



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

**Thursday, September 14, 2017
Keizer City Council Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER

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

Present:

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

Council Liaison:

Kim Freeman

Staff Present:

Mike Griffin, Public Works
Trevor Wenning, Police
Tracy Davis, City Recorder

Chair Sangster thanked everyone for their efforts getting the bike repair station which was dedicated prior to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: David Dempster moved to approve the August 2017 Minutes. Kathy Lincoln seconded. Motion passed as follows: Fisher, Frey, Dempster, Dunning, Maurice and Lincoln in favor with Sangster abstaining.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: None

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Freeman reported that the West Keizer Neighborhood Association meetings have started up again, noted various openings on city committees, shared information about the recent Parks Advisory Board meeting, and thanked Wayne Frey for his efforts in the development of the soccer field at Country Glen Park.

PLACEMENT OF ROUTES TO SCHOOL: Chair Sangster thanked Wayne Frey for his efforts in development of walking routes to area schools. Discussion followed on where these should be published and development of a printable map showing pertinent information. Joe Tilman (in the audience) volunteered to assist Wayne Frey and Pat Fisher with this.

UPDATE OF KEIZER BIKE ROUTES: Have been completed but not sent to staff for posting on the City website.

COMMITTEE PROJECTS:

Outreach/Promote Bicycle Friendly Business Designations – Chair Sangster reported that 32 scenic bikeways groups will attend the free Scenic Bikeways Group October 13th conference at the Salem Convention Center. Wayne Frey added that the Scenic Bikeways Group has an opening on their committee for someone who will evaluate rides. Pat Fisher provided information about the process. Chair Sangster added that Alex Phillips, the program manager for scenic bikeways will be talking to Salem Travel to promote the economic impact of the Willamette Scenic Bikeway to the Salem Area.

Serv-Fest 9/24 - Chair Sangster reported that Lakepoint Church would like to buy 40 helmets. Wayne Frey, Hersch Sangster and Joe Tilman volunteered to help with the fittings.

Building Better Boards Invitation - Chair Sangster explained the opportunity and passed around the sign-up sheet.

ODOT Traffic Safety Conference (10/23) – Chair Sangster announced that he had attended this in the past and found it beneficial. Registration information can be found on the website. The City paid for it last time through a reimbursement. Members should contact Tracy Davis if they are interested in attending.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT

John Maurice thanked Officer Wenning for his work on the no right turn on red sign and the response from ODOT. He noted that he understood the explanation from ODOT but questioned if the committee should pursue further investigation. Officer Wenning responded that the City had paid for the upgrade of the other sign. Mr. Maurice asked Mike Griffin to get the figure so that the committee can consider that before any additional efforts are made. Mr. Maurice also noted that his measuring device indicated that the Tepper Lane walkway under the railroad tracks eastbound is only 35 inches wide.

Pat Fisher urged that, as a follow-up on the bike repair station, cards be handed out telling people the locations of other bike repair stations. Discussion followed on waiting until there are more than two in the area. She noted that modifications made at the Wallace House Park cut-through did not meet ADA requirements but that Public Works was still working on it. Mike Griffin interjected that the opening would be widened to 38" within the next few weeks. Ms. Fisher also suggested that the committee look into replacing the old-style bike rack at Keizer Rapids Park and work with the sanitation companies and residents so that trash receptacles put out once a week do not block the sidewalk. Mike Griffin explained that blocking the sidewalk is allowed on pick up day. Following lengthy discussion Ms. Fisher was urged to work with the sanitation companies to include an educational segment in their annual letter to their customers so that residents place their receptacles in an alternate area, if available, rather than on the sidewalk.

David Dempster announced that the Fire District 'Fire Prevention Week' Open House is Monday, October 9. Hersch Sangster volunteered to assist at the event.

Kathy Lincoln announced that Roxanne Beltz with the Transit District is open to another Bike Repair Station for Keizer if funding is available. Ms. Lincoln urged the committee to put in a request. She thanked Officer Wenning for emailing the cards that could be printed and handed out to children who need helmets.

Wayne Frey reported that the soccer field is in place at Country Glen Park. He also reported that he had attended the Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee where attendees discussed HB2017. Discussion is underway on how to allocate the funds generated by the Bill. To get funding, requesters must have accurate inventories. If Keizer wants money for safe routes to school, they would need to have an inventory of the sidewalks. He noted that the Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan – Putting Policy into Action recommends separating bike crossings and pedestrian crossings.

Hersch Sangster reported that the Bicycle Friendly Community application has been submitted thanks to Pat, John and Mike. This year the group added significant details with the hope that the City would receive more than an 'Honorable Mention'. Mr. Sangster also reported that the CERT team borrowed the committee's bikes for use at the Eclipse event and found them useful. Officer Wenning confirmed that they were extremely useful in that crowded venue.

STAFF REPORT: Mike Griffin reported that the annual resurfacing project is not yet complete – three streets remain. Stormwater staff are cleaning catch basins in preparation for the rains.

POLICE LIAISON REPORT: Officer Wenning reported that the police is finishing up the seatbelt/DUI grants and he hopes to have the statistics next month. Two lateral officers are being recruited, one reader board is down while parts are being waited on. There were no major issues with eclipse day, there was some congestion but everything ran smoothly. There was a fatal accident a few weeks ago between a motorcycle and a truck.

OTHER BUSINESS: Members discussed HB2017. David Dempster announced the "River to Ridge" race sponsored by the City of Salem. Wayne Frey announced an educational program by Cherriots on Safe Routes to School. Kathy Lincoln added that there is another program by Cherriots to train riders how to use the bus system.

ADJOURN ~ Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ October 12, 2017, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 10-12-17