

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
December 16, 2020

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 18, 2020
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. District #21 Bus Loading/Unloading Zone on 10th Street - McCabe
 - B. Rapid Flashing Beacon Locations Discussion - McCabe
 - C. Additional Request for Stop Sign on 20th (both sides of Radio Way) - Mills
 - D. Loading Zone near Gymnastic Studio/Webber & Bargeway Intersection - Mills
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Solutions to Problem on W 6th Street near City Park - Mills
- VI. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

Of

December 16, 2020

7:00a

ZOOM MEETING

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

ABSENT MEMBERS: Michael Holloran & Brent Bybee

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Scott Baker, Director of Northern Wasco County Parks and Recreation (NWCP&R)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mike Kilkenny made a motion to approve the November minutes. Russ Brown seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Scott Baker asked the commission members if something can be done to show drivers there is a dead end on West 6th Street where it butts up against the City Park. They recently experienced a hit and run where a driver drove off of the end of the street and drove through the park (and damaged park property in the process).

Participants in the Farmer's Market use the area to unload and load their merchandise so a solid fence or barrier is not practical. Commission members discussed different possibilities. David Mills and Dale McCabe said the City would work with the Parks & Rec to install some type of barrier that is in compliance with the MUTCD manual. Scott, David and Dale will meet on site to figure out the best solution.

OLD BUSINESS:

A) District #21 Bus Loading/Unloading Zone on 10th Street

Dale McCabe reported he had nothing new at this time. The earliest schools will be re-starting in mid-January so he doesn't expect any answers before that time.

B) Rapid Flashing Beacon Discussion Locations Discussions

Dale also let the group know there is nothing new at this time regarding beacon locations. At some point there will need to be a discussion with the Public Works Director regarding final location. If any new locations need suggesting before the final approval phase please let Dale know.

C) Additional Request for Stop Sign on 20th (both sides on Radio Way)

A discussion was held between the members and it was decided to table this discussion item until the construction phase is done for this development. A suggestion was made to let residents move in and see how the traffic flow progresses. Dale said a Traffic Study was done as part of the development, and the study showed no need for change. If members can wait 6 to 9 months before recommending any changes staff believes a more accurate picture will emerge regarding driving patterns. Members are encouraged to continue to evaluate the area and to bring the issue back to the table once the development is completed.

D) Loading Zone Near Gymnastic Studio @ Webber & Bargeway Intersection

David, Dale and Russ met on site to look at the area of the request. This is a commercially zoned area and they believe the traffic count and patterns are fairly consistent to base their decision on. They agreed there is enough space for a drop off ONLY zone. The parking lot would still have to be used as the loading zone. New signage would need to be installed for drop off only and re-striping of the bike lane will need to be addressed too.

NEW BUSINESS:

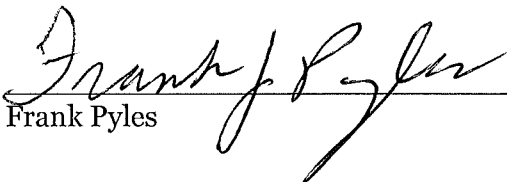
A) Drivers Making "U" Turns on 2nd Street near Cherry Heights Intersection

Members mentioned the multiple drivers they have seen making "U" turns because of the new traffic pattern that was installed recently. This problem is continuing despite the "No U Turn" signage that was installed on 2nd Street. A suggestion was made to install more candles in the center striping area which would make it more difficult to do a "U" turn. If the area on the north side of 2nd Street doesn't include the parking lot to the east of Auto Zone drivers would hopefully decide to find a better location to turn around and head west bound. Scott with the NWCP&R is concerned that people will be using their parking lot and driving too fast through it as they try to find a quick way to head back towards the west. It was noted that both of these concerns are enforcement issues.

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

Cindy Kever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles Public Works

Final approval


Frank Pyles