KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, August 8, 2019
Keizer City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER
Chair DeBlasi called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The following were present:

Present:
Michael DeBlasi, Chair
Pat Fisher, Vice Chair
Kathy Lincoln
Hersch Sangster
David Dempster

Staff Present:
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder
Sgt. David LeDay – Police Liaison
Council Liaison Dan Kohler

Absent:
Joe Tilman
Wayne Frey
Mike Griffin, PW Division Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: David Dempster moved to approve the July 2019 Minutes. Kathy Lincoln seconded. Motion passed as follows: DeBlasi, Dempster and Fisher in favor with Sangster and Lincoln abstaining and Tilman and Frey absent.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS:
Wess Jackson and *Carol Doerfler,* Keizer, thanked the committee for their follow through on the issues at Hollyhock and Fifth Avenue noting that the curbs had been painted and most people were complying with the no parking designation. The neighborhood also received extended monitoring by the speed trailers and is still planning on working with the West Keizer Neighborhood Association to get some traffic calming devices and appropriate ADA access. They thanked David Dempster and Pat Fisher for offering to help work through the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan and indicated that they would be in touch after the September WKNA Board meeting.

Doug Parrow, Keizer, distributed an email exchange that took place in 2013 with former Police Chief Adams about drivers parking illegally in the bike lane in front of Keizer Elementary School. He noted that the bike lane was still full of parked cars this spring and asked that this be addressed. Sgt. LeDay explained that this issue is common at other schools as well and that enforcement would totally congest McClure. Following lengthy discussion Hersch Sangster and Pat Fisher volunteered to talk to the Principal about getting information to the parents that parking in the bike lane is illegal. At the September meeting the committee will also discuss removing the bike lane since there is a sidewalk that the children can use.

Mike Jaffe, Willamette Valley Council of Governments, provided an update on the grant for Safe Routes to School noting that the Salem/Keizer area was highly rated and that a decision will be made soon by the Oregon Transportation Safety Committee. COG has been working with the School District and identified five schools. He shared the date,

time and location of the upcoming meeting noting that the committee will receive a recommendation from an advisory committee so it is not imperative that committee members attend.

GUEST SPEAKER: Lowering City Street Speeds

Doug Bish Traffic Engineer from Oregon Department of Transportation gave a presentation on Speed Zones which include how they are set, requirements of statues, speed zone investigation, current speed setting practices, recent and current efforts, options for setting speeds, developing guidance, Oregon options, proposed target posted speeds, designated vs. statutory speed limits and anticipated timelines. He then fielded questions regarding monitoring of speed limits, how the 85 percentile was chosen as a benchmark, designation of roadways (collector/arterial/etc.), city control of speed limits and representative on the Rule Advisory Committee. Discussion followed regarding the committee recommending that Council preemptively approve a review of speed limits in the City and which roadways to review: arterials, collectors and/or residential. Committee members agreed to address this at the September meeting. Sgt. LeDay noted that data on accidents on River Road is not readily available but could be retrieved if directed by Council. He noted that all fatalities have been on River Road but that speed had not been the cause in any of them.

PROJECTS REPORTS:

Pat Fisher - Parkway Path Signage: Checked with ODOT Transportation Liaison, Jenna Berman, who is involved in this issue with several different cities and is reviewing the IGA between ODOT and local governments to see where there are agreements that allow local staff to work on ODOT facilities. Ms. Berman will be sending her that information. She is also trying to figure out how ODOT could design and install the signs and seemed optimistic that that part could be done without cost to Keizer.

Public Outreach/Trash Receptacles: Attended Council meeting and urged Council to include in the sidewalk ordinance an education piece regarding obstructions and to consider trash receptacles in that ruling to keep sidewalks clear. She has not contacted the Chamber to see if the issue can be discussed at a Community Conversation.

Kathy Lincoln – City-wide Missing Link/Neighborhood Connectivity: No report

Additional Bike Repair Station: Cherriots is getting parts needed to repair the bike station. When it is repaired, Keizer can have it to place at the Kennedy/Boys & Girls Club. Hersch Sangster noted that permission has not been granted yet because he has not been able to reach the principal.

Hersch Sangster – Bike Friendly Businesses: Travel Salem is working on this. There is a possibility that competitive cycling may come to the Salem Area.

McNary Upgrade Status: Work is continuing on the big project but he has been assured that once the building is complete and traffic flow has been established, they will focus on the bike rack.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT

Hersch Sangster shared details of a small bike fair held on National Night Out and the Peach of a Century ride.

David Dempster reported that he had presented the motions from the July meeting to the City Council. They had approved the motion for painting the curbs and directed staff to do so but had denied the request for funding for the pedestrian flag program. He reported on the 5K Foot Pursuit event and shared information about the upcoming ServeFest noting that he would be there to help with fitting and giving away of helmets. He noted that the committee supply of helmets is getting low.

David Dempster moved to purchase up to $500 worth of helmets. Hersch Sangster seconded. Motion passed as follows: DeBlasi, Dempster, Fisher, Sangster and Lincoln in favor with Tilman and Frey absent. David and Hersch volunteered to find out about the possibility of getting a Police Association grant for more helmets. Hersch noted that Salem Bike Club would donate funds toward this as well.

Pat Fisher shared details on time, place, and subject matter for two ODOT Advisory Committee meetings. She noted that the style of the new updated ADA ramps does not take into account where future pedestrian crossings might be approved. She reported that she had checked from Lockhaven to Plymouth and looked at locations about halfway between existing signals and found 10 places that she thought pedestrian crossings should be placed. Members agreed to consider this at the next meeting.

Kathy Lincoln reported that Cherriotts will be starting Saturday service this Saturday. There will be free rides on all Saturdays in September. They will be running in Keizer but the schedule will not be as robust as during the week.

STAFF REPORT: Street Division Manager Mike Griffin had submitted a report via email which updated the committee on Hollyhock/Fifth curb painting and River Road paving. Deputy City Recorder informed the committee that Joe Tilman was moving out of the area so had resigned his position on the committee.

POLICE LIAISON REPORT: Sergeant LeDay announced that the department had received approvals for overtime ODOT grants for DUI, Seat Belt and Distracted Driving Enforcement.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Kohler reported that he had attended the Latino Business Alliance and shared the bus schedule he had received there. He thanked the committee for their work.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ September 12, 2019, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 09-12-19