



**KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**Thursday, September 22, 2011 @ 6:00 p.m.
Keizer City Hall**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hoover called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Richard Hoover, Chair
Keith Blair, Vice Chair
Eamon Bishop
Curt McCormack
Ed Thompson
Rod Conway, Deputy Fire Marshal
Council Liaison:
Cathy Clark for David McKane

Also Present:

David Dempster, Bikeways Representative

Absent:

One Position Vacant
Sgt. LeDay

Staff Present:

Rob Kissler, Public Works Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES ~ July 2011 Minutes were approved unanimously as follows: Hoover, Blair, Bishop, McCormack, Thompson and Conway in favor with one position vacant.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS ~ None.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Enforcement of Parking Restrictions Near Intersections: Commissioner Blair commented that vehicles are parking too close to the intersection of Joan Drive and Chemawa during Palma Ciega Swim Club events. Councilor Clark offered to put the Commission in touch with the Swim Club Board. Commissioners agreed that this should be brought up at a Commission meeting that Officer LeDay attends.

Signage on Lockhaven at McLeod Where Lanes Narrow: It was noted that this item was in the process of being remedied as Commissioners Thompson and McCormack had seen staff making adjustments to the signage.

Commissioner Input: Discussion took place regarding line of sight distances: a new sign at a River Road business has created concern for a resident on Main Drive NE. The sight distance complies with Keizer Development Code; however, when stopped at the legal stop line the sign blocks views to the left. Drivers must pull forward and stop again so that more of River Road can be seen. Other examples of intersections requiring two stops before

turning onto River Road were cited including River Road and Garland where the curve on River Road limits sight distance to the left even when pulling forward from the stop line.

The use of traffic calming devices was also discussed with Mr. Kissler explaining that emergency vehicles do not favor some traffic calming measures because they slow response time. He explained that if residents on a street have a concern about excessive speed, they may ask for measures to be taken. Councilor Clark questioned if sidewalk extensions or bulb-outs are included in the list of traffic calming measures to which Mr. Kissler responded affirmatively noting that there is an extensive list of options.

BIKEWAYS REPORT ~ Mr. Dempster reported that the committee had received a grant for 22 helmets. He explained that when the police department needs more helmets to give away, the helmets are delivered to the office and distributed from there, and emphasized the importance of proper fit for effective protection. He also reported that the committee is working on updating bikeways maps and developing routes to be posted on the Keizer website when they are completed.

POLICE LIAISON REPORT ~ No Police representative present to report.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT ~ Councilor Clark announced that the "committee reviewing committees" that she and Councilors Egli and Taylor were getting started would be asking each committee to give input on their work, what was working well and what could be improved. She asked the Commission to think about the possibility of expanding their mission to include Transportation in general since most planning includes many modes at the same time.

Councilor Clark then asked about outreach efforts reminding the public that, with school starting, it is a good time to ensure vegetation around sidewalks is trimmed back. Commissioner Thompson stated that he had mentioned a similar concern at a recent meeting. Mr. Kissler stated that code enforcement handles those complaints and the work has been slower since the code enforcement position was cut for this fiscal year. Councilor Clark suggested that letters to the newspapers and articles in media would be good reminders. Mr. Kissler suggested that reminders be printed on the water bills for the next two months. Chair Hoover requested that Councilor Clark ask the Mayor to write a letter to the editor on this issue. Councilor Clark said she would be happy to work with the mayor on this.

OTHER BUSINESS ~ None

ADJOURNMENT ~ With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ October 27, 2011, 6 p.m., Civic Center

Minutes Approved: 12-1-11