



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

**Thursday, September 13, 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
Michael DeBlasi
David Dempster
Kathy Lincoln

Council Liaison:

Marlene Parsons

Staff Present:

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

Absent:

Joe Tilman
Hersch Sangster

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

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS ~ None

HOUSE BILL 2017: SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS) PROJECT: Chair Frey provided an update on the status of the work that the committee is doing noting that Council had given them permission to apply for grants for Kennedy and Cummings. Chair Frey is working on the Kennedy application and Pat Fisher is working on the Cummings application. Ms. Fisher noted that it will be important to make sure that the proposed projects comply with ODOT accepted design practices and that she has spoken with or is planning on having conversations with school and district staff, neighborhood associations and ODOT staff. Bill Lawyer and Mike Griffin are working on cost estimates. The due date for the application is October 12. Four letters of support have been received for the Cummings project.

Kathy Lincoln noted that ODOT has \$100 million worth of proposed projects. They have established an advisory committee from different parts of the state and it includes Steve Dickey of Salem-Keizer Transit.

Pat Fisher added that additional non-infrastructure grant opportunities with Safe Routes to School will become available this spring.

MANBRIN BETWEEN EVE COURT AND CHERRY – Parking/Narrow Travel Lane:

David Dempster reported that the road is plenty wide but as people approach the corner they cut across. There are hundreds of places like this in the city. He indicated that he did not see this as a major safety problem; people are not driving too fast; and there were not a lot of parked cars on the street. He drove it several times and in his opinion it is a non-issue. He added that older drivers might find that oncoming lights make it difficult to see and he sympathized with them. Michael DeBlasi suggested that the committee encourage the City install traffic calming devices in residential areas in the Transportation System Plan.

David Dempster moved that the committee take no action regarding Manbrin between Eve Court and Cherry. Pat Fisher seconded. Motion passed as follows: Frey, Lincoln, DeBlasi, Fisher and Dempster in favor with Sangster and Tilman absent.

WEST END OF IVY – Resident Parking Permit Request: David Dempster provided information about the area noting that there is plenty of parking in the driveways and no garbage on the street. It was noted that the street belongs to the public whether they are home owners or apartment dwellers. Councilor Freeman provided additional information.

Michael DeBlasi moved that the committee take no action on the West End of Ivy – Resident Parking Permit Request. David Dempster seconded. Motion passed as follows: Frey, Lincoln, DeBlasi, Fisher and Dempster in favor with Sangster and Tilman absent.

VERDA LANE SPEED REDUCTION REQUEST: David Dempster provided background information. He noted that he had checked the area several times and did not see speeders. Sergeant Wenning referred committee members to his detailed speed study which included charts, maps, and summary information. He provided clarification and fielded questions and explained that the speed survey showed that the average speed was below the speed limit; the majority of the traffic is not speeding.

Discussion followed with Kathy Lincoln advocating for lowering the speed limit, Michael DeBlasi suggesting that when Verda is upgraded, the design be done in such a way to make drivers drive more slowly. It was noted that residents felt unsafe when crossing the street to get their mail. Attention was brought to an email from one of the residents indicating that they were not in favor of moving the mailboxes. Sgt. Wenning indicated that he would be contacting the people on Verda. David Dempster volunteered to contact the post office about mail box options. It was noted that Verda is designated as a minor artillery and therefore has a 35 mile per hour speed limit.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT

Kathy Lincoln reported that the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments is working with the Oregon Metropolitan Planning Organization Consortium to prepare a list of legislative priorities for the next session and one is to allow local jurisdictions to lower speed limits in their area. Another priority is to support bike/ pedestrian improvements and prioritize safety and universal access. She urged committee members to voice their support and volunteered to write a letter for committee members to sign.

David Dempster reported that the Fire District Open House is October 8. He will be there to give out helmets and promote bike/pedestrian safety. Michael DeBlasi volunteered to assist.

Michael DeBlasi reported that the bike path behind Waremart is frequently blocked by delivery trucks in the morning. He asked if anything could be done about that. Mr. Griffin explained that that is private property so not under City control. Committee members agreed to talk to the Waremart people and write a letter for committee members to sign.

Pat Fisher announced that she had made several phone calls regarding the Safe Routes to School grant as reported earlier in the meeting.

Wayne Frey reviewed the work he has done on the Safe Routes to School grants noting that he will continue with the work.

STAFF REPORT: Mike Griffin provided an update on the Dearborn bridge work and reported that the storm crew is cleaning catch basins in preparation for the rainy season. October 8 is also the Public Works Open House.

POLICE LIAISON REPORT: Officer Wenning provided an update on staffing.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Parsons announced that a group will be repainting structures at the Big Toy on the 18th, shared additional information about Police staffing and reported that Council had passed the sign code ordinance.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ October 11, 2018, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 10-11-18