KEIZER BIKEWAYS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Wednesday, October 20, 2010
Keizer Civic Center

David Dempster called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. In attendance were:

Present:
Jeremy Jensen, Chair
Robert Fox, Vice Chair
Jerry Lelack
David Dempster
Rick Jorgensen
James Taylor, Council Liaison

Absent:
Cheri Christenson
Jim Merrill

Staff:
Bill Lawyer, Public Works Superintendent
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

PUBLIC COMMENTS ~ None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – David Dempster moved to approve the September 2010 Minutes. Jerry Lelack seconded. Motion passed as follows: Dempster and Jorgensen in favor; with Jensen, Lelack and Fox abstaining and Christenson and Merrill absent

COUNCILOR JIM TIME – Councilor Taylor encouraged committee members to come to the Council meeting and show support for fluoridation of Keizer water.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE – Bill Lawyer reported that

- The Wheatland Road Improvement grant is in the review process and being scored along with other submissions.
- PGE has not yet installed the Wheatland street lights.
- ODOT is still doing surveys in preparation for design work on the Chemawa Road project which is slated for construction in 2012 and will consist of curbs and gutters to 15th where the sidewalk will transition into a multi-use path on the south side of the road extending to the paved roadway in Keizer Rapids Park.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- **Helmet Giveaways**: David Dempster inquired if the Committee was interested in contacting schools to give needy children bike helmets. He explained that last year he received minimal response from schools but was able to work with Keizer and Cummings Elementary. He volunteered to contact the schools and fit the children. Committee members agreed by consensus to support this effort.

  Mr. Dempster also suggested development of a contract that the children would have their parents sign. Parents signing the contract would agree to be sure that the child wore the helmet. Signed contracts would be traded in at the school for a helmet. Mr. Dempster volunteered to find a form that could be used and send it to the committee via email for their approval and comments.

- **BMX Bowl at Keizer Rapids Park:** Jerry Lelack noted that the BMX Bowl at Keizer Rapids Park was full of debris. Bill Lawyer agreed to have staff check on it and clean it up.
- **Liability Waivers**: The Chamber of Commerce waiver, modified for use in a bike ride and approved by the City Attorney was distributed for review. David Dempster moved to approve the liability waiver. Rick Jorgensen seconded. Motion passed as follows: Dempster, Jorgensen, Jensen, Lelack and Fox in favor with Christenson and Merrill absent.
- **Cycle Cross Race:** Chair Jensen suggested that the committee work towards having this race at Keizer Rapids Park next year (October). He noted that parking would be a problem even if participants and spectators parked at McNary because it is such a large event. Discussion then took place regarding using shuttles, closing down Chemawa Road and soliciting the assistance of the Chamber and the Mayor.
- **Bikeways Canopy:** Chair Jensen reported that he had talked to ACTS Oregon and they had approved the purchase of a canopy with grant funds. Bill Lawyer suggested the committee look into a Quick Shade. Robert Fox suggested getting one with walls and volunteered to check out the choices so the committee could decide on one at the next meeting.
- **ACTS Oregon Grant:** Chair Jensen reported that the grant report had been finalized and submitted. He agreed to find out when the committee needed to resubmit for next year.

OTHER BUSINESS: David Dempster asked if the committee wanted to partner with the Boys & Girls Club again this year and put on some bike safety classes. He suggested that three or four from the committee could participate and helmets could be given to participants who complete the class. Discussion took place regarding the length of time it takes to conduct a class with Robert Fox suggesting that it be scheduled on a school holiday when the children would be at the facility for more than an hour. David Dempster agreed to talk with the Boys & Girls Club to set up something.

Robert Fox suggested the committee consider sponsoring a "Sunday Parkways" event in Keizer noting that the events in Portland have been very successful. He explained that this is an event where residential streets are closed to traffic for a period of time so that pedestrians, cyclists, skaters, etc. can get out and enjoy the area without traffic and that local vendors have booths along the way or at a nearby park. Committee members suggested contacting neighborhood associations, the Chamber and the Parks Advisory Board for support. Mr. Lawyer added that the area around Wallace House Park might be good for this event.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Next meeting – November 17, 2010 - Keizer Civic Center, Room A

Minutes Approved: 11-17-10