CITY OF KEIZER
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES
KEIZER CITY HALL ~ Conference Room B
Thursday, July 26, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL
The following members were present: Randy Jackson, Harlan Naegeli, Steve Lamb and Steve Prothero

Absent: Glenn Putman and Joseph Ortiz

Also present: Council Liaison-Judy Smith, Staff Liaison-Sgt. Lance Inman and Recording Secretary-Cindy Perry

Chair Jackson welcomed Mr. Prothero as a new member of the Commission.

3. REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES ~ April 26, 2001
Chair Jackson moves for approval of the April 26, 2001 as amended. Mr. Naegeli seconded the motion and carried all voting aye with the exception of Mr. Prothero who abstained inasmuch as he was not in attendance at this meeting.

4. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS
None

5. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
None

6. BIKEWAY COMMITTEE REPORT
Barry Evensen reported that $900 in donations had been received to purchase additional bike helmets. A portion of these funds would be used for the purchase of a bike, which would be raffled off as an incentive for children who are wearing their bike helmets.

Mr. Evensen noted on September 23rd the DaySpring Skills Fair would take place. He shared that 300 kids attended the event last year.

Councilor Smith reported that the Bikeways Committee had addressed the need for a crosswalk between 14th and River Road on Lockhaven. Through the Public Works Department the committee was informed that the Traffic Engineer would not recommend a mid-block crosswalk. On advise from the City Manager the committee was advised that if they felt the area was a hazard to secure letters of endorsement for this crosswalk that could assist in the direction of a warrant study taking place.

Councilor Smith requested that the Commission submit a letter of endorsement for the process of a warrant study to take place.

The Commission discussed the issue and whether this would be a safe alternative in this area.

Chair Jackson affirmed that he would accept a motion relating to this issue under the discussion of General Business.

7. REPORT FROM CHAIR

Chair Jackson provided a handout regarding the Annual Oregon Traffic Safety Conference. He asked the members of the Commission interested in attending the conference to notify him so he could obtain a full schedule for them to preview.

8. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Sgt. Inman reported the success of the Three-Flag Safety Belt Campaign bringing drivers into a 97% compliance rate after the ten-day campaign along River Road.

Sgt. Inman reported that the Bicycle Helmet Safety Campaign would extend through September 15, 2001. Children that had been cited for not wearing their helmet would be cited into the Municipal Court and required to attend a Diversion Program with their parents. He shared how the Police Department was attempting to raise helmet compliance by handing out "free" Slurpee coupons, (courtesy of the local Seven-11 Stores), to children seen wearing their helmets.

Sgt. Inman summarized the traffic statistics for June 2001 noting that 323 traffic violations were written in the month of June.

Mr. Lamb expressed interest if the Police Department was going to pursue the Crosswalk Stings. Sgt. Inman noted that this project was funded through a grant that would be awarded in September and that they planned to focus this sting on the lower end of River Road near Plymouth Drive.

9. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Councilor Smith reported that the helmet law had been instituted and fines were being set up to address the lack of compliance for this ordinance.

She reported that the second phase of the Harmony/Trail study would take place when school was back in session and she shared that stripping and bike lanes were being added to Plymouth, Verda and Dearborn.

Pertaining to SKATS and MWACT Councilor Smith summarized House Bill 2142a and the criterion that was enacted which may allow Keizer to receive at least two million dollars in ODOT funding that could be used for the interchange. She indicated that a list of projects would be reviewed and she would keep the Commission updated.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Chair Jackson reported that he and Sgt. Inman prepared the application for the ACTS Oregon Mini-Grant totaling $3,295.00 for the purchase of a laser handheld radar unit. He indicated this was the sense of consensus that he received from the last meeting in April regarding the grant. Since no meetings took place in May or June and the deadline for the grant was August 1st they worked with the grant in this fashion. He asked for permission from the Commission to move forward with submission of the grant as it was written.

Councilor Smith argued that she did not remember a consensus regarding submitting for a laser radar gun and felt the grant should be used to benefit the community as a whole. She re-addressed portable speed bumps as an alternative for the grant.

Sgt. Inman voiced his justification of the submission of the grant noting that with the amount of traffic congestion it was difficult to obtain legal speeds on a typical radar gun. He stressed that the use of the laser radar gun would benefit traffic safety for the City.

The Commission reviewed the portable speed bump versus the laser radar gun.

Mr. Naegeli indicated that at least two speed bumps would be needed to be effective in addition to the staff time and storage issues that would need to be addressed.

Mr. Prothero deemed for future grant processes that it would be important for the Commission to develop a list of possible submissions with the assistance of the police and public works department.

Chair Jackson summarized the Commission's role in obtaining grants and their success in the past. He urged the Commission to move the grant application forward as written and to set goals for future grant submissions.

Mr. Lamb moved a motion to forward the ACTS Oregon Grant Application as written. Mr. Naegeli seconded the motion and carried all present voting aye.

Councilor Smith addressed the storage units on Plymouth Drive and how the overlay on Plymouth Drive had affected the storage units parking ability. She provided a drawing of the area asking for suggestion from the Commission. She also indicated that she would be meeting with the City Engineer and Public Works Director to review the situation.

The Commission discussed this and Mr. Naegeli suggested that the parking spaces be angled. Councilor Smith noted she would take the suggestion to the Public Works Director.

Councilor Smith requested the Commission's consensus for a letter to be submitted regarding a possible crosswalk between 14th and River Road on Lockhaven.

Mr. Naegeli moved a motion requesting that the Council direct staff conduct a warrant study for a pedestrian crosswalk between 14th and River Road on Lockhaven. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion and carried all present voting aye.

Responding to questions Councilor Smith noted she would follow up with Public Works regarding the school crossing at the end of Windsor Island and Lockhaven Drive.

The area of Chemawa Road, Verda and the new subdivision east of Chemawa Road was reviewed. It was noted that stripping had taken place and the Commission expressed concerns about how this might effect pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

Chair Jackson reported that Kirk Fillman had submitted his verbal resignation from the Commission and the Volunteer Coordinating Committee would be reviewing applications to fill his position.

Mr. Prothero and Sgt. Inman noted that due to prior commitments they would not be in attendance at the August Traffic Safety Commission Meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT

- **NEXT MEETING ~ August 23, 2001**

Chair Jackson adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.