

CITY OF KEIZER
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES
KEIZER CITY HALL ~ Conference Room B
Thursday, October 25, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

➤ **Jeff Hanson**

➤ **Richard Bacon** (Leadership Youth Board Student)

Chair Jackson welcomed the new members. Jeff Hanson and Richard Bacon provided a brief background about themselves. Mr. Hanson is a Correctional Officer and Mr. Bacon is a junior at McNary High School and active in the Leadership Youth Board.

3. ROLL CALL

The following members were in attendance: Randy Jackson, Harlan Naegeli, Joseph Ortiz, Steve Lamb, Glenn Putman and Jeff Hanson

Absent: Steve Prothero

Also present were: Staff Liaison-Officer David LeDay, Council Liaison-Judy Smith, Leadership Youth Board Member-Richard Bacon and Recording Secretary-Cindy Perry

4. REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES ~ September 27, 2001

Mr. Naegeli moved for approval of the September 27, 2001 minutes as written. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion and carried, all present voting aye.

5. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

None

6. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Jackson read the letter from the President of the Gubser Neighborhood Association expressing concern regarding traffic safety at Gubser Elementary School.

7. BIKEWAY COMMITTEE REPORT

Councilor Smith reported that the Day Spring Bike Fair took place on September 23, 2001 with approximately 325 kids attending. She noted over 200 helmets were distributed during this event and the Committee planned to organized this event again next year.

Councilor Smith shared that the first Helmet Diversion Class took place on October 6, 2001. She summed up the program indicating it's success and that it would be held on a quarterly basis.

8. REPORT FROM CHAIR

Chair Jackson reported that he received a letter from ACTS Oregon acknowledging that the Traffic Safety Commission had been awarded \$3295.00 grant to purchase the laser handheld radar gun for the police department.

9. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Officer LeDay summarized how the new radar gun would enable better enforcement in congested traffic areas.

10. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Councilor Smith reported that she had addressed the Gubser Elementary School traffic concerns with Council. Due to staff's large volume of work Public Works had requested a 30-day stay on the issue. Council granted this request.

Councilor Smith summarized the city's attempt to obtain ODOT grant funds for development of the interchange. Unfortunately, no funds were granted in Marion County.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Vision Clearance

Chair Jackson summarized the Vision Clearance section of the Development Code versus the suggested updates that were provided by the Planning Director.

The Committee discussed the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance, how this effects enforcement and the complaint driven aspect of the enforcement position.

Mr. Hanson suggested rather than using this abatement process, which is lengthy and time consuming, that offenders be cited directly into municipal court.

Officer LeDay addressed the staffing issue that would make this difficult. He provided a brief history of this service being done in the past by the police department and the elimination of resources that this brought about.

Mr. Ortiz stressed that enforcement was a secondary issue and suggested that an education process would be beneficial followed by enforcement.

After further discussion the following motion was made:

Mr. Lamb moved a motion to send a letter to the Planning Director agreeing with the recommended changes to the Vision Clearance section of the Development Code. Mr. Putman seconded the motion and carried, all present voting aye.

Officer LeDay noted that in his seven years with the Traffic Unit that he had not worked an accident where trees or bushes were a contributing factor in a collision.

Chair Jackson offered to pursue discussions with the City Manager regarding the Commission's concerns pertaining to the enforcement issue, and how the Commission could move the idea forward.

It was the consensus of the Commission for Chair Jackson to elicit feedback from the City Manager.

b. Gubser Elementary Parking

As noted earlier, Councilor Smith reported that staff had requested a 30-day continuance on this issue. It was noted that the school would be contacted pertaining to the concerns of the Gubser Neighborhood Association. She offered to present additional information, as it became available.

c. Verda Lane Safety Improvements

Chair Jackson reported that he had sent a letter of support from the Traffic Safety Commission to the Mayor and City Manager regarding the need for these improvements.

For the benefit of the new members Councilor Smith summarized the issue and noted what actions would be taking place in the near future. This included the installation of lighting, and the Police Department conducting a speed and volume analysis to determine a warrant for the reduction of speed in the area. She indicated that staff was obtaining bids for the placement of sidewalks on the east- side of Verda, and that funding had been allocated from other projects to get this done, although this probably would not be completed during this school year.

d. Traffic Concerns & Changes - Topic & Information Requests

Chair Jackson requested input from the Commission regarding compiling a list of questions to submit to staff in the attempt to gain more knowledge about issues and processes that the Commission would be dealing with.

Chair Jackson asked the Commission to think about this and bring back their suggestions during the next meeting. He asked that this issue be noted as an agenda item for next month.

Other Business

Harmony Drive

Chair Jackson reported that he had received a copy of a letter from a resident on Harmony Drive pertaining to volume and speed concerns. Chair Jackson spoke with Public Works Director, Rob Kissler who had indicated they were currently focusing on Verda Lane.

Councilor Smith noted two sets of traffic studies had been completed in this area. She was unsure why the issue had not been moved forward. She offered to speak with the Public Works Director regarding this.

Infill Redevelopment Master Plan

Councilor Smith reported that the Council was continuing to review the Infill Redevelopment Master Plan. She expressed concerns regarding the constrained access in the

plan. Councilor Smith noted that the Fire Department would be contacted to provide their input regarding the constrained accesses issue.

Councilors Smith requested that the Fire Department and the Police Department review this portion of the plan and submit their recommendation to the City Council.

Councilor Smith answered questions from the Commission pertaining to the plan and it's purpose.

Alder Drive

The Commission continued to discuss concerns regarding Alder Drive and the safety of the children in the area. Councilor Smith provided information regarding school zones.

Mr. Naegeli provided ODOT school zone requirements and the reasons behind those conditions.

The temporary speed zone was also discussed. Officer LeDay noted that the temporary speed zones were not enforceable. He summarized information, which he had received from ODOT regarding this.

Councilor Smith argued this statement. She indicated that her information from ODOT noted if the city contacted ODOT that they in turn would contact the police department regarding making this temporary speed reduction.

Officer LeDay reiterated that he felt the information, which he received from ODOT, indicated that a reduction of speed would be a difficult task. He stressed that the speed in the area was not a factor, merely the engineering of the area.

12. ADJOURNMENT

- **NEXT MEETING ~ Thursday, November 29, 2001**

(THERE WILL NOT BE A MEETING IN DECEMBER)

Chair Jackson adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.