MINUTES
CITY OF KEIZER
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
KEIZER CITY HALL LIBRARY
AUGUST 15, 1996

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gorlinsky at 7:40 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Paul Gorlinsky, Mike Kirby, and Greg McLeod.

Also present were: Staff Liaison Sgt. Mark Miranda, and Recording Secretary Nona Oxe'.

3. REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES - JULY 18, 1996

The minutes were approved as submitted.

4. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

Gary Steiner, representing the South East Keizer Neighborhood Association, joined the Commission members at the table.

5. VISION CLEARANCE PROBLEMS

Sgt. Miranda distributed copies of a memo he sent to Public Works Director Mull requesting a response to vision clearance concerns raised at last month's meeting.

Mr. Steiner reported that the section of gravel road on 12th Street towards Lawless Street is again being torn up by speeders. The matter was brought up at SEKNA to request repair to the street. Mr. Steiner noted that the neighbors will try to get license numbers of people who speed. Mr. Steiner responded to questions about the section of road.

6. DISCUSSION - MINI-GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Mr. Gorlinsky suggested as a possible mini-grant proposal, funding for police officer training in addition to DARE program training. He suggested requesting funding to leverage and extend the DARE training time to include education on bicycle safety.

Mr. Steiner called attention to the ACTS conference scheduled for October which includes a workshop on bicycle safety and one on grants. Mr. Gorlinsky had with him the conference agenda and registration packet. He gave the information to Mr. McLeod who had indicated an interest in attending. Mr. Gorlinsky will talk to the City Manager about the registration fee. Mr. McLeod indicated that he would probably attend regardless of City funding. Sgt. Miranda noted that he is scheduled to go for the entire conference.

Sgt. Miranda responded to questions about the mini-grant program. He noted that the two types of grants are for DUII enforcement, and community small projects. Mr. Gorlinsky reviewed the requirements for community small projects.

Mr. McLeod saw it as unlikely that funds would be granted for another bicycle-related project since the previous grant had been for a bicycle project. He asked Sgt. Miranda about the Police bicycle unit activities.

Sgt. Miranda reported that the bicycle officers are on the streets handing out awards for good bicycle use, and citations to kids not having a helmet. He noted the lack of helmet use by adults. He suggested that parents wearing helmets could be a target for education efforts, emphasizing the importance of setting an example for kids.

A discussion followed regarding the possibility of submitting a grant application for funds to do some type of advertising to promote the use of helmets by adults. Mr. Kirby pointed out that mini-grant applications have to be completed and submitted by September 28. It was also noted that the City Council must authorize the grant application, making it necessary for Council to consider the request prior to the September 28 deadline. It was the consensus to pursue a mini-grant to provide information to educate and encourage adults to act as roll models by wearing bicycle helmets.

The Commission discussed various types of advertising to get the information out to the public. Suggestions included brochures, movie theater screen ads, newspaper ads, and flyers included with water bills.

Sgt. Miranda noted that on behalf of the Police Department he would be submitting an application for a DUII mini-grant. He indicated that he could also write up the Commission's grant request if the Commission had suggestions. After further discussion of what to include in the application, it was agreed to appoint a sub-committee to work on the application for submittal to the City Council.

> Mr. Kirby moved to apply for a mini-grant relating to adult bicycle safety and education, and that a sub-group work to complete the mini-grant application

within the next week. The motion was seconded by Mr. McLeod and carried, all present voting aye.

Mr. Kirby agreed to meet with Sgt. Miranda as a sub-committee to prepare the mini-grant request. Gary Steiner indicated that he would be happy to assist. Several suggestions were made regarding what the application should include. Mr. McLeod liked the idea of zeroing in on the advertising at the movie theater, but not so much the idea of a brochure. Mr. Kirby liked the idea of using the water bills as a method of distribution, and felt that the message should be simple and straight forward. After determining possible costs, the sub-committee will focus on a specific proposal.

7. REPORT FROM CHAIR ON R3B MEETING

Mr. Gorlinsky reported on his attendance at the August R3B meeting. He noted that the majority of the time was spent on two issues: fire hydrant placement along River Road with new construction, and a gateway sign project at Lockhaven and River Road.

Mr. Gorlinsky noted that the final item on the agenda was the Cherry Avenue Corridor Design Plan. Two traffic-related documents referenced in the Plan were the Cherry Avenue Corridor Transportation Analysis, and the Salem-Keizer Area Wide Transportation Model. Mr. Gorlinsky felt that the two documents would aid the Traffic Safety Commission in understanding why the road was engineered as it was.

