



**KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

***Thursday, August 28, 2003 @ 7:00 p.m.
Keizer City Hall - Conference Room B***

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Prothero called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Steve Prothero, Randy Taylor, Joe Ortiz, David Dehlin, and Gerald Watson.

Absent: Steve Lamb and Debbie Schneekloth

Also present were: Council Liaison Jacque Moir and Recording Secretary Debbie Lockhart.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of July 24, 2003 Minutes

David Dehlin moved for approval of the July 24, 2003 minutes as written. Joseph Ortiz seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES: Prothero, Ortiz, Dehlin, Watson, Taylor (5)

NAYES: None (0)

ABSENT: Lamb, Schneekloth (2)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

4. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

Karen Trucke, 6330 14th Avenue, Keizer, Oregon (503-390-1234) presented the Commission with information regarding Meadowlark Road (attached) and requested installation of speed bumps to slow and/or reduce traffic. Ms. Trucke stated that she has observed excessive cut-through traffic noting up to 80 cars per hour. She noted that traffic came primarily, but not exclusively, from the new neighborhoods and included a large volume of service and delivery vehicles as well as two-trailer trucks and dump trucks.

Ms. Trucke inquired about a change in the striping requested at an earlier meeting, noting that it had been done, but not with the requested change. Mr. Jackson responded that the request had been forwarded to the City.

Referring to the traffic on Meadowlark and the effect of speed bumps, several members pointed out that traffic would most likely increase on other neighborhood streets with the installation of speed bumps on Meadowlark. Ms. Trucke felt it was fair to divert some traffic to other streets.

Mr. Watson inquired about the possibility of a 4-way stop sign at Manzinita and McCloud to divert traffic, but Ms. Trucke felt that would only increase traffic on Meadowlark.

Mr. Lamb noted the need for collection of additional information in order for the Commission to make a recommendation. He pointed out that a study on Harmony was being done, the results of which could be used to develop a plan for Meadowlark. He also noted the importance of addressing the issue when the Staff Liaison was in attendance. Mr. Jackson suggested that the issue be brought up in November after some investigation and corroboration with City staff.

Chair Prothero informed Ms. Trucke that she would be notified when the issue was going to be addressed.

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

✓ *Golf Cart Ordinance*

Council Liaison Jacque Moir informed members that the legislature had discontinued the "half-mile circle" allowing individual communities the option to decide what is best for their community.

✓ *Report from Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)*

Chair Prothero read a letter to Rob Kissler from Paul Davis, Investigations Coordinator for Oregon Department of Transportation, which stated that ODOT recommended no change in current speed limits on River Road. Commission reviewed and discussed the letter and documentation (attached) submitted with the letter.

Council Liaison Moir encouraged Commission to communicate to ODOT that they wholeheartedly disagree with the findings and she would encourage City Council to support the Commission.

Gerald Watson moved to reaffirm the Commission's support of the original recommendation and find that the report from ODOT is not persuasive.

Chair Prothero noted that the data was very persuasive and that it didn't appear that Commission had any basis to make a case. Members continued discussion. Chair called for a second but there was no second. Hearing no objections, Chair Prothero agreed to pursue the issue informally volunteering to talk to City Manager Chris Eppley about the matter. He asked Councilor Moir to present the issue to City Council.

✓ **2004 ACTS OREGON BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES GRANT**

Chair Prothero noted that although he did not receive the information from Lance Inman, he was able to download it from the ACTS Oregon website. He pointed out that the deadline is September 8. After brief discussion, Randy Jackson moved that the Commission apply for five traffic counters (\$895 each). David Dehlin seconded.

The motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES: Prothero, Taylor, Ortiz, Dehlin, and Watson. (5)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Lamb, Schneekloth (2)

6. BIKEWAYS REPORT

None

7. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Council Liaison, Jacque Moir, spoke with Commission regarding the Ad Hoc Task Force which is investigating the beautification of River Road with a \$75,000 grant. She also informed members that the Civic Center Task Force is investigating various approaches for improvements of City Hall. She noted that a decision on the Keizer Station Project is expected on August 29. Additionally, she discussed various ideas being considered to mark the 45th parallel in Keizer. Ms. Moir also noted that the Pepsi machines in the skate park had recently been vandalized. The hope is that Pepsi will cage the machines to prevent future vandalism.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

✓ ***Traffic Hazard at Golden/Newton Court***

The Commission discussed the attached map submitted by Louis Neuman, 5355 Melrose Court N., Keizer, Oregon, showing a potential traffic hazard on Golden

close to Newton Court. Members discussed traffic conditions and how to address the issue.

Mr. Jackson moved that the Traffic Safety Commission forward Mr. Neuman's request to City staff for investigation and consideration. David Dehlin seconded. The motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES: Prothero, Taylor, Ortiz, Dehlin, and Watson. (5)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

ABSENT: Lamb, Schneekloth (2)

Steve Prothero indicated that he would pass this information on to Chris Eppley. Mr. Dehlin suggested that notice be sent to Mr. Neuman indicating the Commission had forwarded his request to City Staff.

✓ ***Roster Update***

Chair Prothero noted that the roster was not current. He circulated a copy and asked members to make necessary changes. Recording Secretary will e-mail an updated copy to members along with Agenda and Minutes.

9. ADJOURNMENT

➤ *Next Meeting ~ September 25, 2003 @ 7:00 p.m.*

Chair Prothero adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.