

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
July 15, 2020

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 17, 2020
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Jefferson & Scenic Drive Intersection Visibility Issues - McCabe
 - B. Handicap Parking Space Request from 214 Court Street - McCabe
 - C. 6th & Webber Progress – McCabe
 - D. Cherry Heights & West 2nd Street Intersection Update - McCabe
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Welcome New TSC Member and Re-Appointed Member – Keever
 - B. 14th & Elberta Street West Intersection Stop Sign Request - McCabe
- VI. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

Of

July 15, 2020

7:00a

ZOOM MEETING

COMMISSION PRESENT: Frank Pyles, Fred Davis, Michael Holloran, Larry Fairclo, and Mike Kilkenny, and Russ Brown

ABSENT MEMBERS: Brent Bybee

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Michael Holloran made a motion to approve the June minutes. Mike Kilkenny seconded the minutes and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

() Jefferson & Scenic Drive Intersection Visibility Issues

Dale McCabe reported he had went up and did a clear vision triangle traffic study for that intersection and it is within the perimeters permitted. A discussion was held regarding the college being closed and the reduction in traffic because of that. Also discussed was the college's proposed Tech Center and how that will impact area traffic and the 33 lot subdivision that is being developed.

Members also talked about stop signs on Scenic Drive, speed bumps as a way to slow traffic or flashing signs showing speeds as a way to remind the drivers to slow down. A suggestion was made to table any action until the Covid precautions are over and school is back in session as normal. No further action at this time.

B) Handicap Parking Space Request from 214 Court Street

City staff reported the handicap parking space in front of the Legion was removed and is now around the corner on Court Street.

C) 6th & Webber Progress

Dale has contacted ODOT and they are scheduled to make the changes and improvements, which should only take a few hours, around the first week of August. A press release will be distributed and Robert Kuenzinger will be sent an email to let him know it has occurred.

D) Cherry Heights & West 2nd Street Intersection Update

() Dale reported the intersection is complete, is well marked and traffic appears to be flowing smoothly thru that area. He also reported that U turns were beginning to happen on West 2nd by drivers coming off of Cherry

Heights who are wanting to head west. The Transportation Department has installed two “No U Turns” signs on West 2nd Street.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Welcome New TSC Member and Re-Appointed Member

It's official. Council approved Russ Brown's appointment and Frank Pyles re-appointment to the Traffic Safety Commission.

B) 14th & Elberta Street West Intersection Stop Sign Request

Discussion was held regarding the stop signs that are already in place and the traffic that currently uses the roads. Michael Holloran was the TSC's "Roving Reporter" and was able to clearing show and explain signs and traffic patterns. Members do not believe additional stop signs need to be installed at this time.

C) 14th & Kelly Avenue – Need for Yellow Curb for School Buses

Russ Brown asked if the NE corner of 14th Street, right off of Kelly Avenue could have approximately 10 foot of yellow curb painted to help the school buses navigate the turn (without having to back into Kelly Avenue in order to complete the turn). David Mills will look at the area and let members know when curb line is painted.

D) Sorosis Street on the West Side of Sorosis Park Parking Lot – Private Road?

This road is not owned by the City. It is a private road connected to Sorosis Park. Contact will be made with the Northern Parks and Recreation District to let them know we have received speeding complaints about the traffic on that road.

E) Dangerous Intersection at Hwy 197, Columbia View Drive and Fremont

Michael told the group about the recent accident that occurred at this site. Ideas were discussed regarding improvements. TSC members would like a letter sent to ODOT expressing the TSC's desire to encourage and support ODOT while they look for solutions to the problem area.

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

Cindy Keever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles Public Works

