

SUBJECT TO COMMISSION
APPROVAL AT THE
NEXT REGULAR MEETING

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
December 16th, 2009

COMMISSION PRESENT: Randy Cole, Frank Pyles, Duane Howell, Jim Bishop, John Nelson & Chuck Covert

ABSENT MEMBERS: Elena Bandel

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe - City Engineer, Jay Waterbury – Chief of Police, Bill Barrier – Transportation Manager and Cindy Keever – Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

Duane Howell asked that the November minutes be modified. Under Commission Present, the minutes show that Duane was present for the meeting. Duane's name should have been listed on the absent member line. Jim Bishop moved to accept the corrected minutes of the November meeting. Duane Howell seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATIONS:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) No "U" Turn Sign in 1700 Block of W 10th

Bill Barrier told the Commission a "No U Turn" sign was needed on the south side of W 10th in front of the apartment building in the 1700 block of W 10th. Previously a "No U Turn" had been installed on the north side of W 10th in front of the Head Start building, and this seems to have been successful in preventing drivers from making a U turn after dropping children off at the school. Duane Howell made a motion to approve the installation of a "No U Turn" sign on the south side of W 10th in the 1700 block. Frank Pyles seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 2) 9th Street off of Vey Way – Two Way Traffic - Public Right of Way

Dale McCabe gave an update to the Commission members regarding the status of 9th Street off of Vey Way. 9th Street is a new street that will be completed along with the development of the new surgical center. Dale said 9th will be a two way cul-de-sac type of a street and it will be classified as a Public Right of Way. This means it is not owned by the City or County and is the property owner's responsibility to maintain, i.e.; striping, snow removal, maintenance and enforcement of parking issues. Chief Waterbury does not like Public Right of Way roads. This road would be similar to Pomona Street and City police do not have any jurisdiction on these roads. A discussion was held regarding how roads like these keep appearing in the City and County limits. No action taken.

3) Request to Have Parking on One Side Only of Vey Way

A letter was received from John and Jean Thomas, who live at Mill Creek Point, which overlooks Vey Way. Mr. & Mrs. Thomas noted "that many cars negotiating the curve veer toward the center of the street when they are traveling south". They suggested making at least one side, if not both sides, of Vey Way near the curve a "No Parking" zone. Commissioner, John Nelson, provided pictures of the area for members to look at during the meeting and a discussion was held. John said he had observed traffic in the area and he did not see the need to limit parking on Vey Way even in the curve and made a motion to decline the request for changing the parking status on Vey Way at this time. Jim Bishop seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4) Miscellaneous

A) Randy Cole reminded everyone beginning January 1st, 2010 most drivers in Oregon will not be allowed to talk on their cell phones without a hands free device. Discussion followed.

B) Duane gave a brief update on a meeting he attended for the introduction of the new bicycle program coming out in Oregon called Eye to Eye. This means the driver of the car and the bicyclist make eye contact to avoid accidents. Commission members said this should also be practiced with pedestrians too.

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

Cindy Keever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles