



**KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**Thursday, October 13, 2016
Keizer City Council Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sangster called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm. The following were in attendance:

Present:

Hersch Sangster, Chair
Pat Fisher, Vice Chair
David Dempster
Kathy Lincoln
Wayne Frey
John Maurice
Dennis Dunning

Council Liaison:

Kim Freeman (Left at 7:00)

Staff Present:

Mike Griffin, Public Works
Trevor Wenning, Police
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: David Dempster moved to approve the September 2016 Minutes. Kathy Lincoln seconded. Motion passed as follows: Sangster, Dempster, Fisher, Lincoln, Maurice and Frey in favor with Dunning abstaining.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

Jim Gray and Dr. Pritam Rohila voiced concern about the high speed of traffic on Verda Lane, specifically between Dearborn and the Salem Parkway, and requested that the speed limit be lowered. Mike Griffin responded that traffic counters have been put in place to measure speed and volume. The State regulates speed limits but requests to lower the speed limit can be submitted to the State if the data warrants it. Mr. Gray added that the flashing school zone traffic lights are blocked by overhanging limbs. Mr. Griffin responded that Public Works would check on that and remedy what they can. He noted that major pruning is the responsibility of the property owner, and a letter would be sent if necessary.

Mr. Griffin and Officer Wenning explained that Verda is a minor arterial and has a 'recommended' speed limit but that can be adjusted. Sidewalks and traffic volume effect the designation. School zones are placed according to specific requirements; their length is determined by the speed limit of the street.

Rhonda Rich, Keizer, Vice President of the West Keizer Neighborhood Association, requested that the Traffic Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrian Committee meetings be televised. Committee agreed by consensus to pursue this. Chair Sangster agreed to work with Council Liaison Kim Freeman on this.

PARKWAY BIKE TRAIL SIGNAGE: Pat Fisher and Hersch Sangster reported that they rode the Parkway, stopped at signage points, and made a list of the sign messages for those sites. Ms. Fisher will be contacting ODOT to see if the 'Quick Fix' funds are still available for this type of project. Discussion followed regarding the design of the signs and the danger of the posts in the access points to the Parkway bike path. It was suggested that if ODOT would not remove them, they be painted a color that makes them more visible.

UPDATE OF KEIZER BIKE ROUTES: Chair Sangster distributed a 'RideGPS' version of one of the current bike routes showing how helpful the upgrade would be. Wayne Frey, John Maurice, Pat Fisher, Kathy Lincoln and Hersch Sangster will work on updating the current routes and developing new ones. Routes could be sorted as to difficulty, age group, or length. They could be designated as commuter routes, routes to key destinations, kid friendly, walking or cycling routes.

ULALI/CHEMAWA INTERSECTION TRAFFIC CONTROL: Pat Fisher talked to Dorothy Upton, the ODOT Region Traffic Engineer, and she explained that there is no right turn on red from Ulali onto Chemawa because of the close proximity of the onramp to I-5 and the Parkway; drivers coming from Ulali would be competing with drivers on Chemawa for the onramp.

COMMITTEE PROJECTS:

Safety Study of River Road – Hersch Sangster reported that Community Development Director Nate Brown told him the Transportation System Plan was updated in 2009, would not be updated for several years and there is no funding for a separate study of River Road. Officer Wenning noted that there were an estimated 4 deaths on River Road over the last 18 years which is one too many but is not statistically unusual for a road of this type. He is working on the request from last month regarding crashes on River Road.

Bike Repair Station/Possible installation at City Hall – Kathy Lincoln reported that there are four companies that make Bike Repair Stations. She shared pricing for two of the vendors noting that the station at Salem's Riverfront Park was missing tools when she visited it. Discussion followed regarding the cost of installation, approaching various organizations for donations, location, and the possibility of installing air pumps only.

Safe Routes to School: Citywide Assessment of Routes to Schools – Pat Fisher reported that Mr. Lee had given her names to call but he did not sound encouraging regarding approaching this at the school board level. She suggested that perhaps the committee should figure out how to do an assessment of existing conditions perhaps through a grant from ODOT and then gauge the next step. Mr. Sangster added that the new principal at Cummings was interested but right now she is too busy. West Keizer Neighborhood Association is also supportive. Mr. Dempster suggested enlisting the PTA.

Outreach/Promote Bicycle Friendly Business Designations – Sangster/Frey – No report

Sunday Parkway Event with Iris Festival Parade – Sangster/Wayne – No report

Speed Study of Wheatland Road – Lincoln – No report

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT

Hersch Sangster reported that David Dempster had done a great job at the recent Fire District Safety Fair and thanked him for helping with ServFest as well. He thanked everyone who participated.

David Dempster reported that he had given away 18 helmets at the Safety Fair and received \$5 donations for each. There is \$1326 in the account. Chair Sangster urged members to solicit donations for this program.

Pat Fisher asked if there was a report showing how the 1% of the gas tax is used for cycling/pedestrian facilities. Mr. Griffin responded that there is no report but 1% is spent every year on ADA compliant sidewalk improvements in addition to sidewalks and bike paths that are included in every city project.

John Maurice thanked everyone for serving on the committee and thanked Pat Fisher for looking into the Chemawa/Ulali traffic issue.

STAFF REPORT ~ Mike Griffin reviewed agenda items and added that the street lights on McLeod should be illuminated soon. The City is waiting on PGE. Staff is gearing up to deal with possible storm damage this weekend.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT ~ No report.

POLICE LIAISON REPORT ~ Trevor Wenning reported that the 'Festival of Lights' was taken over by the Chamber. It is now called the 'Holiday Parade'. It will occur on December 10 and run similar to the last five years.

ADJOURN ~ Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ November 10, 2016, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 11-10-16