



**KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**Thursday, August 26, 2004 @ 6:00 p.m.
Keizer City Hall – Conference Room B**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Prothero called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Steve Prothero, Chair
Randy Jackson
Johnny Alexander
Susan Keen
Gerald Watson, arrived at 6:10pm

Also Present:

Lance Inman, Police Liaison
Debbie Lockhart, Recording Secretary

Absent:

Debbie Schneekloth
David Dehlin

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes ~ Randy Jackson moved for approval of the June 24, 2004, minutes. Johnny Alexander seconded.

Motion passed unanimously as follows:

AYES Prothero, Alexander, Jackson, Watson and Keen (5)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Schneekloth and Dehlin (2)

ABSTENTIONS: None (0)

4. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

Jim and Annette Cathey, 1834 Jonathan Court N, encouraged the Commission to recommend to City Council lowering the speed limit on a .7 mile section of Verda Lane from 35 mph to 30 mph. Mr. Cathey reviewed past efforts to lower the speed limit adding that, since his last effort, there is increased volume of pedestrians, bikers and skateboarders. Sgt. Inman responded that traffic counters were in place on Verda and data would be retrieved from them on Tuesday and statistics forwarded to Public Works for use in any potential recommendation to ODOT. He suggested no recommendation be made to Council until the traffic data is available and an informed decision can be made. Lynn Mutrie, from ACTS Oregon, suggested that Mr. Cathey get together with neighbors and form a "watch" to log infractions over a period of time in order present additional data to ODOT when the

application is made to lower the speed limit. Discussion continued at length regarding safety issues, school children, ODOT procedures, etc.

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- *ACTS Oregon Grants* ~ Chair Prothero introduced Lynn Mutrie from ACTS (Alliance for Community Traffic Safety in Oregon). Ms. Mutrie stated that she attended the meeting in order to be available for questions adding that hopefully next year ACTS Oregon would be taking over the grant process so it won't be necessary to go through ODOT. She noted that when this happens, it is hoped that it will result in a quick turnaround of funds and an easy reporting process. She explained that with the new system a grant request/report will be done and a final report done at a later date.

Chair Prothero reported that he was working on the grant and had two weeks to complete it. He explained that he was concerned about finding someone to do the work if the grant is received but that he envisioned hiring a student from Willamette to do an internship to do the data gathering. The goal of the project would be to inventory Keizer's pedestrian and bicycle facilities: Identify where pedestrian/bicycle facilities are missing or incomplete and where such facilities exist, but are inadequate and/or dangerous. The data gathered will serve as a much needed baseline for discussions by the appropriate agencies/councils setting priorities for future pedestrian/bicycle projects within Keizer.

- *Oregon Transportation Safety Conference* ~ Ms. Mutrie reported that all those applying for scholarships to attend the conference would probably receive them and encouraged anyone else who was interested in going to apply.

- 6. CHAIR REPORT** ~ At the request of Chair Prothero, Susan Keen reviewed the process taken by Council for reduction of the speed limit from 45 mph to 40 mph on River Road and discussion followed. Chair Prothero then reported that he had attended the Public Works Chemawa Road open house adding that many people attended the open house and received answers to their questions.

7. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

8. POLICE LIAISON REPORT

- *Report on Traffic Counter Data* ~ Sgt. Inman reported that in response to a petition demanding traffic enforcement between certain times because of a perceived problem with speed in the Meadows area, the counting plates were deployed. Subsequent retrieval of data revealed that the majority of the traffic was traveling at the speed limit. A letter was drafted to the neighborhood which detailed this information and recommended that the citizens keep a log of repeat offenders for license plates so that the traffic officers could follow up with those. Sgt. Inman continued that the traffic plates have been used on other streets and revealed that there was a speeding problem so a motorcycle officer was

deployed to do speed enforcement. Officer Inman added that a representative from ODOT was fascinated by the counting plates and the department has received a call from a person in Australia (saw press release on website) who was interested in them, too.

- **24-Hour School Zone 20 mph Law** ~ Randy Jackson questioned if the school zone indicator lights would flash 24-hours in areas where the school zones are in effect for 24 hours. Officer Inman responded that under law the lights cannot flash. He explained that both Keizer and Salem lights will continue to flash when children are either arriving or departing from school, and be deactivated at other times. The signs will say "20 mph at all times". Police will concentrate enforcement during school times.

- **Keizer Station Report** ~ Rob Kissler will report on this at the next meeting.

9. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT ~ Councilor Taylor was absent.

10. ADJOURNMENT ~ Members agreed to cancel the September meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 7:20.

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*Next Meeting ~ October 28, 2004, 6:00 pm.*