

CITY OF KEIZER
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES
KEIZER CITY HALL ~ Library
Thursday, October 28, 1999

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Randy Jackson, Ernest Smyres, Harlan Naegeli and Glenn Putman

Absent: Mike Kirby and Mariella Dibble

3. REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES - September 23, 1999

Mr. Smyres moved for approval of the September 23, 1999 minutes as written.

Mr. Naegeli seconded the motion and carried, all present voting aye.

4. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

Judy Smith- Ms. Smith is the crossing guard at Keizer Elementary School and brought to the attention of the Committee the amount of traffic and speeding taking place at Lockhaven and McClure during the hours when she is assisting children in crossing to and from school. She provided the Commission with a copy of a petition that she would be circulating and forwarding to the City Council requesting the appropriate traffic control devices be placed at this intersection such as flashing yellow lights, stop signs or stop lights.

There was a discussion among the Commission and Ms. Smith some of the possible options. Sgt. Teague assured Ms. Smith he would review the situation in the area. Mr. Putman suggested she might wish to check with the police department to see about using their radar reader board.

Vice-Chair Jackson thanked Ms. Smith for coming and speaking to the Commission.

5. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Putman noted he had spoken with a truck driver who had expressed concerns with people driving in the bike lane when attempting to turn right (south) off of Lockhaven onto I-5.

Sgt. Teague noted that this area was outside of Keizer. Mr. Naegeli suggested repainting of the bike lanes and indicated he would contact someone next week regarding this. Mr. Smyres suggested an article in the newspaper to help educate people regarding this law.

6. DISCUSSION

♦ General Business

Vice-Chair Jackson questioned Councilor McGee if the Council had any projects that they wished the Commission to work on.

Councilor McGee shared that the Council was interested in the Commission assisting in developing protocol for safety at the Skate Park. He indicated helmets were a big issue and they would like to head off any potential problems.

Vice-Chair Jackson indicated he would like to revisit the list of goals and objectives that the Commission had discussed a few years earlier and suggested this may be something to revisit at the next meeting.

6. REPORT FROM CHAIR

Chair Kirby was not in attendance

7. BIKEWAY COMMITTEE REPORT

Sandi Lasko indicated that their group had revisited the Oregon statutes and laws pertaining to the wearing of bike helmets. She shared that there was nothing in the statues that would act as an enforcer prompt skaters and bike riders to wear their helmets at the skate park. She requested that the Commission allot \$1,000 in next year's budget to allow the Bikeways Committee to purchase bike helmets to give out during their educational programs. Ms. Lasko went on to explain that the Committee would be organizing a safety rodeo in May at the Skate Park to educate the children on the issues of head injuries.

Vice-Chair Jackson explained that the Traffic Safety Commission does not have a budget. Councilor McGee noted for such a worth while cause if they wished to go through the budget process and make a presentation to the Budget Committee he felt confident this would be something they would look at favorably.

Vice-Chair Jackson thanked Ms. Lasko for her report.

9. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Sgt. Teague presented the Commission with statistics for the months of August and September and answered questions regarding the statistics and the grant program.

10. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Councilor McGee noted that they had received 8-9 perspective candidates interested in filling the vacant council position. He explained the process that the Council would go through to fill the position and noted the term would run until January 2001.

Councilor McGee shared that the Council was interested in renting the Fire Department's concession stand to use at the skate park. The idea would be to hire an individual to run the concession stand and act as the skate park's referee.

Councilor McGee noted the plan to possibly change the location of the City's Holiday Tree to be located between the skate park and the Keizer Heritage Foundation. He cited safety concerns for changing the location.

11. OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

- ♦ Discussion of next meeting date (November's original meeting date falls on Thanksgiving and December's falls two days before Christmas.)

It was the consensus of the Commission to combine November and December's meetings to take place on Thursday, December 2, 1999 at 7:00 p.m.

- ♦ Traffic Safety Commission's Web Page

The Commission reviewed copies of the web page and made suggestions as to its contents. At the request of the Commission Mrs. Perry noted she would insert a counter onto the Commission's web page and report to them next month on the number of people visiting this site.

Mr. Smyres discussed the parade ordinance noting it had not moved forward yet and that he was anxious for this to be completed before the end of the year. Councilor McGee indicated he would speak with City Recorder-Tracy Davis to see where this issue stood.

Mr. Smyres also indicated he would like the vision clearance issue brought back on the next agenda. He had requested information from Code Enforcement Officer-Cheryl Vafakos pertaining to changes that were being made to the vision clearance code and would have this information in the next packet.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Jackson adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.