



**KEIZER BIKEWAYS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Wednesday, October 21, 2009
Keizer Civic Center**

Chair Ron Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. In attendance were:

Present:

Ron Anderson
Jim Merrill
David Dempster (6:15)
Jerry Lelack
Robert Fox
James Taylor, Council Liaison

Absent:

Darlene Taylor
Cheri Christenson

Staff:

Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

Minutes Approval: Jerry Lelack moved to approve the September 2009 minutes.
Robert Fox seconded. Motion passed as follows: Anderson and Merrill in favor, with Fox and Lelack abstaining, Taylor and Christenson absent and Dempster absent at the time of vote.

Public Comments: Chris VanDenBroeke and Taylor Chavez explained that they had done work at the BMX portion of Keizer Rapids Park several months ago but stopped because of continued vandalism. They noted that they had started building again recently and so far nothing has happened. The committee suggested that they leave their tools with the caretaker of the park rather than at the BMX site and that they attend a Parks Board meeting and Council meeting to report on their progress and on any vandalism that they might encounter now that the park is visited more and is fenced.

Councilor Jim time: Councilor Taylor reported that Council had approved the bill interpreting the term "Energy Facility" in the Keizer Development Code.

Traffic Safety Liaison Report: David Dempster reported that the Traffic Safety Commission had met for 30 minutes. He had nothing further to report.

2009 ACTS Grant Final Report: Chair Anderson circulated the final report that had been sent to ACTS Oregon. He explained that he had voiced concern to them regarding projects for next year and the lack of attendance at the 2009 classes but was assured by Kate Murphy that the funds should still be expended. He noted that helmets, tail-lights and educational activity books were purchased. The books are "Safety on

Wheels" which dealt with all wheeled sports and "Be Safe, Wear a Helmet" geared to younger kids.

2010 Acts Grant: Chair Anderson explained that he had requested funding for safety vests for bike ride participants and cones in addition to the usual funding request.

2009 Committee Activities Critique: Discussion took place regarding the BTA classes that Robert Fox gives at various schools, working with schools to get the opportunity to talk with kids and details about the classes. Robert explained that he has 33 mountain bikes, 200 helmets, 150 safety vests and teaches rules of the road, traffic, where to ride on the street, hand signals, and right-of-way rules in the classroom (4 hours) and spends 6 hours on the bike including practice of hand signals, looking over the shoulder and how to stop and start a bike. On Fridays he takes 6 or 7 kids on a community ride for 5-6 miles. He added that Grade 5 is the target audience.

Chair Anderson noted that the committee has expanded from its original charge and continues to do so with promoting bike routes, safety, providing recommendations to Public works, and providing helmets and safety equipment but that donations from other venues have lost ground. He suggested that members contact various organizations such as the Volunteer Firemen's Association, Rotary, and Salem Bike Club so that the funds are in the account for use and the committee doesn't have to ask Council for money so that grant funds can be used.

2010 Committee Activities: Members suggesting that the committee talk to the parent-teacher groups at various schools regarding the possibility of including bike classes in their curriculum and contact radio stations to do public service announcements. Chair Anderson urged committee members to do their share on the Bikeways projects so that all the work does not fall on one person. He added that he felt the committee should continue with the Iris Festival Family Bike Ride and the RIVERFair Bike Corral. Discussion then took place regarding giveaways for Bike Ride participants, working with Salem Bike Club to establish a new bike ride and getting them to promote the Iris Festival ride perhaps by putting a flyer in the Monster Cookie Ride packet. Members suggested altering the route to include Keizer Rapids Park and going by the Civic Center so the kids could play in the fountain.

Chair Anderson suggested that perhaps a Community Outreach Day should be considered to make the community aware of the existence of the committee.

Robert Fox noted that Boy's & Girls Club sponsors low-income, disadvantaged children by giving them equipment and gear at a cost of \$700. Members expressed an interest in each committee member soliciting donations and contributing \$100 in donations towards the sponsorship of a child.

Other suggestions for Bikeways projects were the development of a map of local bike routes, perhaps routes that would be safe for smaller children, promoting the Willamette Valley Bike Route, having a Bikeways Committee member serve on the Salem Bike Club Board, advocating for changing the starting point of the Monster Cookie Ride to Keizer Station and developing a Cycle-Cross Race in Keizer Rapids Park.

Community Outreach Participation: Chair Anderson reported that the committee had participated in this event and gave out about 40 helmets. He suggested that outreach through the churches might be effective and suggested that the committee focus on this in 2010.

Chemawa Interchange Committee: Jerry Lelack reported that the committee is considering running Tepper across the freeway and bringing it out on Chemawa Road and trying to realign the drive into the Indian School and get traffic off Chemawa. If it goes through, Tepper will dump back onto Chemawa. He noted that the committee had completed its tasks so there was no need for a Bikeways representative because the concept had gone back to the main committee.

Other business:

- Chair Anderson reported that he had written a thank you letter to Anne Rasmus who donated \$500 to the Bikeways Committee because she had heard his plea for funds at the Council meeting and was impressed with the Committee's work.
- Members agreed to cancel the November and December Committee meetings and to work at the food barrel at the Miracle of Lights Christmas event on Wednesday, December 16.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

***Next meeting – January 20, 2010
Keizer Civic Center, Room A***

Minutes Approved: 1-20-2010