

Keizer Bikeways Committee

Minutes

August 17, 2005

Present: Ron Anderson, Hersch Sangster, Red Vanis, Jerry Lelack, Bill Lawyer, Richard Walsh. Keizer resident Bob Luoma.

Meeting called to order by Ron at 7:10 PM.

During public comments, Bob Luoma advised that he commutes on his bike on nearly a daily basis, and has observed that the shoulders and bike routes are littered by debris. Bill advised that during the months of June and July no sweeping was being done. A new contract has been awarded, with sweeping beginning in August. The new contractor is learning the job, and expects improvements in the future. Bill advised that he would appreciate feedback on the job that the new contractor is providing.

Bill additionally advised that there was \$724.00 to purchase helmets. He ordered 110 helmets, with the total cost being \$707.00. The cost of the new helmets has lowered to \$4.95 for bicycle helmets and \$6.45 for skating helmets. He advised that the company also offers to place a logo on the helmet for an additional cost. Helmet delivery is expected shortly. Additional funds are needed. Hersch, Darlene and Ron will contact Salem Bicycle Club and possibly attend their September 27 meeting to request funds.

Bill additionally advised that the final paving of Chemawa Road in the construction zone is expected on August 24, with final improvements being completed within the next few weeks. The status of the bridge over Claggett Creek is unknown. Construction of the bridge is not expected until next year.

Bill advised that there appears to be concerns from ODOT regarding the bike path/ multi-use lane in the area of Keizer Station and Chemawa Road/I-5 area. ODOT advised that the path cannot be within state highway right-of-way, possibly related to federal highway standard regulations. Bill will research this further and report to this committee during the September meeting. This committee may draft a letter of recommendation to the City Council regarding the construction.

Red and Richard advised that the recommendation given to the RRIVER Committee concerning access into the park was read and accepted at their meeting. Richard advised that there is currently \$200,000 in funds for hiking/biking type trail access. The cost of the construction of the paths are unknown, but it is expected to be much higher than the funds available. RRIVER committee requested our assistance in researching where additional funds may be available, either public or private funds. Some public grants may be available. Hersch advised that Salem Bicycle Club has provided funds for projects such as bike racks. BTA may also have some funding available. Hersch will contact personnel from the area of Springfield, Oregon, to see if he can learn where they obtained funding for their bike trails.

During a discussion of access into the Keizer Rapids park for pedestrians and bicycles, the committee believes that the best interest of the public would be provided by the use of multi-use paths of various construction designs. These would be some paved access trails and hard-pack trails, as well as unimproved "hiking" trails for the use of both hikers and mountain bikes. Some concern has come to light during the RRIVER meeting that a wide path, suitable for the use of

emergency vehicles gaining access into the park and also used as a multi-use lane, may someday become an open roadway to all vehicles. Regarding the planning of the paths, Bill will attempt to obtain maps of the area and provide them to the committee at the meeting. Richard advised that our recommendation of the path access by the October RRIVER meeting would be timely.

Red Vanis will attend the August meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee. He will discuss the AutoZone sidewalk issue with them.

In "Other Business" Concerns were raised regarding the lack of participation by committee member Rodney Cuda. No committee member present has had contact with him. Hersch advised that he did send an email to Mr. Cuda; however, did not receive a reply. Due to his lack of participation, Bill suggested that Tracy Davis (City of Keizer City Recorder) be contacted regarding Mr. Cuda's future involvement and attendance requirements. Ron will contact Ms. Davis on August 18 regarding this matter.

Next meeting scheduled for Septmeber 21, 2005.