



**KEIZER TRAFFIC, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**Thursday, July 26, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m.
Keizer City Hall**

CALL TO ORDER

Keith Blair called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Keith Blair
Ed Thompson
Eamon Bishop
Dennis Dunning
Curt McCormack
Shelly Campbell
Jeremy Jensen

Absent:

David Dempster
Rick Jorgensen
Rod Conway, Keizer Fire Liaison
Marion County Fire Liaison

Staff/Liaisons Present:

Bill Lawyer, Public Works Director
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder
Councilor McKane for Jim Taylor

ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR: Ed Thompson nominated Keith Blair as Chair. Curt McCormack seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows: Blair, Thompson, Bishop, Dunning, McCormack, Campbell and Jensen in favor with Dempster and Jorgensen absent.

Curt McCormack nominated Ed Thompson as Vice Chair. Eamon Bishop seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows: Blair, Thompson, Bishop, Dunning, McCormack, Campbell and Jensen in favor with Dempster and Jorgensen absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES ~

- **June 28, 2012 Traffic Safety Commission Minutes:** Curt McCormack moved to approve the June 28, 2012 Minutes. Eamon Bishop seconded. Motion passed as follows: Blair, Thompson, Bishop, Dunning, and McCormack in favor with Campbell and Jensen abstaining.
- **July 11, 2011 Bikeways Committee Minutes:** Jeremy Jensen moved to approve the July 11, 2011, Bikeways Committee Minutes. Keith Blair seconded. Motion passed as follows: Jensen in favor with Blair, Thompson, Bishop, Dunning, McCormack and Campbell abstaining.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS ~ Public Works Director distributed a letter from Mariella Dibble, a citizen concerned about bicycles on sidewalks. He expressed understanding for her concern, but explained that it is legal for bicycles to use sidewalks even when there is an adjacent bikeway. He voiced the opinion that this is a question of education; that cyclists as well as those on skateboards or roller blades, should make their

presence knows when they approach a pedestrian from the rear. Discussion then took place regarding the need for safety education; efforts made to educate in the past and the difficulty of getting into the elementary and middle schools to educate the children. Curt McCormack volunteered to explain to Ms. Dibble the difficulties involved. Committee members suggested that perhaps public service announcements regarding bicycle safety could be aired on the K-23 Television and placed in Keizer Times. Councilor McKane suggested that Officer LeDay be informed and that this issue be addressed at the upcoming Public Works Fair on August 22. He also suggested that committee members contact the school district and that perhaps students of the media classes at McNary could be recruited to film something for airing on K-23.

It was noted that Ms. Dibble is blind and perhaps the public needed to be educated on proper blindness etiquette. Additional discussion took place regarding public education and grants available from ACTS Oregon. Chair Blair volunteered to see if any grants are available. Councilor McKane noted that ODOT has a Bike Safety program through the Transportation Safety System with a wealth of material available.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Committee Member Input: Discussion took place regarding the voting members of the committee with Councilor McKane explaining that Council felt the Fire liaisons should not be voting members but should be part of the committee in order to provide their expertise. Council felt there might be a conflict of interest if they were voting members.

Additional discussion took place regarding sidewalk improvements. Mr. Lawyer encouraged committee members to report sidewalk trip hazards to Public Works so that they can send a letter to the homeowner and get it resolved. He explained that the Marigold sidewalk east of 17th has been an ongoing problem with an uncooperative property owner. It is now being addressed by the legal department. He explained that the ordinance for maintenance of sidewalks is old and cumbersome but generally the City can make the repairs and lien the property if the property owner refuses to make the repairs. Mr. Lawyer noted that the ordinance could be posted on the website, Facebook and K-23 in order to keep the public informed.

STAFF REPORT ~ Mr. Lawyer reported that

- City resurfacing projects are nearly complete
- Additional work is being done with a few property owners at the Sunset project
- Public Works did not do the Iris Festival Open House this year but instead will hold a Public Works Fair at Keizer Rapids Park on August 22 in conjunction with the Contractors' Lunch. In the past the Bikeways Committee has used this venue to present safety information.
- Yellow curb bumpers on Chemawa at the Lockhaven/Keizer Station/McLeod intersection will be extended almost to McLeod to prevent left turn movements. These should go up in the next couple of weeks.
- He recently met with the representative from ODOT on the Roundabout at Verda and Chemawa to review the scope of services. Preliminary design work should begin in the next few weeks.

- Chemawa road North project is moving ahead. It is anticipated that bid opening will be in December with construction starting in the spring of 2013.

Committee members discussed having a booth at the Public Works Fair. Curt McCormack, Dennis Dunning and Shelly Campbell volunteered to work on this. Keith Blair volunteered to get handouts from ODOT. Curt McCormack will contact Jenniffer Warner for the handouts that Bikeways Committee stored in totes. Councilor McKane added that the Transportation Safety Division should have a lot of educational material about safety in the downtown office.

POLICE LIAISON REPORT ~ Officer LeDay was absent.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT ~ Councilor McKane reported that groundbreaking for the Keizer Station Transit Center is August 8. He also reviewed candidates running in the City election.

ADJOURNMENT ~ Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ August 23, 2012, 6 p.m., Civic Center

Minutes Approved: 8-23-12