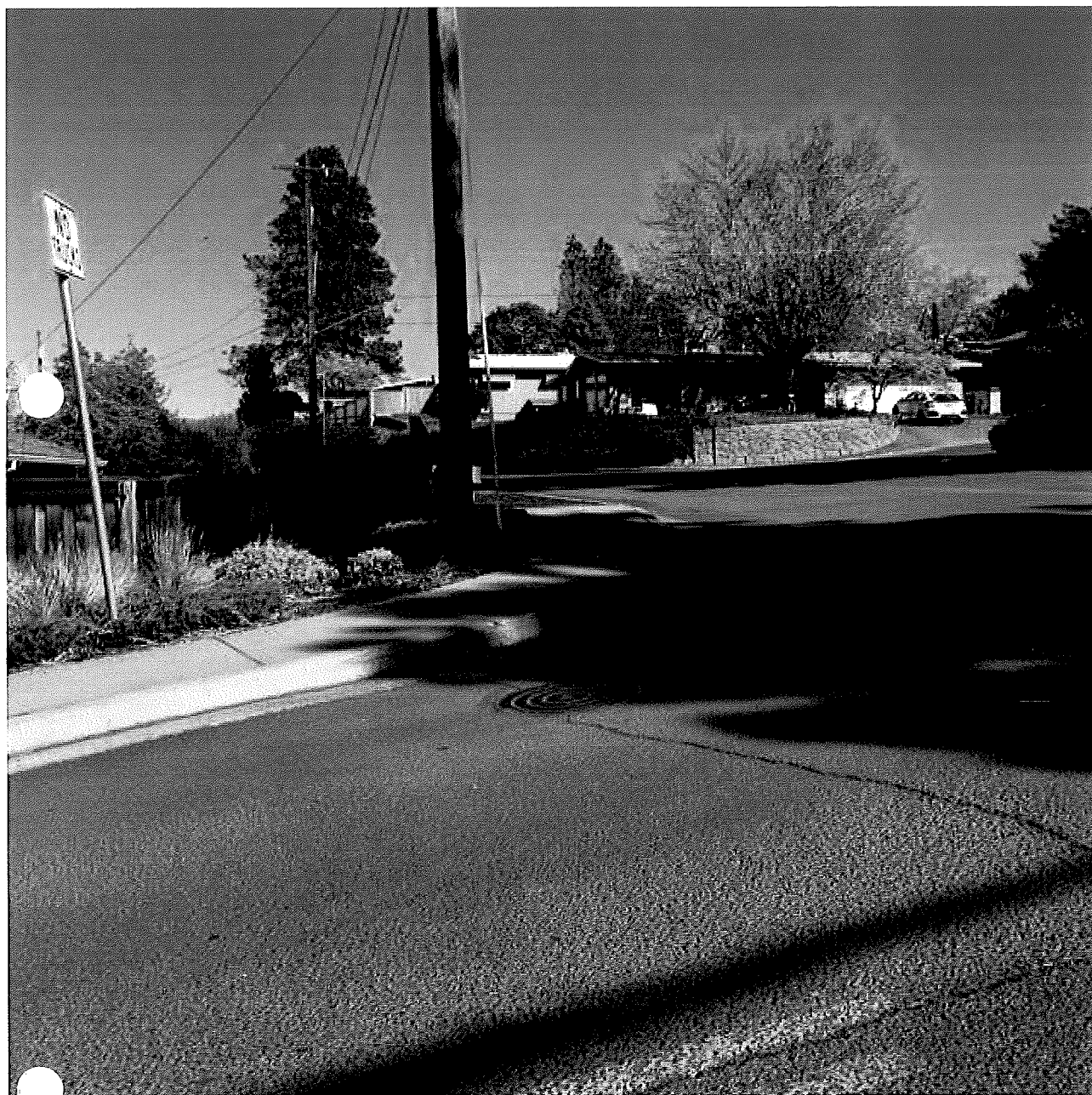
Final approval


Frank Pyles

Cynthia Keever

From: Larry Fairclo <larryfairclo@gmail.com>
S Wednesday, April 22, 2020 6:55 AM
To. Frank Pyles; Mike Kilkenny; Dale McCabe; jeffreykienlen@charter.net; Cynthia Keever; brentbybee88@gmail.com; kuenzingerrobert@gmail.com; Jeffrey Kienlen; Mike Holoran
Subject: Left turn from Jefferson to W Scenic Dr

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I'm not sure I have everyone but I was approached by Phil Foote about the intersection going up Jefferson and making a left turn onto W. Scenic Dr. I know some of you have in the past talked with him about this intersection. I told him that there are lots of blind corners and if drivers would do a safety stop after their legal stop, would usually solve the problem. I met him at the intersection and I agree this is a bad line of sight blockage for a left turn. Drivers seem to drive fast through W. Scenic Dr. While we were looking, a car came close to crashing on that left turn with a East bound vehicle. The driver heading East had to jam his brakes to avoid a crash.

Took some pictures and did a walk through video. Putting this out for our committee to drive up Jefferson and turn left and see for yourself and add comments.

Larry

Sent from my iPhone

Cynthia Keever

From: David Mills
S Monday, June 15, 2020 1:22 PM
To: Cynthia Keever
Subject: Stop Signs on Elberta
Attachments: W 14th and Elberta Stop Signs.bmp

Cindy,

I received a call from Aaron Hageman at 1550 Elberta Street. With the new subdivision on W 14th there is a lot more traffic on Elberta. He would like to see two stop signs added at the intersection of W14th and Elberta. His wife has almost been hit a couple times. I let him know that this is a traffic safety item and they meet once a month. I told him we would put it on the agenda for next month. I have attached a picture of the area with the stop signs that are already in place.

Thank you!

David Mills

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Cynthia Keever

From: Holloran, Michael J <mhollor@osp.oregon.gov>
S: Thursday, July 2, 2020 4:35 PM
To: Pat Ashmore; Jeffrey Kienlen
Cc: David Mills; Dale McCabe; Dawn Hert; Steve Harris; Cynthia Keever; fjpyles@qnect.net; Fred Davis (fredvickidavis@gmail.com); larryfairclo@gmail.com; Russ Brown; Brent Bybee; Mike Kilkenny
Subject: Municipal Court

Gentleman,

Prior to the COVID nightmare, I had a meeting scheduled with the Municipal Court Judge, who was on vacation at the time, in order to discuss the extremely high court fees for someone taking the local Safety Belt Diversion Class on top of the \$40 class fee in order to have the citation dismissed. Unfortunately I never had the meeting.

It has now come to my attention that the Municipal Court does not allow the Distracted Driving Course for First time Cell Phone Offenders, which would dismiss the court fee altogether, but remain as a conviction on their license. I assume they are relying on the word "May" to justify their thoughts. (See portion of the law 811.507 below)

(8)(a) For a person's first conviction of driving a motor vehicle while using a mobile electronic device, the court may suspend the fine to be imposed under subsection (5)(a) of this section on the condition that the person, within 120 days of sentencing:

(A) Complete at the person's own expense a distracted driving avoidance course approved by the Department of Transportation under ORS 811.508; and

(B) Provide proof of completion to the court.

(b) The court may schedule a hearing to determine whether the person successfully completed the distracted driving avoidance course.

(c) If the person has successfully completed the requirements described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the court shall enter a sentence of discharge. Notwithstanding ORS 153.021, a sentence of discharge imposed under this paragraph may not include a fine.

I am curious as to your position on these items. I have also CC'd the members of The Dalles Traffic Safety Commission, because at more than one meeting over the last couple of years, we have all agreed that Education is a necessary deterrent and important for the safety of the citizens of our community.

