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Keizer Bikeways Committee

Meeting Minutes – October 11, 2000

Members Present: Hersch Sangster – Chair, Joe Edgell, Barry Evensen, Doug Parrow

Others Present: Councilor Richard Walsh, Benjamin Phelps – Day Spring

Members Absent: Kristi Lowery

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes of the September 13 meeting were reviewed and approved.

The committee discussed the planned striping of Chemawa Road. The city is proposing to place an "End of Bike Lane" near the intersection. However, committee members were concerned that the sign would confuse motorists regarding the right-of-way for cyclists. The committee agreed that a "Bicycles on Roadway" or "Share the Road" sign would be preferable.

Benjamin indicated that the Safety Fair at Dayspring had again been a big success. He said that 165 children had registered and that there were about 300 people present at the event. He expressed appreciation to Joe and the Keizer Police Department for their help. Benjamin said that 19 helmets had been distributed during the event. Another Safety Fair is planned for 2001 and car seat safety inspections by the Oregon State Police, expansion of the information on brain injuries, and assistance of bicycle mechanics for inspections are being considered.

The committee discussed proposing an ordinance requiring the use of helmets by youth bicycling, skating, skateboarding, and riding scooters in the city. The Traffic Safety Committee has discussed such an ordinance and would support passage. The Policing Committee has also discussed such an ordinance and seemed supportive. The committee agreed that work on an ordinance to require all users of Carlson Skate Park to wear helmets should start as soon as possible. In addition, the committee agreed that an ordinance requiring helmets for all youth who are bicycling, skating, skateboarding, and riding scooters in the city should be considered at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned.

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