McCabe

From: Nikki Lesich
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 2:54 PM
To: Dave Anderson
Cc: Dale McCabe
Subject: FW: Intersection of Union and w 9th st

Importance: High

Forwarding to you to address.

Thanks,

Nikki

Subject: RE: Intersection of Union and w 9th st

Nikki: I would forward this email to Public Works. They can decide if this may be an issue that could be presented to the Traffic Safety Commission.

Gene

-----Original Message-----

From: citysite@ci.the-dalles.or.us [mailto:citysite@ci.the-dalles.or.us]

Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 7:04 AM

To: Nikki Lesich

Subject: Intersection of Union and w 9th st

Submitted on Friday, April 12, 2019 - 07:04 Submitted by anonymous user: 209.216.177.118 Submitted values are:

Date: 04/12/2019

Address or location of nuisance: Intersection of Union and w 9th st Owner if known:

Nature of complaint: I was involved in my FIRST accident in this intersection. During the process of exchanging information with other involved party and paperwork from the city police officer on sight.....I was informed from both the police officer and bystander who lives on w 9th st that this was the 3rd accident there in just 3 months!! I came to a stop at the stop sign on w 9th st heading east. Looked to my left and then my right before proceeding to cross the intersection. When I looked to the left, Union st had three cars parked that obstructed my view completely of a vehicle coming up the hill, so when I proceeded to cross the intersection, the other car and I had an accident. It was to late for me to do anything and I hit the car on the back passenger tire. I have court next week for a citation I got for failure to obey traffic device 811.265. How can I fail to follow traffic device if I do NOT see a car coming up the hill after coming to a stop and looking in both directions? I am going to fight this citation, I also had a passenger with me who is going to write me her statement that I followed the traffic device by stopping at the sign. I can not yield to a vehicle that I do not see coming up the hill. I REALLY think something needs to change at this intersection. Possibly making the intersection a 4 way stop.

Complainant's name: Tonya Fisher

Address: 1713 E 13th st The Dalles OR 97058 Telephone number: 5415613350 email address: headstrongmom@hotmail.com Would like to remain anonymous: no

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<http://www.ci.the-dalles.or.us/node/4095/submission/115>



CITY OF THE DALLES
Department of Public Works
1215 West First Street
The Dalles, Oregon 97058

PRESS RELEASE

DEADLINE: April 4, 2019

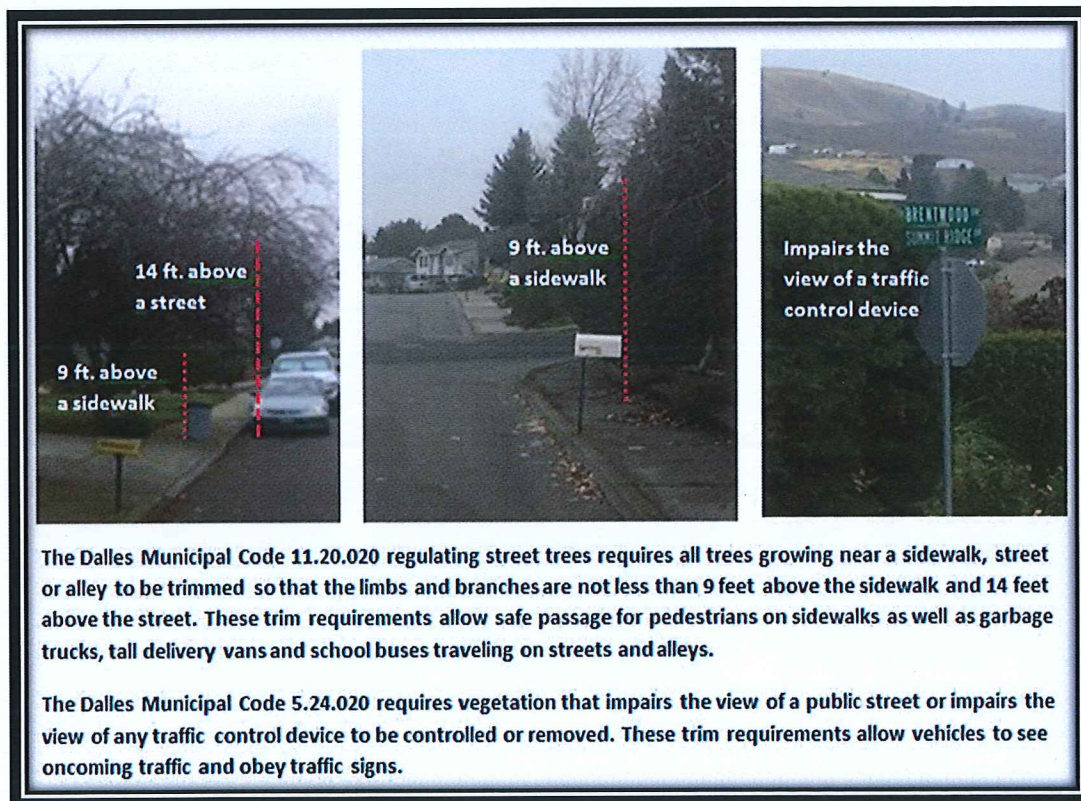
PURPOSE: EARLY SPRING PRUNING FOR SAFE STREETS

CONTACT: JILL HOYENGA, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (541) 506-2005

FOR RELEASE: IMMEDIATELY

This year the City is asking citizens to make a special effort to prevent unsightly damage to street trees that have low hanging branches. Trimming before collision breaks branches is healthier for trees. Tree trimming also prevents damage to tall vehicles like recreational vehicles, garbage trucks and school buses.

Property owners or occupants are responsible to care for trees in The Dalles, per The Dalles Municipal Code 11.20.020. City staff only takes care of City-owned trees in the Downtown Area. When branches block safe passage, the property owner or occupant is responsible to reduce the hazard. This is the case whether the tree is on their property or on the right-of-way next to their property.



Spring is a good time of year to trim trees and shrubs. Check the height of trees and shrubs that extend over sidewalks, streets and alleys. Trim deciduous plants before they leaf out to maintain safe clearances while preserving the beauty of mature plants.

Proper pruning is important for the health of your trees and shrubs. The Arbor Day Foundation offers a series of "Ask an Arborist" how-to videos to show you the ABCs of pruning. Other resources can be found on the internet or by consulting professionals.

According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration the most common tree trimming accidents are electrocution, falling from a tree or being struck by trees or limbs.

When in doubt about safely trimming trees, hire a professional arborist.

For more information about trimming trees and shrubs for traffic safety visit the City website thedalles.org/transportation or contact the Public Works Department at (541) 296-5401.

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Cynthia Keever

From: Izetta F. Grossman
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2019 1:14 PM
To: Cynthia Keever
Subject: Traffic Safety

Cindy

April 22 Council meeting the Mayor will:

Fred Davis reappointed for another term (exp. 4/30/2023)

Appoint: Robert Kuenzinger to fill Donna Lawrence's term (ex.4/30/2021)

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