



**KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**Thursday, October 28, 2004 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Keizer City Hall – Conference Room B**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Prothero called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

Steve Prothero, Chair  
Randy Jackson  
Johnny Alexander

Chris Arnett

**Also Present:**

Hersch Sangster, Bikeways  
Jim Cathey

**Staff Present:**

Lance Inman, Police Liaison  
Debbie Lockhart, Recording Secretary

**Absent:**

David Dehlin  
Gerald Watson  
Susan Keen

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Approval of Minutes** ~ Lance Inman pointed out that the sentence ending in "lights cannot flash" on page 3 under "24-Hour School Zone" should read "lights cannot flash at all times." Johnny Alexander moved for approval of the August 26, 2004, minutes as corrected. Randy Jackson seconded.

Motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES Prothero, Alexander, Jackson and Arnett (4)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Watson, Keen and Dehlin (3)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

**4. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS**

Jim Cathey, 1834 Jonathan Court N, encouraged the Commission to recommend to City Council lowering the speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph on a .7 mile section of Verda Lane. Mr. Cathey read and reviewed the Keizer Police report on Verda Lane. He stated repeatedly that he thought 35 mph is too high considering the amount of pedestrian traffic on this stretch of the road. He then read a report explaining the difference in degree of pedestrian injury as related to speed limit. He added that he had spoken to the crossing guard on Verda Lane who had complained that traffic did not wait for him to reach the curb before proceeding through the cross walk.

Mr. Alexander pointed out that although this was a concern, changing the speed limit would not solve this problem. Discussion continued on 24-hour school zone law and ODOT classifications, cross walks, improved pedestrian facilities and the ODOT procedure for changing speed limits. Mr. Cathey then played his video showing traffic on Verda Lane.

## **5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- *ACTS Oregon Grants* ~ Chair Prothero reported that the grant had been submitted but he did not know when it would be decided.
- *Planning Commission CIP* ~ Johnny Alexander explained the reviewing process of the Capital Improvement Project list which is being done jointly with the Planning Commission. After spending two evenings reviewing, the Planning Commission recommended the list to Council for approval. Discussion followed regarding prioritization of the list.

## **6. CHAIR REPORT ~**

- 7. BIKEWAYS REPORT** ~ Hersch Sangster reported that the committee had not had a quorum for a while, but some new members are in the works so the committee will be functioning again. He reported on the committee's accomplishments during the past year: The helmet diversion program is continuing in partnership with Keizer Police Department and the Fire District. A two-hour program is offered quarterly to children cited for violation of the helmet law. Trevor Wenning has developed and presents a power point program on wheel sport issues related to helmets and "EMT's Talk Tough" is presented by Bill Arguirre. Mr. Sangster estimated that since this program began, 350 youth have attended. The helmet program is continuing through the Fire Department, Salem Bicycle Club and Keizer Rotary. \$1,000 worth of helmets has been purchased for distribution. Discussion continued as to determining who gets a helmet. Mr. Frank stated that KFD has developed a data base to record helmet distribution, and a child must be accompanied by a parent to receive one. Discussion continued on the possibility of getting a grant for adult helmets, putting the Wenning and EMT program on "Cop Talk", skate helmets and bike helmets, non-motorized and motorized helmets.

Additionally, Bikeways has participated in the Dayspring and Cautious Kids rodeos this past year and used the Traffic Safety Commission over the years to get grants so that seven elementary schools have tubs full of bike safety information.

Mr. Sangster concluded reporting that the Bikeways Committee worked as liaison between Salem Bicycle Club and the Keizer Police arranging for KPD to work intersections in the Monster Cookie Ride this spring. This was appreciated by everyone involved with widespread recognition and gratitude.

- 8. STAFF LIAISON REPORT** ~ Sgt. Inman gave the report for Rob Kissler reviewing the prioritization of anticipated improvements: Chemawa, Dearborn, Sunset, Verda

Lane. The City has already spent in excess of \$120,000 on improvements. Transportation SDC meeting is scheduled for November 10, 5:30, Conference Room B. He concluded that Mr. Kissler would have a new Keizer Station update at the next meeting. Discussion continued at length regarding Verda Lane improvements.

9. **POLICE LIAISON REPORT** ~ Sgt. Inman distributed and reviewed statistics for August and September pointing out that traffic citations have increased because a new motorcycle officer, Officer Kelley, is assisting Officer Wenning. Mr. Alexander asked for information on pedestrian accidents. Sgt. Inman responded that he could get the information but it is not street specific.

➤ *Traffic Counters*~ Sgt. Inman reported that one of the traffic counters had been damaged, possibly by an overloaded trailer. The ramp was hit and the bolts were sheared at a 45° angle. It has been replaced.

10. **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT** ~ Councilor Taylor was absent. Greg Frank pointed out that Councilor Taylor had missed several meetings adding that when concerned citizens attend the meetings, the liaison is a good source of information and can offer effective responses. When the liaison does not attend, it limits the effectiveness of the committee.

11. **OTHER BUSINESS** ~ Johnny Alexander moved that the committee recommend to Council that the speed limit on Verda Lane between Dearborn and Salem Parkway be lowered to 30 mph. Greg Frank seconded.

Following lengthy discussion the vote was taken.

Motion failed as follows:

AYES Alexander (1)

NAYS: Prothero, Jackson and Arnett (3)

ABSENT: Watson, Keen and Dehlin (3)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

Chair Prothero requested that election of a new chair person be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

12. **ADJOURNMENT** ~ Members agreed to cancel the November and December meetings. Meeting adjourned at 7:20.

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**Next Meeting ~ January 27, 2004, 6:00 pm.**