



**KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**Thursday, August 24, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.
Keizer City Hall – Conference Room A**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

David Rios, Chair
Charles Hoffer
Cindi Blake
Randy Jackson
Susan Keen
Mayor Lore Christopher, Council
Liaison

Absent:

Steve Prothero
Chris Arnett, Vice Chair

Staff Present:

Sgt. Lance Inman, Police Liaison
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

Also Present:

Julia Goin
Les Chapman
Chris Betts
Steve Smith
Charles Anderson
Sherree Lewis

- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ~** Cindi Blake moved for approval of the June 2006 minutes. Charles Hoffer seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (Rios, Hoffer, Jackson, Keen and Blake.)

4. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS –

Charles Anderson, Keizer, complained of speeding traffic on Newberg Drive. He noted that the Police Department did a speed study with data collection plates and Public Works with hose counters, but he felt the results of the monitoring were inaccurate compared to his visual assessment. He indicated that he was considering getting his own radar gun and checking the traffic himself or hiring an outside firm for data collection.

Julia Goin, Keizer, agreed that there were speeding cars on Newberg but added that few are speeding dangerously. She suggested that additional signage or more patrolling of Newberg might remedy the problem rather than changing the posted speed or adding speed bumps. She concluded that if studies show a stop sign or light is warranted, a more effective placement would be near Orchard Street.

Les Chapman, Keizer, complained about a driver skidding down the street who had to be going 60 miles per hour and about excessive parking on the street on nights of high school football games. He suggested that police officers patrol the area

between 4 and 7 p.m. and urged that the street be made safer with the addition of sidewalks and street lights.

Discussion then followed on this issue with everyone reviewing the speed surveys and summaries. Mayor Christopher pointed out that the peak traffic hours for Newberg were from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with infractions occurring mainly in the afternoon prior to 5 p.m. Mr. Anderson argued that his data was different from that documented on the city's surveys. Additional dialogue took place regarding school traffic, diverting traffic to other streets, traffic calming circles, street lighting districts, moving the speed limit sign and adding "Kids at Play" signs. Chair Rios summarized that the appropriate action would be to move the speed limit sign further down the road and get additional data after school is in session using the traffic plates without any prior enforcement so that information will be accurate.

Chris Betts, Keizer, complained about a chronic problem with modified imports speeding and sometimes racing side by side down Juedes Avenue. He added that Juedes has no curbs, sidewalks or gutters and concluded that he felt Keizer was not a safe place to live anymore because of the traffic.

Sherree Lewis and Steve Smith, Keizer, echoed Mr. Chapman's comments.

Lengthy discussion followed regarding enforcement, additional signage, increased advocacy for curbs, gutters and sidewalks, hiring more police officers, regulations on traffic citation issuance, adding traffic lights, the vicinity of the school, the Capital Improvements Projects and the Transportation System Plan. Sgt. Inman encouraged residents to record the license plate numbers and report them to the police so that police could follow up and discuss the matter with the offender's parents. Additional discussion took place regarding police staffing and resources, tax rates and the need for additional patrol officers.

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- *River Road Renaissance Report* ~ Mayor Christopher explained that business district chairs are making decisions for their district so that Council merely approves actions. She added that Dazy Maze is applying for a grant to improve the area in front of their building and is hoping to make a plaza in their parking area. Additionally she reviewed improvements at Shari's and Keizer Plaza. Ms. Christopher then reviewed events from the Renaissance Faire adding that the Chamber is hoping to have four major events each year in Keizer: Christmas lighting, Iris Festival, Renaissance Faire/Art Walk, and Sir Isaac Newton Day.

6. BIKEWAYS REPORT ~ None

7. COMMISSIONER INPUT ~ None

8. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT ~ None

9. POLICE LIAISON REPORT ~ Sgt Inman explained that new school zone signs are in place and added that there are no more 24-hour school zones. Non-adjacent school zones signs will read "7a.m. to 5 p.m." with adjacent zones signs reading "when children are present" which means either when children or a crossing guard are visible. He added that National Night Out was a success with 42 block parties and 16 officer teams. There is a new traffic officer coming on as soon as the two officers attending the academy graduate.

10. DETERMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO COUNCIL ~ David Rios agreed to attend.

11. OTHER BUSINESS ~ Discussion took place regarding the updating of the Traffic System Plan. Lance Inman announced that Salem City Council passed the photo red lights which would be installed at 8 intersections in the city.

12. ADJOURNMENT ~ Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next Meeting ~ September 27, 2006, 7:00 pm – Conference Room A

Minutes Approved:

9-28-06