

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
February 19, 2020

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 15, 2020
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. River Road Speed Reduction Request – McCabe
 - B. Webber Street b/t 8th & 10th Street Visibility Issues – Mills
 - C. 10th & Washington Crosswalk - McCabe
 - D. 6th & Pomona Turn Lane and Extra Signage - McCabe
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Washington & 10 – Crosswalk Safety Improvements – McCabe
 - B. Handicap Parking Space Request from 214 Court Street
 - C. New Council Representative
- VI. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING Of

February 19, 2020

7:00a

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

ABSENT MEMBERS: None

STAFF PRESENT: Jeff Kienlen – City Police; David Mills – Transportation Manager; Dale McCabe – City Engineer, and Cindy Keever – Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: Citizen Russ Brown and Jasen Tennison, Administrator in-Training at Columbia Basin Care facility.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Robert Kuenzinger made a motion to approve the January minutes with the correction of Fred Davis being listed twice under Commission Present and Frank Pyles asked that the wording be changed under New Business, item A, to say Speeding on Old Dufur Road and 10th Street and 12th Street. Fred Davis seconded the corrected minutes and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jasen Tennison handed out a packet of information regarding safety concerns and possible solutions for the cars exiting the Columbia Basin Care facility onto Webber Street. Commission members discussed the problems and possible solutions that are occurring with the cars being parked right next to the driveway. These cars are from the employees who are working at the Center for Living, where there is not enough parking on their own lot for their employees, the company vehicles and their patients. Dale will contact the Planning Department to let them know there is inadequate parking for the Center for Living employees and have more of a discussion on how to handle additional cars when the other lots in the area develop. Dale and David will conduct a site triangle and let members know how far back the yellow paint needs to be on the curb in order to meet the safety triangle criteria.

OLD BUSINESS:

A) River Road Speed Reduction Request.

Dale McCabe said the City has not looked into this issue yet. He is hoping this will happen later this spring.

B) 10th & Washington Crosswalk

Dale asked if everyone had had a chance to look at the area. Larry said he had went up and observed the traffic and pedestrians for a while. See attached handout of his findings. After discussion no significant changes to occur but David will make sure the crosswalk painting is all in good shape around all of the high school and he will look into beefing up the striping (continental striping) at this intersection. Staff will also make sure trees are trimmed and not blocking any signage near the crosswalks.

C) 6th and Pomona Turn Lane and Extra Signage

City staff went out on site and checked the reflectivity of the dots in that area and they looked good at night time but could use a little more help during the daylight hours. Traffic patterns in the area are scheduled to be

improved between 2021 and 2023 unless development occurs, causing updates to happen before the City's schedule.

6) 6th & Webber

Dale reported ODOT has ordered parts for the lights at that intersection. Changes will occur after parts are received.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Handicap Parking Space Request from 214 Court Street

A discussion was held regarding area handicap ramps, how many are in the area and what are the locations? It was noted 2nd & Court Street already has handicap ramps. City staff will look at the area and have information available at the next meeting.

Robert Kuenzinger made a motion to table the request until city staff counts how many handicap parking spots are available and their locations. Frank Pyles seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

David will contact the requesting party and let her know the status.

B) New Council Representative for Traffic Safety Commission Meetings

A new representative from the City Council will not be appointed until the vacant position is filled.

C) Miscellaneous

- 1) Russ Brown shared with the members that the Urban Renewal Committee is considering a mini park on Federal Street between 1st and 2nd Streets. He has heard this will eliminate 15 parking spaces.
- 2) Mike Kilkenny and Michael Holloran discussed again how dangerous the I84, Exit 83 is onto W 6th Street. Michael said he has been investigating the accidents in that area and there have been lots of accidents. It was agreed something still needs to be done at that intersection.
- 3) The City and PUD are working together to install new illumination lights at the intersections of 7th & Myrtle and 7th & Snipes.
- 4) Dale told the group work is going to be done at 2nd and Cherry Heights (right across from Auto Zone) to help alleviate the left hand turn onto West 2nd Street.
- 5) Brent Bybee asked how the visibility paint was holding up? David said he was not happy with the results and he is checking on the warranty. David's goal is to get things looking good for the Cherry Festival.

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

Traffic Safety Meeting 2/19/2020

Larry Fairclo

Observation of Crosswalk Intersection by the East Side of TDHS (Washington Street)

Thursday January 30th	4:54 PM	to	5:45 PM
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Touch and Go	11
Ran Stop Sign	1
Good Stops-Yield	19
Pedestrians crossing	
* Cars did not remain stopped until Peds crossed all the way	2
*Car picked up student at the crosswalk	1

Wednesday February 4th	2:50 PM	to	3:30 PM
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Complete Stops No Cars	3
Stopped, Yield to Cars	12
Touch and Go	14
Yield to Pedestrians completely	3
Bicycle (with flasher on bike and helmet) yield to traffic	2
Cell Phone use	2
Car passed a bike in middle of Intersection	1
Car stopped in the street to pick up a student	1

My thoughts about this intersection

The intersection has a long crosswalk with a stop sign to the right that can be concealed by parked cars and one tree that is mid block. There is a over hanging Light with signage of left or right turns. Pretty busy intersection when School lets out as many don't use the crosswalks to get to their cars parked along the street. It would be easy to not search for the stop sign with all of the activity going on. Not sure how you could improve on this intersection.