



**KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**Thursday, October 27, 2005 @ 7:00 p.m.
Keizer City Hall – Conference Room B**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Prothero called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Steve Prothero, Chair
Susan Keen, Vice Chair
Randy Jackson
David Rios
Charles Hoffer
Chris Arnett

Staff Present:

Rob Kissler, Public Works Director
Lance Inman, Police Liaison

Absent:

David Dehlin

Also Present:

David McKane, Council Liaison
Ray Clark
Harve Wilburn
Dan Bowser
Lee Vaughn
Two others (illegible sign-in)

- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** ~ Randy Jackson moved for approval of the September, 2005 minutes. Chris Arnett seconded. Motion passed unanimously by all members present. (Prothero, Keen, Jackson, Dehlin, Rios, Arnett and Hoffer)

- 4. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS** – Dan Bowser stated that various sidewalks and bikeways were in need of repair, questioned the ADA accessibility of sidewalks, complained about the new medians on Chemawa because they are not easily seen, requested that the pedestrian button at Manbrin be changed so it is the same as others in the city (mushroom type vs. small button) and questioned how the signal lights were triggered. Mr. Kissler responded to all his questions making notes of specific items for follow-up. Discussion followed at length regarding funding, registering complaints and priorities.

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- **Closure of 4th Place** ~ Residents of Fernwood Park, reviewed the history of the closure of the street, stating that because originally a house had been where the street was "punched through" the street should never have been made a through street. Discussion took place at length regarding cut-through traffic, safety of residents and pedestrians, alternate fire hydrant locations, removable gates or bollards, traffic counts, the increased enrollment at McNary and truancy. Lance Inman noted that the official stance of the Police Department is neutral. Deliberation followed focusing on making improvements to the area, replacing the barricade with a landscaped barrier and adding hydrants to the neighborhood. Randy Jackson reminded members that when the Commission had recommended street closure in the Gubser neighborhood, Council had indicated that it was against city policy to close a public street, because streets are built for public use. He noted that Council had instead suggested traffic calming measures and engineering controls to provide relief to the neighborhood.

Additional discussion took place regarding a barricade across Barnick Road. Each Commissioner then individually voiced their opinion and recommendation in this matter. Susan Keen suggested removing the barricade but adding speed bumps and stop signs. All other members were of the opinion that the barricade should remain in place.

Chris Arnett moved to recommend to Council the permanent closure of 4th Place, providing a substantial landscaped barrier across the road that cannot be driven over and working with the fire department to provide two new hydrants at locations to be determined and removal of the existing one to accommodate the fire district. David Rios seconded. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: Prothero, Jackson, Rios, Hoffer and Arnett (5)

NAYS: Keen (1)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Dehlin (1)

- **River Road Renaissance Report** ~ Chris Arnett reported that the Christmas Tree triangle property is unavailable for use as a plaza and the Wittenberg property is no longer on the market. Currently the committee is looking at city owned properties for focal point and/or plaza locations. A partnership with St. Edwards Church is being investigated for frontage improvements. Adjustments to the development code are anticipated in order encourage participation of businesses in the River Road improvements.

6. BIKEWAYS REPORT ~ None

7. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT ~ Councilor McKane agreed to bring to Council the recommendation on 4th Place closure.

8. POLICE LIAISON REPORT ~ Lance Inman reported that

- A grant was received for seatbelt and DUI enforcement.
- A safety clinic was held October 8 at Skyline Ford and was well attended. Another one is scheduled for this spring.
- Crash stats for 2004 have been tabulated. He distributed them to members and explained the statistics.

9. OTHER BUSINESS ~ Steve Prothero reviewed issues with the boys and girls club traffic issue and the pick-up and drop-off problem. He explained that the parent meeting that was scheduled did not take place and that the neighbor had renewed her complaints. He added that he would be checking with the Club again in an effort to remedy the situation.

Susan Keen distributed "Shared Decision-Making Process", and encouraged the committee members to hone their skills in approach to discussion and decision making.

10. ADJOURNMENT ~ Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Next Meeting ~ December 1, 2005, 7:00 pm – Conference Room A