



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

**Thursday, September 8, 2016  
Keizer City Council Chambers**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Sangster called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm. The following were in attendance:

**Present:**

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

**Council Liaison:**

Kim Freeman

**Absent:**

Dennis Dunning

**Staff Present:**

Trevor Wenning, Police  
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Pat Fisher suggested clarifying language. David Dempster moved to approve the August 2016 Minutes as amended. Pat Fisher seconded. Motion passed as follows: Sangster, Dempster, Fisher, Lincoln and Frey in favor with Maurice abstaining and Dunning absent.

**APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS:** Chair Sangster shared an email request from Meg Rogers in the Vineyards neighborhood complaining that traffic was consistently going through neighborhood intersections without checking for cross traffic. He suggested committee members check this. Officer Wenning volunteered to pull statistics for the intersections in the area.

Discussion followed regarding how citizens should bring concerns to the attention of the City. Officer Wenning urged that citizens submit their requests through the City website, then the police can address the issue within 24 hours. To submit concerns go to [www.keizer.org/Police/](http://www.keizer.org/Police/) and click on the link in the sentence 'For generic questions or information, email the department at this address'. Clicking on 'this address' will connect to an email address where complaints can be submitted.

Additional discussion took place on how to address citizen complaints and educate the public. Officer Wenning reported that the City Attorney has developed a contract to allow citizens to borrow the handheld radar gun so that citizens can determine if their speeding complaints are a matter of perception or actual speeding.

**PARKWAY BIKE TRAIL SIGNAGE:** Nothing completed at this time.

**POSSIBLE COMMITTEE PROJECTS:** Projects were prioritized as follows:

- 1) Safety Study of River Road – *Sangster*
- 2) Bike Repair Station/Possible installation at City Hall – *Lincoln*
- 3) Safe Routes to School: Citywide Assessment of Routes to Schools – *Fisher*

- 4) Outreach/Promote Bicycle Friendly Business Designations – *Sangster/Frey*
- 5) Sunday Parkway Event with Iris Festival Parade – *Sangster/Wayne*
- 6) Speed Study of Wheatland Road – *Lincoln*

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT**

*Hersch Sangster* reported that Salem City Councilor Sally Cook who is with Marion County Health Education is trying to pursue mini-grants for Safe Routes to School and to get bikes for disabled children. The Bicycle Transportation Alliance has tentatively agreed to be the grantee, one of the bike shops will store the bikes. Details are being worked out. He added that there is a Child Obesity conference on the 28<sup>th</sup> and he is going to check the bike activities section. There is federal money to support this.

*David Dempster* asked permission to give away helmets to children at Centennial School. Committee members gave him permission.

*Wayne Frey* suggested that the speed limit be lowered to 35 on River Road north of Lockhaven to the city limits. Officer Wenning explained that it was lowered from 45 to 40 thirteen years ago. He explained the process noting that it is difficult to get it lowered. He suggested putting another radar reader board in this area.

*John Maurice* noted that traffic leaving Keizer Station for I-5 has to wait for a green light at the Chemawa/Ulali intersection because a right turn on red is prohibited. He suggested the right turn be allowed. Staff explained that this area is regulated by the Oregon Department of Transportation. Pat Fisher volunteered to discuss this with her contacts at ODOT.

**STAFF REPORT** ~ Mike Griffin's report was given by Chair Sangster: Bike lanes at McLeod and Chemawa are done but still need to be striped. Staff will report on the Jack/Stark intersection and the Starbucks Traffic Impact Analysis at the next meeting.

**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT** ~ Councilor Freeman reported that Council had received a letter and petition from residents of Verda Lane asking that the speed limit be reduced from 35 to 25 between Chemawa and the Parkway. Officer Wenning responded that the Police has done lots of speed enforcement on that stretch and is not seeing a problem. Historically since 2000 the department has not issued a single citation. Following discussion Officer Wenning agreed to work with Public Works to put a speed measurement device there but a specific area will need to be decided upon. Councilor Freeman agreed to reach out to the neighbors and get this information.

**POLICE LIAISON REPORT** ~ Trevor Wenning reported that the principal of McNary, Eric Jespersen, and Superintendent Christy Perry are working to resolve the parking problems around McNary High School. They are considering several options. He reviewed efforts currently underway regarding educating students and property owners. Officer Wenning also announced an upcoming Child Safety Seat Clinic adding that more will be done next year, perhaps in more public areas like outside coffee shops or in Schoolhouse Square.

**ADJOURN** ~ Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

***Next Scheduled Meeting ~ October 13, 2016, 6 p.m.***

Minutes Approved: 10-13-16