



**KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Thursday, September 10, 2015
Keizer City Council Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sangster called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Hersch Sangster, Chair
Pat Fisher, Vice Chair
David Dempster
Curt McCormack (left 6:55)
John Maurice

Absent:

Kathy Lincoln
Dennis Dunning
Amy Ryan, Council Liaison

Staff Present:

Sgt. Trevor Wenning, Police Department
Mike Griffin, Street Division Manager
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES ~ Curt McCormack moved to approve the August 2015 Minutes as corrected. David Dempster seconded. Motion passed as follows: Sangster, Dempster, McCormack and Maurice in favor with Fisher, Lincoln and Dunning absent.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS ~ None

BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY DESIGNATION ~ Chair Sangster reported that he, John Maurice and Pat Fisher had reviewed the check list to qualify as a Bicycle Friendly Community and that there are no fees required and Bicycle Friendly Communities are promoted by the League of American Bicyclists, Sunset Magazine and AAA. He reviewed the criteria and explained how Keizer stands in relation to the criteria.

The subcommittee will meet again to formulate a presentation to Council that will highlight what the designation would do for Keizer and to review the list and strengthen weak areas. They anticipate completion by the next committee meeting and recommended that the next step would be to go to Council to see if they are willing to do this because completing the application will require staff time. Pat Fisher added that the subcommittee came to the conclusion that in some areas Keizer is better positioned than expected, but other areas there might be some simple low-cost actions that will move 'maybes' to moderate 'yeses'. Submission deadlines are February or August.

PARKWAY BIKE TRAIL SIGNAGE ~ Pat Fisher reported that she did not have a formal intersection by intersection suggestion yet but suggested that intermediate access points be signed as well. She also suggested that the access points at Alder and Brooks be widened noting that if this is in ODOT right-of-way, Keizer could request "Quick Fix" money. Signs at the Keizer Station access point and the Transit Mall are also needed.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT

John Maurice thanked the Police Department for running the recent DUII and other offense promotion and questioned when pavement markings would be complete on various roadways. Mr. Griffin explained who is responsible for markings and noted that he would follow up on the Brooklake markings.

David Dempster reported on the recent event at Spring Meadows and announced the Fire Prevention Open House on October 5. David Dempster, Hersch Sangster and Curt McCormack will work the event.

Pat Fisher questioned if the City could put up a camera at the Sam Orcutt River Road intersection to see pedestrian patterns and suggested that perhaps moving the crosswalk to the other side of the intersection would provide more pedestrian safety. Officer Wenning responded that the existing crosswalk location is safest and that statistics do not indicate that there is a problem; there are near misses but that happens anywhere in the City.

Hersch Sangster suggested that painted merge lanes for cyclists be put in place at the Chemawa Lockhaven intersection so cyclists don't remain in the right turn lane. Street Division Manager, Mike Griffin responded that he would look into that, but glare when the sun is setting might create a hazard. Members then discussed the upcoming ServFest event and decided they would bring 60 helmets and ask the church for money to help defray the cost.

Committee members agreed by consensus to follow past procedure and get a donation of \$300 for 60 helmets from Lakepoint to be given away at ServFest.

Mr. Sangster pointed out that there is no wheelchair cut at Panera Bread and asked that the City make a suggestion to change that to the owner.

STAFF REPORT – Mr. Griffin reported that the resurfacing project is coming to a close: Wheatland and McLeod from Lockhaven to Tepper are done and the County will do the striping; other pavement markings throughout the city are being refreshed.

POLICE LIAISON REPORT ~ Officer Wenning reviewed traffic/speeding statistics from Country Glen area of Wheatland Road noting that the results are not a concern. Ms. Fisher suggested that the intersection continue to be monitored since there is a new development going in. Committee members discussed methods to slow traffic on North River Road. Mr. Maurice suggested the committee study the area and see if there are remedies available.

Officer Wenning continued his report noting that the department:

- Would like to give the responsibility of the Miracle of Lights event to the neighborhood association.
- Is recruiting to fill a vacancy caused by a retiring officer
- Is working with CIS to figure out how to begin towing again
- Will be working on prevention of speeding vehicles in the Keizer Rapids Park area.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT ~ Councilor Ryan was absent. No report.

ADJOURN ~ Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ October 8, 2015, 6 p.m., Civic Center

Minutes Approved: 10-08-15