

**CITY OF KEIZER
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES
KEIZER CITY HALL ~ Library
Thursday, July 22, 1999**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kirby called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mike Kirby, Ernest Smyres, Al Kramer, Randy Jackson and Glen Putman

Excused: Mariella Dibble

Also present were: Council Liaison - Jerry McGee, Staff Liaison - Sgt. John Teague and Recording Secretary - Cindy Perry

3. REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES - June 24, 1999

Mr. Jackson moved to accept the minutes of June 24, 1999 as amended. Chair Kirby seconded, and carried, all present voting aye.

4. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

None appeared before the Commission

5. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Kirby shared a copy of the article from the Statesman Journal explaining the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan.

6. DISCUSSION

➤ **Neighborhood Traffic Management Program**

Chair Kirby noted that the plan was adopted by Council at the July 19, 1999 meeting.

Chair Kirby indicated that after they meeting several individuals interested in using the plan approached him. He directed them to City Hall to pick of a copy of the plan to review.

Chair Kirby requested that a copy of the adopted version of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan be submitted to each Commission member. The Recording Secretary agreed to mail them each a copy.

➤ **Parade and Events Ordinance**

Mr. Smyres submitted a copy of ordinance information, which the Commission put together in 1997. He shared that he supplied this information to Tracy Davis, City Recorder to help answer some of the questions that she submitted to the Commission regarding the ordinance.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding whether staff or the Commission would finalize the ordinance to present to Council and if additional changes needed to be made.

Chair Kirby volunteered to speak with Ms. Davis to give her the Commission's suggestions and offer assistance.

7. REPORT FROM CHAIR

No report was submitted from the Chair.

8. BIKEWAY COMMITTEE REPORT

Joe Edgell with the Bikeways Committee brought up the issue of the committee members observing many children riding bikes at the parade with no helmets. He stated that there was a law requiring children under the age of 16 to wear a helmet while riding a bike and if a few citations were written it could make a significant impression.

Mr. Edgell noted that the committee was suggesting a traffic signal at Chemawa and Celtic Way due to the traffic congestion and safety issues during the school year. He indicated that committee members had noted cars parking in the bike lanes along Cherry Avenue and on Candlewood Street.

Responding to questions Mr. Edgell explained currently there was only a bike path on one side of Cummings Lane and explained the liability issue the City would face if someone were injured. He indicated that motorists do not expect pedestrians or bicyclists to be walking or riding the wrong way in the bike paths.

Councilor McGee brought up the issue of many children in the Skate Park not wearing a helmet while riding their bikes in the Skate Park. A discussion ensued whether the law required this or not. Mr. Edgell indicated he would locate a copy of the law and bring it to the Commission for their review.

9. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

> Mini Grant Applications

Sgt. Teague shared that the Council approved the match for the radar reader board and that he and Chair Kirby would work together and submit the final papers for the grant application.

Sgt. Teague indicated that he would mail the current months statistics to the Commission.

Chair Kirby expressed his optimism that the Commission would receive the grant money being requested.

10. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Councilor McGee commended the Commission for their work on the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan and expressed his satisfaction that funds to match the grant request would be taken from Revenue Sharing.

11. OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Putman shared that last month after the Commission's discussion regarding the turning lane at Lockhaven and River Road he was almost involved in an accident. He was unsure what could be done but wanted to Commission to be aware of the potential danger at that intersection.

Chair Kirby indicated that if traffic counts supported it that this area might need to be widened to support an additional lane.

Mr. Putman also brought up his concerns regarding cars heading south on Windsor Island Road pulling out over the yellow line at the intersection of Windsor Island Road and Lockhaven. He felt this could be potentially dangerous for bicyclists as large trucks and trailers making the turn would have to swing over into the bike lane to avoid hitting the vehicles that had pulled out over the yellow line.

12. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT REGULAR MEETING - August 26, 1999

Chair Kirby moved to defer the August 26 meeting until September 23, 1999.

Mr. Smyres seconded the motion and carried, all present voting aye.

Chair Kirby adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.