



**KEIZER TRAFFIC, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**Thursday, October 25, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m.
Keizer City Hall**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Keith Blair, Chair
Ed Thompson, Vice Chair
Shelly Campbell (arrived 6:15)
Eamon Bishop
Curt McCormack
David Dempster

Staff/Liaisons Present:

Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder
Bill Lawyer, Public Works Director
David LeDay, Police Liaison

Absent:

Dennis Dunning
Jeremy Jensen
Rick Jorgensen
Rod Conway, Keizer Fire Liaison
Marion County Fire Liaison
Council Liaison, Jim Taylor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES ~ Curt McCormack moved to approve the September 2012 Minutes. David Dempster seconded. Motion passed as follows: Bishop, McCormack, and Dempster in favor, with Blair and Thompson abstaining, Campbell absent at time of vote and Dunning, Jorgensen and Jensen absent.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS ~ None

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Acts Oregon Grant Update: Chair Blair reported that he was experiencing difficulty in getting answers from the School District because the program coordinator has been out on extended maternity leave for the past two months. However, he feels he can still complete the application in time. He explained that he is thinking of doing a 2-3 day program and hopes for participation from around 50 children; costs would be mostly for advertising, printing of waivers and registration forms, and paying someone to prepare and run the program. He indicated that he thought perhaps Salem Fire might be interested in participating and questioned if the Keizer Civic Center could be used to which Mr. Lawyer responded that he would check with Tracy Davis but since it would be a City-sponsored event he thought there should be no charge for the room. Members suggest the following people be contacted to participate: Robert Fox, Graham Munsell, Salem Bike Club, Bicycle Transportation Alliance and The Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Blair concluded his report noting that the grant is for \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Committee Member Input: Mr. Thompson noted that pedestrian safety was adversely affected by the increased traffic on McLeod between Chemawa and Lockhaven and questioned possible remedies. Mr. Lawyer responded that he could widen the area in question with gravel but did not want to do any paving since it might be developed soon. He indicated that he would check the area for possible remedies.

STAFF REPORT ~ Public Works Director Bill Lawyer reported that:

- Staff did some trimming and moved signage to increase visibility at intersections at 14th, Trail, and Mandarin.
- Bumpers have been extended on Chemawa to prevent the u-turn movement and it appears to be working. This does not completely solve the problem, but at least now cars are going further down Chemawa before making u-turns so it is safer for traffic coming off Lockhaven.
- Chemawa Road North project bid date has been extended to January 17. Necessary acquisitions could not be made in time for a December bid date. This might delay the early March start date to later in the month. ODOT has acquired property from 15 of the properties – nearly half of them – and they believe they will have the rest in time for the January 17 bid date.

POLICE LIAISON REPORT ~ Officer LeDay distributed the crash report log. He noted that injury crashes are down substantially and it has been almost five years since Keizer has had a fatal crash. He noted that crashes have gone down since the traffic division has been reinstated. Two of the three motorcycles in the unit have been turned in for new Kawasaki's but they have not been received due to a factory recall. Discussion then took place regarding the difference between careless driving and reckless driving, the merge lane on Lockhaven near McLeod and the Transit Station.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT ~ None

ADJOURNMENT ~ Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ December 6, 2012, 6 p.m., Civic Center

Minutes Approved: 03-07-2013