

**MINUTES
CITY OF KEIZER
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
KEIZER CITY HALL LIBRARY
OCTOBER 17, 1996**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gorlinsky at 7:35 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Greg McLeod, Ernest Smyres, Fred George, Mike Kirby, and Paul Gorlinsky. Mr. McLeod left at 8:50 p.m.

Also present were: Police Officer David LeDay, Council Liaison Dennis Koho, and Recording Secretary Nona Oxe'. Staff Liaison Sgt. Mark Miranda arrived at 8:09 p.m.

3. REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 19, 1996

Mr. Smyres called attention to an error in comments attributed to him on page 3, paragraph 5 of the September 19 minutes. He requested that the minutes be corrected to state, "Mr. Smyres suggested putting reflective posts on Chemawa for a short distance to **stop illegal left turns.**"

The minutes were approved, as corrected.

Mr. Smyres stated that in looking back over the minutes, he felt that Sgt. Miranda was wrong when he indicated that space restrictions would prohibit construction of a small curb along the 4900 block of River Road. Mr. Gorlinsky indicated that the Public Works Department could be asked to take a look to see if there was enough room for a curb.

4. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

No one came forward to present any issues to the Commission.

5. REPORT FROM CHAIR

FMAGIC

Mr. Gorlinsky reported that as of today, the 45 MPH signs are up on River Road from The Meadows to the City limits. Officer LeDay confirmed that enforcement would be a little lenient for the first 30 days, and then tightened up.

Mr. Gorlinsky wondered if with the approval of the baseball stadium project, the Traffic Safety Commission would in some way be involved in the traffic planning process.

Mayor Koho explained that with funding from the Department of Transportation, a traffic study is being done that will address issues to do with the ball park, and with the Chemawa Activity Center. He noted that the traffic study will help in making decisions with regard to the flow of event traffic, and also long-range traffic management once the activity center develops.

Mayor Koho responded to questions about possibilities for diverting stadium traffic, particularly with regard to the likelihood that Tepper Lane would be closed, at least temporarily. Mr. Gorlinsky suggested that if Tepper is barricaded, bikes be allowed to get through. He also felt there might be some problem with people parking on Tepper and walking to the stadium, and suggested that it might be good to make Tepper Lane "no parking" during events. Mayor Koho also answered questions about the proposed Radiant Drive alignment with Lockhaven.

OTHER REPORTS (Added item)

Mr. McLeod reported that he talked to the traffic engineer from the City of Beaverton about speed bumps. They are pleased with the success of the ones they installed. The bumps are Fire Department friendly, while dropping the speed about 15 MPH. Mr. McLeod indicated that he would be happy to write up all the information in a report. Mr. Gorlinsky felt that it would be helpful to Public Works Director Mull.

Mayor Koho felt that the Council would be interested in receiving the information. He noted that there is money in the street fund that might be used, and suggested that information about Beaverton's speed bumps, together with cost information, be given to Mr. Mull for him to submit a proposal to the Council.

Mr. Gorlinsky provided the new members with background information about the proposal for speed bumps on Ridge Drive. He pointed out that the Traffic Safety Commission also felt that Ridge Drive might act as a pilot project to determine the advisability of using speed bumps at other locations in the City, such as Dearborn.

Mr. Gorlinsky circulated the DMV's new drivers license, and explained its advantages over the old license.

7. REVIEW OF NEWSPAPER ARTICLE SUBJECTS (taken out of order)

Mr. George submitted a draft article about "left turns." Officer LeDay made copies of the article for everyone to review. No changes were suggested. The article will be given to Sgt. Miranda to put in the proper format, and submit to the Keizertimes.

For Mayor Koho's benefit, Mr. Gorlinsky described the news article project, and noted that it responds to the Traffic Safety Commission's goal to develop an education program.

Mr. McLeod had not yet prepared his article on "walk signals."

(Sgt. Miranda arrived and took his place at the table.)

