

**CITY OF KEIZER
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES
KEIZER CITY HALL ~ Conference Room B
Thursday, October 24, 2002 @ 7:00 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Randy Jackson, Harlan Naegeli, David Dehlin and Joseph Ortiz

Also present: Acting Liaison Jacque Moir, Staff Liaison Sgt. Lance Inman, City Manager Chris Eppley, Councilor Richard Walsh and Recording Secretary Cindy Perry

Absent: Steve Lamb and Steve Prothero

3. REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES

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Joseph Ortiz moved for approval of the September 26, 2002 minutes as written. Harlan Naegeli seconded the motion.

AYES: Dehlin, Jackson, Naegeli and Ortiz (4)

NAYES: None (0)

ABSENT: Lamb and Prothero (2)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

4. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

James Cathey, 1834 Jonathan Court, Keizer-requested that further steps be taken to reduce the speeds along Verda Lane. He indicated that he believed that the traffic volume had doubled, and he expressed concern for the pedestrians in the area. Mr. Cathey presented a map of the area, pointing out the curve and the blind spots from the side streets, which he believed, caused a hazardous

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situation for pedestrians. He outlined some of the crosswalks and suggested that additional signage might be beneficial to encourage the use of the crosswalks.

Chair Jackson indicated since Mr. Cathey's presentation last year that City staff had followed up on the situation which the Commission had not received updates on.

Mr. Cathey complimented staff for the work that had been done, but he believed there were additional things such as sidewalks along the curve on Verda Lane to make pedestrian traffic safer.

Sgt. Lance Inman reported that officers were no longer being ^{assigned} ~~placed~~ near the school zone due to the lack of activity. He noted that the department followed-up with the crossing-guard on Verda on a monthly basis and that she had reported no problems. Sgt. Inman indicated, in his opinion, that the posted 35mph-speed limit along Verda was safe.

City Manager Eppley noted some of the side effects of improvements. He indicated that traffic and speed counts would be done later this year.

Chair Jackson thanked Mr. Cathey for his presentation.

5. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

6. BIKEWAYS REPORT

Hersch Sangster reported some of the committee's accomplishments over the past year that included:

- Helmet Diversion Program with the partnership of the Keizer Police Department and the Keizer Fire Department, with 25-40 participants in each class.
- Acquiring grant funds to help improve a pedestrian/bike path between Jack Street and Rivercrest
- Using grant funds from ODOT to develop and disperse Bicycle Safety Packages to the local elementary schools.
- DaySpring Bike Rodeo in September with approximately 200 kids in attendance.

- The receipt of \$500 from the Keizer Rotary to purchase bike helmets. Over 2,000 helmets had been dispensed to children who could not afford to purchase a helmet.

Chair Jackson thanked Mr. Sangster for his presentation.

7. REPORT FROM CHAIR

Chair Jackson thanked those members of the Commission whom attended the work session with the City Council.

Chair Jackson reported that the Community Policing Representative to the Commission, Glenn Putman, had resigned his position.

8. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Sgt. Lance Inman summarized traffic statistics for September 2002. He also provided a synopsis of the grants including *ACTS Oregon, DUII grant, Laser Grant and Pedestrian Safety Grant*. Sgt. Inman outlined the work done with the DUI Prevention Grant and the Pedestrian Safety Grant and the 71% compliance rate by drivers for pedestrians in crosswalks within the city.

Sgt. Inman agreed to forward letters pertaining to the grant awards to Chair Jackson.

9. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Acting Liaison Councilor Moir reported through a third party complaint that she had been notified of concerns regarding turning issues in the area of Taco Bell. She indicated that Councilor Lee would provide additional information at the next TSC meeting to see if the Commission would be interested in reviewing the issue.

Councilor Moir provided handouts pertaining to the Gubser Neighborhood Traffic Plan and a memo dated October 24, 2002 from City Manager Eppley.

