

**CITY OF KEIZER
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES
KEIZER CITY HALL ~ Conference Room B
Thursday, September 27, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Randy Jackson, Harlan Naegeli, Steve Lamb, Joseph Ortiz and Steve Prothero

Absent: Glenn Putman

Also present: Staff Liaison-Sgt. Inman, Council Liaison-Judy Smith and Recording Secretary-Cindy Perry

3. REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES ~ August 23, 2001

Mr. Lamb moved for approval of the August 23, 2001 minutes as written. Mr. Naegeli seconded the motion and carried, all present voting aye.

4. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

James Cathey and Annette (?), 1834 Jonathan Court, Keizer-expressed concern with the speed limit from Chemawa Road along Verda Road to the new school as being 35 mph. Mr. Cathey displayed a diagram and video depicting the hazards pedestrians face walking along the narrow street. He questioned the Commission regarding what procedure would need to be taken to have the speed reduced to 25 mph.

The Commission discussed street designations and reviewed some of the pedestrian hazards in this area.

Mr. Naegeli indicated that the City would need to initiate a traffic study to see if this area met warrants for a reduction in speed.

Mr. Lamb suggested that Verda near the new school be widened with a gravel strip to add some protection to the pedestrians if sidewalks were not going to be built in the near future.

After further discussion Chair Jackson requested that Councilor Smith take this issue to the Council for their input. Councilor Smith indicated she would do this and also show Mr. Cathey's tape to the Council.

Mr. Sangster with the Bikeways Committee indicated he would submit a letter of support.

FMAGIC

Mr. Prothero moved a motion that the Traffic Safety Commission submit a letter of concern to the Council requesting that a traffic study be conducted to lower the speed limit and to widen Verda Road for pedestrian safety. Mr. Naegeli seconded the motion and carried, all present voting aye.

Chair Jackson noted he would submit this letter in care of Councilor Smith to forward to the City Council.

5. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

6. BIKEWAY COMMITTEE REPORT

Hersch Sangster reviewed the Bike Skills Fairs that had taken place and the Diversion Program for children cited for not wearing a helmet under the City's Ordinance. He explained the success of the program noting that it would take place on a quarterly basis.

Mr. Sangster reported that the new signage at the Skate Park was in place. He expressed his expectation for helmet compliance at the Skate Park with the assistance of enforcement from the police department. Sgt. Inman indicated this was something the police department would be working on.

Mr. Sangster reported that the Bikeways Committee testified at the SKAATS public forum supplying their wish list for bikeways in Keizer.

7. REPORT FROM CHAIR

Chair Jackson reported that the Volunteer Coordinating Committee had received one application to fill the vacancy on the Traffic Safety Commission. This application would be reviewed during their October 2, 2001 meeting.

8. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Sgt. Inman summarized statistics for August and thanked the Bikeways Committee for their assistance with the Helmet Campaign.

Sgt. Inman noted that the final phase of the Seatbelt Campaign had taken place with compliance being increased from 91% to 95% on River Road.

9. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Councilor Smith reported that the construction along Alder should begin within the next couple of months.

She noted that MWACT and SKAATS were continuing to review ODOT funds and how some of these funds could be used in Keizer. She indicated that discussions of the bridge being widened on Dearborn were being addressed as part of these ODOT dollars.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Chair Jackson reported that he had received a copy of the new school site plan, the vision clearance updates and the Infill Redevelopment Master Plan which, the Commission expressed an interest in during last month's meeting.

Chair Jackson briefly reviewed street widths and access easements as noted in the Infill Redevelopment Master Plan. He provided this written material to the Commission for their inspection.

Chair Jackson suggested that the Commission comprise an outline of issues which they would like to receive additional knowledge about from the Traffic Engineer.

Mr. Sangster agreed and pursued reasons why a crosswalk could not be placed on Lockhaven. Councilor Smith summarized the presentation made to the Council regarding this and the costs involved for this type of warrant study. She indicated if this warrant study was pursued that there would be no funds available for the Trail/Harmony Project.

Mr. Naegeli expressed his concern that the Traffic Engineer would also conduct the Traffic Studies for the city. Councilor Smith noted that the Traffic Engineer reported to the Public Works Director and she was unsure if an RFP had been done for this position.

The Vision Clearance Revisions and Recommendations were also reviewed. The Commission questioned if this was the complete vision clearance code, which the Recording Secretary agreed to follow up on and supply the additional material during the next meeting.

Gubser Neighborhood Association Concerns

Councilor Smith noted the neighborhood association was requesting that the "City Park" sign located on 14th Street be moved up to the alley to help alleviate people from parking on Mandarin.

She also indicated that the association had presented concerns and were requesting that "No Parking" signs to be placed on 14th Street between the two driveways at Gubser Elementary School. It was felt that cars parked in this area were causing a traffic and pedestrian hazard.

The Commission discussed this and the various options to remedy this, which included the possibility of "No Parking" signs in this area during school hours. Enforcement for this type of signage was also addressed. Commission members felt it would be important to address this issue with the school as well as the city.

Mr. Lamb moved a motion to encourage city staff to review the traffic complaint in front of Gubser Elementary School. Mr. Ortiz seconded the motion and carried, all present voting aye.

November/December Meeting

The Commission discussed the dates of these meeting falling close to the holidays. It was the consensus of the Commission to change the meeting date in November to November 29th at 7:00 p.m. and to not hold a meeting in December.

Attendance

Mr. Prothero shared that he would not be in attendance during the November meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT

- **NEXT MEETING ~ October 25, 2001**

Chair Jackson adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.