A Discussion followed regarding crosswalks and the false sense of security they convey. Mayor Koho noted that sometime back the issue came up with regard to a crossing on River Road near the Bi-Mart center. He recalled that there was quite a bit of discussion as to whether to take out the crosswalk because of the poor visibility. He perceived that if Iris Lane and the proposed signal are not put in, the Council may revisit the issue.

Mayor Koho responded to questions about the new Claggett Street intersection and the changes to Sandy Drive.

Mr. McLeod responded to questions about traffic signalization.

8. DISCUSSION REGARDING BICYCLE LANES (taken out of order)

Mr. Gorlinsky had noticed that there is bicycle traffic on a few streets in the City not having bicycle lanes. He specifically mentioned a location on River Road near the northern City limits where southbound bicycle riders must compete with 45 MPH traffic without the benefit of a bike lane. He noted that the road is used quite a bit by bicycle riders in the summertime. It was Mr. Gorlinsky's feeling that two feet of asphalt would take care of the problem. He noted that there is a sidewalk and a bicycle lane on the east side of the road.

Sgt. Miranda pointed out that initially bike lanes were put on Wheatland instead of River Road.

Mr. Kirby noted that the marked lane on the east side of River Road referred to by Mr. Gorlinsky is not actually a bike lane, but a white curb line.

The Commission discussed the need for more bike lanes, and possible sources for funding. Mr. McLeod suggested the possibility of applying for ODOT money. Mayor Koho pointed out that there is a surplus in the City's street fund. Mr. Gorlinsky wondered if it would be appropriate to identify locations needing bike lanes, and submit a list to the Public Works Department. Mayor Koho pointed out that the Budget

Committee will soon begin its work. He suggested that the Commission work on a proposal for using street funds. He also felt that it would be helpful to have a Public Works Department staff contact on the Traffic Safety Commission. Sgt. Miranda pointed out that one of the identified goals is Public Works participation on the Traffic Safety Commission.

Mr. McLeod wondered if the Bicycle Committee might be working on similar issues. Sgt. Miranda again brought up the possibility of combining the Traffic Safety Commission and the Bicycle Committee. Mr. Gorlinsky noted that he talked to Mr. Sangster of the Bicycle Committee and found that their focus is somewhat different from that of the Traffic Safety Commission. He stated that he would try to get copies of some of their past minutes to get a better understanding of their interests.

The discussion of bicycle safety led to discussion of other safety concerns. Mr. Smyres was still especially concerned about overhanging trees, and vision-obstructing shrubbery.

Mr. George questioned how the Traffic Safety Commission would proceed to identify and correct traffic and vision clearance problems. He wondered if individuals or sub-committees would be appointed to work on specific issues. Mr. Gorlinsky explained the process used for vision clearance problems--that each member report any problem he has observed anywhere within the City. The problem is then referred to the Public Works Department.

Mr. Smyres suggested that a large map be posted, and that areas with problems be pin-pointed. When the problem is fixed, the pin could be removed or the color changed. It was agreed that something visual would be very helpful. Sgt. Miranda indicated that he would bring back a map posted on a board.

6. GOAL STATUS

Mr. Gorlinsky indicated that it was now up to the Commission to decide how to proceed to achieve the defined goals and objectives. Referring to the list, he pointed out activities now in the works with regard to identifying traffic problems, and developing an education program. He felt that work should begin soon to identify a program for a 1997 grant request in order to meet the new June 1 deadline.

Mr. Kirby pointed out that some of the measures need to be done on an on-going basis, whereas others are "quick hits." He suggested that at each meeting the list be reviewed, and as any one-time measure is accomplished, it be checked off. On-going measures can be monitored each month to ensure that they are being done.

