

MINUTES

REGULAR TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

July 21, 2021

7:00 a.m.

VIA ZOOM

PRESIDING: Frank Pyles, Chairman

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

STAFF PRESENT: Cindy Keever, Administrative Secretary, Dale McCabe, City Engineer and Jeremy Dutton, The Dalles Police Department, Nikki Lesich, Codes Enforcement

GUESTS PRESENT: none

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pyles at 7:04 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Brown and seconded by Kilkenny to approve the July agenda as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

TRANSPORTATION DIVISION MANAGER REPORT

- A) The Transportation team has reshaped and paved back two sections of roadway at E. 7th Street and E. 9th Street, off of Union. This was part of the 2021 ADA ramp upgrade project.
- B) Last week we completed fog sealing all of the roads that were chip sealed.
- C) July 26th through July 29th restriping of streets will be done around town.

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- D) Quinton Street near 14th Street (water main break area), is open for traffic but has not been paved yet. The Wastewater Collections Division is waiting on a pipe order. Once received they will install a new storm collection line while the area is in rock instead of digging up the newly paved area. Once that pipe work is done then the Transportation team will repave the area. In the meantime, the water truck is spraying the area with water twice per day to help keep the dirt and dust down.

CITY POLICE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Officer Dutton reported the Police Department is currently shorthanded. Consequently there has not been as much activity up at Columbia View Heights as hoped for. He has issued tickets but his time up there has been limited.

CITY CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

- A) Officer Lesich reported graffiti is a big problem around town and she would appreciate being contacted right away if any is seen. She is working with Wasco County and they are quickly painting over graffiti when discovered.
- B) The house on W. 9th Street that was scheduled to be demolished has been delayed due to legal proceedings.
- C) Three houses have been sent vegetation abatement letters due to extreme fire conditions at this time.
- D) Homeless camps are starting up again on West 2nd Street. She will be working with the campers to clean up and leave the area.
- E) The usual campers, junk cars and boats are showing up on the streets this summer. Reminder they are not supposed to be stored on the streets.

CITY ENGINEER REPORT

- A) The West Side Interceptor Project is being worked on and W. 1st Street will be closed for approximately 45 days.
- B) The W. 15th Street Paving Project has been awarded to Granite Paving. The scope of the project is on W. 15th Street between Garrison Street and Pentland Street.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION ITEMS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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- A) Officer Dutton has issued some speeding tickets but has not been consistently up in the neighborhood. Plans to continue coverage as time allows.
- B) McCabe (filling in for Mills), told the group the sign on Dry Hollow near 14th Street does not record details that the commission is looking for. It only records who is speeding (which most are because it's a transitional area where a 30 mph zone decreases to a 25 mph zone) so the speeds being captured are in the 30 mph zone. Members agreed it was a good reminder of the slower zone and they believe it is effective. Depending on capabilities, radar signs can range between \$4,000 and \$6,000. The Rapid Flashing Beacons can range as high as \$12,000.
- C) Members gave examples of times they have experienced congestion on W 6th Street between Cherry Heights Road and Webber Street. An example was drivers using the bike lane on the north side to bypass drivers who are waiting for the light to change.
- It was agreed that the new turn signal on the north and south lanes of Webber Road are safer. Members asked the City Engineer to check with ODOT to see if the east and west bound lanes could have their lights extended also. McCabe also said there is money available in the next fiscal year to fund a mid-block crosswalk study.

Commissioner Holloran reported getting out of Brett Clodfelter Way has become more and more difficult because of the increased traffic (especially the last 6 months). City Engineer McCabe said the criteria for a roundabout has not been triggered by the recent housing developments sale of lots. McCabe suggested checking with ODOT on the status of their study for that roundabout.

ROUNDS TO COLLECT AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING


- Status of Visibility Problem on Webber Street Parking from Area Business - McCabe
- Pull in Parking in the Downtown Area and Oversize Pickup – Mills
- Visibility Blockage by Tree near 12th Street and Trevitt Street- Lesich

ADJOURNMENT

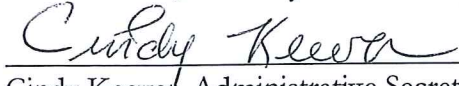
Kilkenny made a motion to adjourn and Fairclo seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:05a.m.

Submitted by/
Cindy Kever, Administrative Secretary
Public Works Department

SIGNED:


Frank Pyles, Chair

ATTEST:


Cindy Kever, Administrative Secretary
Public Works Department

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