City Manager Eppley addressed the memo under General Business.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

The memo dated October 24, 2002 contained staff's recommended improvements in lieu of closing Trail Avenue. Those recommendations included:

- Create four-way stops at:

- a. Manzanita Street and Trail Avenue
- b. Manzanita Street and 13th Avenue
- Post *No Through Traffic* at:
 - a. Manzanita Street at Trail Avenue
 - b. Manzanita and 14th Avenue
- Create three-way stops at:
 - a. Trail Avenue and Mandarin Street
 - b. Trail Avenue and Harmony Drive
 - c. 14th Avenue and Mandarin Street
- Post *No Left Turns* from 6:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Monday-Friday at:
 - a. Trail Avenue and Mandarin
 - b. Trail Avenue and Harmony Drive
- Post *No Left Turn* from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Monday-Friday at:
 - a. 14th Avenue and Mandarin Street
 - b. 14th Avenue and Harmony Street
- Add bike lanes to Trail Avenue on both sides from Harmony Drive to Manzanita Street (budgeted)
- Add bike lanes to both sides of Harmony Drive (not budgeted at this time)
- Explore options at intersection of River Road and McNary Estates Drive to improve traffic flow.

City Manager Eppley summarized some of the actions that had been taken by staff as part of the Gubser Neighborhood Traffic Plan. He provided a synopsis of the above recommendations and requested the Commission's input.

Chair Jackson suggested review of the double yellow stripe at 14th and Harmony. He believed the angle of the stripe encouraged traffic to flow onto Harmony from 14th. Also questioned was whether the option of a right or left turn only out of McNary Estates Drive would be reviewed.

City Manager Eppley noted that this was an option that could be reviewed.

Chair Jackson urged staff to approach the improvements on Trail and Harmony with caution as the improvements may cause an adverse effect.

City Manager Eppley agreed with these comments and noted the need to monitor the area once improvements were in place.

Karen Trucke, 6330 14th Avenue NE, Keizer- supplied a history of a resident on Manzanita who indicated he was told when the area was built out that the city told the residents that Manzanita would be closed.

Using his background with ODOT and quoting Federal studies Harlan Naegeli indicated that "No Through Traffic" signs would have zero impact.

David Dehlin complimented the submitted recommendations with the exception of the bike lanes.

City Manager Eppley thanked the Commission for their work and excused himself from the meeting.

Councilor Moir provided copies of a draft motion. She noted item C on her draft indicating she believed it was important to explore the options to improve traffic movement at the intersections of Manzanita and McNary Estates Drive and Wheatland and River Road. She introduced Councilor Walsh who had some further suggestions for the Commissions review.

Councilor Walsh expressed concerns with the suggestion of using signage to close streets because of the connotation it would leave. He suggested using a two-phase approach by adding the stop signs then if this didn't work to review the installation of the "No Through" and "No Turn" signs.

Sgt. Inman believed within a two-week period, with enforcement patrol, that the use of "No Left Turn" signs could reduce traffic up to 50-percent.

The Commission and Council members further discussed the issue of traffic.

Mrs. Trucke interjected her disapproval of "No Left Turns" as she believed it would basically move cut-through traffic further into the neighborhoods rather than pushing it back out onto River Road or Lockhaven. She referred to her memo that was presented to the Council at the work session of October 14, 2002.

Councilor Walsh continued to reason for support of his phase-in plan.

Chair Jackson agreed with Councilor Walsh's approach to a phase-in of the plan as presented by Councilor Walsh. The Commission, Council members and staff further discussed this option.

Karen Trucke urged the consideration of the removal of the "No Left Turn" for the evening commute at Mandarin and Harmony. She believed this signage would prohibit citizens in the area the access to their homes.

Speed and volume of traffic in the area, in addition to baselines for reports were also discussed and the following motion was made:

Joseph Ortiz moved a motion to concur with the staff's recommendation of the five stop signs listed in the memo minus the "No Left Turn" signs and for staff to provide traffic and speed counts to the Commission three months after the implementation of the stop signs. David Dehlin seconded the motion.

AYES: Dehlin, Jackson, Naegeli and Ortiz (4)

NAYES: None (0)

ABSENT: Lamb and Prothero (2)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

Councilor Moir indicated she would present the Commission's motion to staff and the City Council.

Chair Jackson urged the Council to take into consideration the need to have staff present during the Traffic Safety Commission meetings to assist the Commission and to answer the many questions received from the public that they felt unable to answer.

Councilor Moir noted that the Council had addressed this issue.

Golf Carts

Responding to questions from the Commission Councilor Moir indicated she had not received any response from the group who had appeared before the Commission regarding the golf cart issue.

11. ADJOURN

Chair Jackson adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

- *Next Meeting- Thursday, December 5, 2002 @ 7:00 p.m.*
There will be NO meeting in November