In looking over the list, Mr. McLeod asked Mayor Koho if the Council had taken any action with regard to ADA requirements. He pointed out that he had observed little being done on any wholesale basis. Mayor Koho recalled Council's participation in the ADA

process, but could not recall any activity specific to physical implementation of requirements. To his knowledge, there was no list of identified needs. Mr. McLeod had observed that in different developments, different styles of wheel-chair ramps had been installed. He noted that he has repeatedly brought up the subject because of his concern that the Public Works Department might not be meeting federally-mandated requirements. He felt that there should be an on-going program for installation and repair. Mayor Koho pointed out that there is money in the street fund. He felt that if the Traffic Safety Commission were to come up with a package and identify costs, the Budget Committee would consider the proposal.

Goals relative to interaction with staff and with the City Council were discussed. Mayor Koho pointed out the limitations on staff resources. He hoped his participation on the Traffic Safety Commission would have some impact on the goal for visibility to the Council. He also felt that there should be an annual Council session for all the Traffic Safety Commission to come and talk about needs. Mr. Gorlinsky noted that he talked to Mayor Koho about the chairs doing their own reporting to council. Mayor Koho conceded that there are problems with the current process of Council Liaison reporting.

Mr. George suggested that rather than going at the goals list "hit and miss," it might be appropriate to assign a goal to a sub-committee of one or two members, to investigate and come up with a solution or recommendation.

Mr. McLeod excused himself from the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Before leaving, he reminded the group that next week he would be attending the ODOT Transportation Safety Conference in Bend, at his company's expense. He will try to bring a brief report back to the Commission.

After discussion, it was agreed that at the next meeting specific goals will be assigned to sub-committees. In the interim, each member is to look over the list and select an issue he would like to be associated with.

9. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Sgt. Miranda deferred to Mr. Kirby to report on the grant application. Mr. Kirby reported that a couple days ago he received a call from the State in connection with the grant application submitted by the Traffic Safety Commission. Their question had to do with grant rules. Mr. Kirby noted that for some reason they interpreted the request to mean that the grant funds would be used to rent a theater. When he explained the proposal to educate adults and kids on bike helmet use by way of movie theater announcements on the screen, they thought it was a great idea.

Sgt. Miranda reported that starting last Saturday, the Police Department began a program to show enforcement slides at the Keizer Cinema. He noted that the Department is

paying for three months of time on the screen, and the theater is kicking in an extra month. Sgt. Miranda is also working on a video for TCI Cable on school bus safety.

Sgt. Miranda distributed copies of *Traffic Safety Notes*, and Police Department monthly statistics on accidents, speed, and school bus safety light violations. He noted that the information on accidents was new this month. He will present it monthly along with the other statistics. He responded to questions about the types and number of accidents, and how they are reported.

Officer LeDay responded to questions about speeds on Dearborn. He noted that with the added enforcement, there is about an 80% improvement over six to eight months ago. Sgt. Miranda conceded that the number one complaint throughout the City is still speeding vehicles.

Mr. Gorlinsky suggested that it would be good to put the statistics on a web site, when available. Mayor Koho indicated that it is now available through his computer.

Recalling traffic concerns reported at the last meeting, Sgt. Miranda advised that he sent a memo to Public Works Director Mull about the proposed reflective post on Chemawa Road. He also submitted another request for yellow curbing on Lockhaven Drive east of River Road.

Mr. Gorlinsky called attention to, *The Clipping*, a publication put together by someone at DMV where he works. He noted that someone goes through all the papers and correlates news reports on what the Traffic Safety Commissions are doing. An article on Keizer was included.

10. OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

Officer LeDay responded to questions about his motorcycle accident. Sgt. Miranda commented on freeway accidents. He noted that an I-5 Task Force meeting is scheduled for December.

Sgt. Miranda and Mayor Koho responded to questions about DUI impounds. Sgt. Miranda recalled his interest in an ordinance that would allow seizing vehicles. He noted that currently there is a penalty charge, but nothing allowing seizing. Mayor Koho believed that a State statute was in place that would allow a City ordinance.

11. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 21, 1996

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Gorlinsky at 9:25 p.m.