Mr. Gorlinsky distributed copies of a memo that he will send to Community Development Director John Morgan asking for copies of the documents for the next Traffic Safety Commission meeting. In his memo Mr. Gorlinsky also ask that the Traffic Safety Commission be included earlier in the planning cycle. He requested that Traffic Safety be involved in future development plans so that the Commission's input can be made during the design phase.

Mr. Gorlinsky also relayed information regarding a proposed bus turnout to be located near the Iris Lane intersection with River Road.

Mr. Steiner asked if there was any discussion about a speed change on Cherry Avenue from 40 to 35 mph. Mr. Gorlinsky could not recall hearing any information. Mr. McLeod pointed out that it would require a traffic study.

8. BRAINSTORMING SESSION - GOALS/OBJECTIVES

The item was deferred.

9. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Sgt. Miranda had with him a professionally-made video tape of an interview with an individual who was responsible for a DUI fatality. Mr. Gorlinsky suggested that Sgt. Miranda give his report and then, time permitting, he could run the video.

* Sgt. Miranda reported that the radar reader board is still up and running. Volunteers are still needed to man the vehicle. He noted that instruction for using the vehicle would require only a few minutes of a volunteer's time. There are no formal requirements for someone to be a volunteer. Sgt. Miranda is the coordinator for the program.

* Sgt. Miranda reported that he talked to Hershel Sangster, Chair of the Bicycle Committee. They discussed the possibility of merging the Bicycle Committee and the Traffic Safety Commission into a single group. Sgt. Miranda noted that Mr. Sangster seemed favorable to the idea. Sgt. Miranda felt, however, that it would be up to the Traffic Safety Commission to initiate the process. He suggested inviting the Bicycle Committee to the next Traffic Safety meeting to discuss the possibility. Mr. Gorlinsky pointed out that if there was agreement to merge, a proposal would have to be presented to the City Council.

* Sgt. Miranda recalled previous discussions about installing speed bumps on Ridge Drive. He indicated that he now had information that most of the community policing districts would be in favor on having speed bumps at various locations within Keizer. He pointed out the need to do a test project before embarking on a project for the entire city. He recommended that the Commission, by motion, request that a test project be done on Ridge Drive. He suggested that it be addressed to the City Manager.

Mr. McLeod pointed out that because of fire run problems, Portland is now taking out some speed bumps and is not installing any more until they complete a study. He felt that although speed bumps would not be advisable for some streets, Ridge Drive might be an appropriate test area since it's not a major fire run.

It was Mr. McLeod's and Mr. Gorlinsky's recollection that speed bumps on Ridge Drive was a recommendation from the Traffic Safety Commission to the City Council at the April 15 Council meeting, along with "beefed up" enforcement. Mr. Gorlinsky recalled that staff was going to study the matter, however, he has never received any feedback. He agreed that it could be made a more formal request from the Traffic Safety Commission to the Council. Mr. Gorlinsky will contact City Manager Tryk for follow-up information. If nothing is being done, he will bring the issue back to the Commission for a recommendation. A discussion followed on what information would be helpful to provide to the City Council.

* Sgt. Miranda reported on the Three Flags Project. He noted that the "big push" will occur towards the end of September. Sgt. Miranda will have displays at various

locations in Keizer. They will be staffed with citizen volunteers. The displays will provide information on traffic-related issues and community policing.

* Another project that Sgt. Miranda will soon be starting on deals with DUI forfeiture. Sgt. Miranda noted that some neighboring agencies are now using forfeiture proceedings for second-time DUI convictions. He indicated that he would like to work on getting a specific DUI forfeiture ordinance adopted, and would like backing from the Traffic Safety Commission in getting the ordinance passed.

* Sgt. Miranda distributed copies of a news article on fatalities in the State of Oregon. He also handed out copies of *Team Safety News*, *Acts Oregon News*, and *Traffic Safety Notes*.

Because of the late hour, it was agreed not to view the video at this time. Sgt. Miranda made it available for anyone interested in taking it home to view.

10. OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

* Mr. Gorlinsky reported that he received a call from the State Transportation Region 2 representative. She informed him that the request for a speed reduction to 45 MPH on River Road from the Meadows Park area all the way to the city limits has been approved.

* Mr. Gorlinsky advised that because Councilor McGee's schedule has prevented him from attending meetings, he has been replaced with Mayor Koho as Traffic Safety Commission Liaison beginning with the next meeting.

* Mr. Gorlinsky distributed copies of an article he wrote for submittal to the Keizertimes. The subject of the article was "Two-way Left-turn Refuge." Sgt. Miranda will look it over and pass it on to the paper.

11. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 19, 1996

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Gorlinsky at 9:00 p.m.