



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

**Thursday, September 10, 2020
Keizer City Council Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Michael DeBlasi called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Attendance follows:

Present:

Michael DeBlasi, Chair
Wayne Frey, Vice Chair
Jamie Davis
Steven Wolf

Absent:

David Dempster
Hersch Sangster
One position vacant

Council Liaison/Staff Present:

Councilor Dan Kohler
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

Sgt. David LeDay, Police Department
Mike Griffin, Public Works - Streets

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Wayne Frey moved for approval of the August 2020 Minutes. Jamie Davis seconded. Motion passed as follows: DeBlasi, Frey and Davis in favor with Wolf abstaining, Dempster and Sangster absent and one position vacant.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS:

Chris Eppley, Keizer City Manager, introduced himself and thanked the committee for the work they do for the City.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES/INFORMATION: Committee members watched a video on the Oregon Community Paths Program. Wayne Frey noted that he had not defined any possible paths but was hoping the committee could help identify a possible project. If the committee is interested in applying for the OCP grant, a letter of interest must be submitted by October 31.

Suggestions included a school connector pathway be considered through the natural area with a raised boardwalk connecting Weddle and Claggett schools and neighborhoods to the north, pathways to area parks, and connecting pathways from the Career Technical Educational Center or Chemeketa Community College to Salem Parkway bike path. Chris Eppley suggested that the committee review the corridor project that identified a 10-foot path to accommodate bike/ped traffic on River Road. This is a massive project that would require land acquisition and reconfiguration of River Road and grant funding could help facilitate that.

Discussion followed regarding the timeline and process.

PROJECT REPORTS:

Michael DeBlasi – NACTO Discussion: Suggested the committee check out a document created by NACTO (he will send them the link) which includes guidance on street design 'Designing Streets for Kids'. The document lays out what is needed to make streets safe for children. In the same vein, ODOT has a book called "The Blueprint for Urban Design" which explains different ways streets can be designed in an urban environment. It mentions that there are opportunities for cities to be creative and test things out, giving cities some flexibility with permission.

Street Trees: Watched a webinar on street trees and steps necessary to get the city designated as a 'Tree City'. Suggested discussion take place with Public Works to see what is on the books and see if the city wants to apply for getting funding for more trees. It looks like the city would need to have a 'Tree Board', tree ordinances and a Community Forestry Program.

Wayne Frey – ODOT Community Path Program: Discussed under 'Grant Opportunities/Information'.

Jamie Davis – Safe Routes to School Grant: Has been working with Mike DeBlasi on the spreadsheet of priorities developed by the committee. She will be contacting Mcrae Carmichael with SRTS for more guidance. Discussion followed regarding city match for this grant. Ms. Davis was urged to check with Hersch Sangster for details on the grant submitted a few years ago. Will work on putting this together to get in the 2020-2022 grant cycle.

Steven Wolf – *City-wide Missing Link/Neighborhood Connectivity*: No report.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT: None

STAFF REPORT: None.

POLICE LIAISON REPORT: None.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Kohler had no Council report but praised the community for stepping up to help others.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ October 8, 2020, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 10-08-20