



MINUTES
KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY/BIKEWAYS/PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE
Thursday, October 17, 2024
Keizer City Council Chambers

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** Hersch Sangster called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present: Michael De Blasi, Vice Chair (6:30) David Dempster Hersch Sangster Brenda Lamb David Philbrick Absent: Tammy Saldivar, Chair Matt Myers Youth Liaison - Open Position	Council Liaison/Staff Present: Martin Powell, Police Liaison Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder Shane Witham, Planning Director Council Liaison/Staff Absent: Mike Griffin, Storm Ops & Streets Council Liaison - Vacant Position
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- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** David Dempster moved to accept the Minutes of September 19th. Brenda Lamb seconded.

David Philbrick noted some changes for clarification on page two, under Project Spreadsheet Review.

David Dempster moved to amend the Motion to approve the minutes with the corrections as noted. David Philbrick seconded. Motion passed as follows: Dempster, Sangster, Lamb, and Philbrick in favor and Saldivar, De Blasi, and Myers absent.

 - a. September Minutes**
- 3. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED PERSONS** There were no interested persons.
- 4. NEW BUSINESS**

 - a. Planning Director Shane Witham ~** Planning Director Shane Witham shared that Keizer Station was a large process with Comprehensive Plan and Master Plan changes. In general,

**will be Answering
Members'
Questions -
Please see
attachments**

Keizer Station was going as planned, although there were some traffic issues. Within the Traffic System Plan (TSP), Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) was responsible for part of the traffic concept.

Discussion ensued as to why some of the bike lanes may have been installed many years ago.

Mr. Witham explained the requirements for Community Housing facing streets, such as the buildings being pulled up closer to the street. Code amendments and regulation changes would need to be made through the Planning Commission so that the back of buildings would not be facing the street. He clarified the various street designations and that there are specific zoning regulations and design standards.

He addressed the inquiry about having a greenway path by sharing that the TSP included a concept and that some connections to a linear path could be enforced with the Development Code.

Discussion ensued on vehicle congestion, the level of service, the need for bike facilities, the need for more use of mass transit, and mass transit should be included in the TSP update.

Mr. Witham shared that there wasn't anything in the code about speed structures for street hierarchy.

Mr. Witham shared that there were thresholds in the Traffic Code for certain types of streets pertaining to winter traffic considerations. In some cases, a traffic impact analysis must occur for environmental quality and climate change.

Discussion ensued on the traffic for use of Keizer Rapids Park, and walkways need to be included. It was noted that the City Manager previously said that there hadn't been a traffic study done. Hersch Sangster also confirmed that he was on the original committee and no studies were done at that time.

It was noted that even though there are traffic concepts or plans for new designs, changes can't be made without funding and these types of changes are very expensive.

Mr. Witham welcomed further questions and conversations with the members on design standards and code changes.

5. PROJECT SPREADSHEET REVIEW

The Project List was reviewed, and there were no changes.

Hersch Sangster shared that he received positive feedback from the Parent Teacher Club on the Lockhaven crossing at North McClure by the school. The school liaison and principal both expressed their appreciation. Their only

concern was that there wasn't a marked crosswalk across the street at Inland Shores was where the city bus has a pickup. However, because McClure was a short street, there really wasn't any speeding there.

a. Project List

**6. COMMITTEE
MEMBER INPUT**

Brenda Lamb contacted Councilor Reid about McNary. There was already a process for the liaisons. Ms. Lamb also looked into the City of Salem's greenway. It started in 2009 and was a long-range plan. She found that it could be part of the Safe Routes to School. The Maple Winter-Greenway was intended to get pedestrian, biking, and traffic off the arteries. The idea was to identify the roads in Keizer to use long-term, so when funding becomes available, bike lanes could be prioritized on those side roads. Ms. Lamb would contact Gary Obrey, Traffic Engineer at Oregon Department of Transportation.

Michael Deblasi suggested making safety improvements at the time required changes are made to streets and sidewalks. He would contact the City of Salem about adjusting the pedestrian lights.

David Dempster shared the bike helmet inventory, and the balance of the helmet fund with the City was \$393.32.

Hersch Sangster expressed appreciation for Brenda Lamb's and Marianne Sangster's help with the Fire Department Open House. He shared that he and Mr. Dempster had been doing really well with receiving donations to fit bike helmets for children since the program started. He asked for more donations for the helmet fund.

7. STAFF REPORT

Storm Operations and Streets Division Manager Mike Griffin shared the following updates via email:

- This year's resurfacing project of 11 road sections has been completed.
- The annual catchbasin and manhole cleaning for the upcoming rainy season was almost wrapped up.
- There was a new franchise utility called Ziply Fiber installing fiber optic, high-speed internet throughout Keizer neighborhoods.

**8. POLICE LIAISON
REPORT**

Officer Martin Powell shared that the City had not done a traffic impact study on the parking issue at Keizer Little League Park. When the police received calls parked along the road, there was no other place for them to park. He was not aware of a crash that had occurred in the area due to the parking issue.

Mr. Powell reported on the Newberg-Lockhaven U-turn issues at the school and that patrol officers monitored the situation. The traffic issue was during a localized time of 8:00 a.m. to approximately 8:15 a.m. within a short block

from Lockhaven to the Celtic Way entrance. The first time he was there, he educated a lot of drivers and asked them to share that education with other drivers. The second time he was there, he only saw one violator.

Officer Powell reported that the Harmony Road speed study was completed. Harmony Road had a study a few years ago and the net results were about the same. He noted that Harmony Road from 14th to Trail had close to the same traffic volume as Alder Drive from Verda to Cherry. He shared the specific percentages of cars, the average speed was 29 miles per hour, and that there was some speeding concern.

It was noted that the Shoreline flashing light was still effective and residents were very pleased with it.

**9. COUNCIL
LIAISON REPORT**

There was no council liaison report.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned: 8:04 p.m.

Minutes approved: 11/21/2024

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