

SUBJECT TO COMMISSION
APPROVAL AT THE
NEXT REGULAR MEETING

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
May 19, 2010

COMMISSION PRESENT: Randy Cole, Elena Bandel, Frank Pyles, John Nelson,
Chuck Covert and Duane Howell

ABSENT MEMBERS: Jim Bishop

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe - City Engineer, Jay Waterbury - Police Chief,
Dawn Marie Hert - Associate Planner, Bill Barrier -
Transportation Manager, and Cindy Keever -
Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: Clay Smith

Chuck Covert moved to accept the minutes of the May meeting. Duane Howell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATIONS:

Clay Smith asked about the April 27th Special Session Walkability Power Point Presentation. Members commented about the information that was presented. Clay Smith informed members on May 26th at 8:30 in the conference room at City Hall another meeting will be held to form another Walkability Study committee to assess other areas of The Dalles.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Status of Letter to District #21

Bill Barrier reported he had just started back to work on the 17th after an extended absence and had not yet written the letter to D#21.

He did share with the committee an email he had received from Michelle Colby michelle.colby@co.gilliam.or.us, regarding The Oregon Safe Routes to School Program announcement to Call for Applications for NON-Infrastructure projects for FY 2011. The web site listed for more information is <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/saferoutes.shtml>. The deadline for completed Action Plans is June 20, 2010.

Discussion was also held regarding local schools' commitment to train the adult crossing guards and how well they are using their safety equipment i.e.; orange safety vests and slow/stop paddles. It was agreed that the Col. Wright School currently does the best job of following safety procedures.

2) 10th & Vey Way Crosswalk

Dale McCabe reported he had checked on the intersection of 10th and Vey Way and there are no ADA ramp landing areas on the north or south side of 10th at the Vey Way intersection to accommodate a crosswalk. Current crosswalk is on Vey Way with a short set back off of 10th Street. He also looked at the intersection of 10th and Webber for crosswalk accessibility. There are no ADA ramps available at that intersection either. Per Dale and Bill the estimated cost for installation of a small ADA ramp is \$1200 and the cost for a large ADA ramp is \$1800. Discussion was held regarding the best place to install a crosswalk on 10th between Cherry

Heights and Webber. Discussion was also held regarding slowing the traffic down to a 25 mph zone and where the most logical place to do that for both the east and west bound traffic on 10th Street. During the April 2010 meeting the Traffic Safety Commission had made a motion to move the 25 mph speed zone to just west of Blakely Street along with the installation of a crosswalk at Blakely. Suggestion was made by Chief Waterbury to supply a list of reasons why the commission thinks the speed zone should change at Webber Street. Reasons are as follows; 1) Build out of the Mill Creek Point Senior Living Facility 2) Build out of Vey Way and the doctor's offices in the area 3) Change of use of area from a residential area with a grass field on the north side of 10th Street to a residential and commercial mixed area. 4) Commission members felt it was not safe to increase traffic speeds right before the crosswalk at Webber, when speed zone changes could easily be moved to the west side of the Webber intersection. Commission members also felt the first three reasons will contribute to increased foot and bike traffic in the area.

John Nelson made a motion to move the reduction of the 35 mph speed zone farther west to Webber and 10th. Duane Howell seconded the motion and the motion was approved. Yay votes - John Nelson, Duane Howell, Elena Bandel, Chuck Covert and Frank Pyles, nay vote - Randy Cole, absent Jim Bishop.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) I84 Exit #83 onto West 6th Street

Randy Cole said he thought there should be a recommendation to designate I84, exit #83 as a right turn only onto West 6th Street. Dale informed the TSC group this concern has been approached by the commission before and exit #83 is an ODOT exit and the City of The Dalles nor the Traffic Safety Commission has any jurisdiction over the signage of that exit.

2) Widening of 10th Street

Frank Pyles asked about the progress of the 10th Street widening project. Public Works Director, Dave Anderson and Dale held a meeting on April 27th for the 10th Street property owners, and twelve property owners showed up. Total widening impacts plus additional options were discussed. Property owners suggested a couple of additional options. The first was to not widen the street at all, but eliminate all on street parking between J and Lewis Street. The second was a partial widening - not the full five feet on each side. Dale said this issue is also on the agenda to be discussed at the City Council meeting on May 24th.

3) Election of Officers

Cindy Keever handed out a paper showing the Traffic Safety Commission member term lengths. Motion was made by Duane Howell to postpone the election of officers until the June meeting. Frank Pyles seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Cindy Keever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles