



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

**Thursday, October 11, 2018
Keizer City Council Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Frey called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. The following were present:

Present:

Wayne Frey, Chair
Pat Fisher, Vice Chair
Joe Tilman
Hersch Sangster
David Dempster
Kathy Lincoln

Absent:

Michael DeBlasi

Council Liaison:

Marlene Parsons - Absent

Staff Present:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: David Dempster moved to approve the September 2018 Minutes. Kathy Lincoln seconded. Motion passed as follows: Frey, Lincoln, Dempster and Fisher in favor with Sangster and Tilman abstaining and DeBlasi absent.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS ~ Carl Malone, retired public works director, surveyor, traffic engineer and county engineer suggested that staff should provide information to the committee and the committee should be directing staff to make improvements. Chair Frey explained that the committee is an advisory committee and makes recommendations to Council but does not have authority to direct staff to do anything.

HOUSE BILL 2017: SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS) PROJECT: Chair Frey and Pat Fisher explained that they had finished the worksheets for the Cummings and Kennedy projects and that Bill Lawyer had used them to submit grant applications before the deadline of October 12 along with letters of support for both projects.

VERDA LANE SPEED REDUCTION REQUEST: David Dempster distributed a handout which described the history of this request and possible solutions. Discussion followed regarding the fact that Verda Lane is scheduled for improvements through the Salem-Keizer Area Transportation Study and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, the cost of having a study done to determine the necessity of lowering the speed limit, and studies that have been done by Public Works and the Police Department. Lieutenant Wenning noted this is basically a matter of human perception; data does not show a speeding problem. Mike Griffin indicated that he would keep this information in the Verda file and when the improvements are done would make sure that possible relocation of the mail boxes be considered.

PARKWAY BIKE PATH SIGNAGE: Pat Fisher reported that she had the information that she and Hersch had put together. She and Hersch indicated that they would like to set up a meeting with Public Works to get approval of the locations of proposed signage and talk to ODOT to see who does what.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT

Joe Tilman reported on the location of a homeless camp. Officer LeDay (in the audience) responded that they are aware of it.

Hersch Sangster suggested that detour signs be put up for cyclists during the Iris Festival since the road closures also close the Willamette Scenic Bikeway. He noted that he had asked the Chamber to make bike racks available at the Iris Festival and offered to donate them, but they 'blew him off'. Discussion followed regarding the attendance at meetings that were held at the Chamber to address the impacts of road closures. Officer LeDay noted that it is only a 4-day closure. Interested committee members were urged to contact the Chamber and attend the meetings.

Kathy Lincoln reported that the regional transportation system plan is being revised and that there are a number of sidewalks planned for Keizer but Keizer will need to be specific about where they want them. The committee indicated that they are willing to help with prioritizing sidewalk needs. They asked staff to forward this information to Public Works.

David Dempster reported that the committee has \$1,497 in the account. He asked permission to order more helmets at the cost of \$862. Hersch Sangster moved to authorize David Dempster to submit the current order to Bill Lawyer. Kathy Lincoln seconded. Motion passed as follows: Frey, Lincoln, Dempster, Fisher Sangster and Tilman in favor with DeBlasi absent.

Pat Fisher provided details on the work she had done on the Cummings Safe Routes to School grant effort.

Wayne Frey reviewed work he had done on the Kennedy Safe Routes to School grant effort.

STAFF REPORT: Mike Griffin announced the Dearborn Bridge ribbon cutting event.

POLICE LIAISON REPORT: Lieutenant Wenning shared detailed statistics on arrests, citations and warnings given in relation to several grants received. He noted that with the reduced staffing over the past several years the roads have become less safe but that will change now that staffing has increased. Officer LeDay noted that in the last five years there have been 6 fatalities on Keizer roadways but in the five years before there were none. Lieutenant Wenning added that this would be his last meeting with the committee; Officer LeDay would be taking his place.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: None.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ November 8, 2018, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 11-08-18