

**MINUTES
CITY OF KEIZER
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
KEIZER CITY HALL LIBRARY
JULY 18, 1996**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gorlinsky at 7:35 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Also present was: Recording Secretary Nona Oxe'. Staff Liaison Sgt. Mark Miranda was away attending emergency management training.

3. REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES - MAY 9, 1996

(Continued from June 20, 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

As was agreed upon at the May meeting, Commission members reported vision clearance problems observed in their neighborhoods and throughout the city.

Mr. McLeod reported an overgrown bush at the southeast corner of Manzanita and River Road. He had also observed overgrown shrubbery at the southwest corner of the Marigold, Manzanita, and Manzanita Way intersection. Additionally, Mr. McLeod felt that a sign at the Rose Park Apartments would cause less vision obstruction if placed on the north side of the entrance rather than the south side. He was unsure whether the City could require that it be moved, but he indicated that he would like to have the matter looked into.

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Mr. Gorlinsky called attention to bushes obstructing vision at all of the side streets intersecting with Nottingham between River Road and Wheatland. He specifically named 8th Street, 9th Street, and Nadina. He also noted a large bush at the northeast corner of 17th Street and Marigold.

Mr. Kirby pointed out areas along Cherry Avenue with no curbs or sidewalks where vehicle parking causes vision clearance problems. He specifically named the corners of Hollyhock and River Road, and Bever and Cherry Avenue. It was pointed out that parking issues are being addressed in the Cherry Avenue improvement plan.

As a related issue, Mr. Gorlinsky questioned the City's policy for stop sign installation. He named locations where he felt that the addition of stop signs might reduce speed.

Mr. McLeod pointed out that considerable study is done before a decision is made to install a stop sign. It was believed that proposals for new stop signs are considered by the City Council, and approved by Council resolution.

A discussion followed regarding safety issues and enforcement.

6. BRAINSTORMING SESSION - GOALS/OBJECTIVES

Mr. Gorlinsky recalled that a list of five goals of the highest priority were identified at the May meeting. Since Sgt. Miranda was leading the brainstorming session, Mr. Gorlinsky suggested that the process of identifying objectives be delayed until Sgt. Miranda is present.

Mr. Gorlinsky noted that he met this week with City Manager Tryk to discuss concerns including Council and staff feedback, one of the identified goals. Ms Tryk had indicated that she would work on the issue.

A discussion followed regarding ways the Commission might interact with staff, officials, and other groups. Mr. Gorlinsky suggested that it would be helpful if Traffic Commission members were to alternately attend city planning-related meetings to get feedback regarding traffic issues. He indicated that he would attend the July 24 River Road Redevelopment Board (R3B) meeting.

Mr. Gorlinsky noted that Ms. Tryk had brought up the suggestion of combining the Bikeways Committee and the Traffic Safety Commission. Mr. Gorlinsky felt that a combined group with two branches might be a good idea. He pointed out that the two committees now consider overlapping issues, and are unaware of each other's activities. He felt that it would allow opportunity for both groups to address other pedestrian-related issues such as rollerblades and skateboards. Mr. Gorlinsky indicated that he would talk to Mr. Sangster of the Bikeways Committee.

Mr. Kirby noted that a larger committee might also take care of the attendance problem. He asked if Mr. Gorlinsky and Ms. Tryk had discussed the issue of absent Traffic Safety Commission members.

Mr. Gorlinsky reported on his discussion with Ms. Tryk about absenteeism. As a result of their discussion, a letter was sent from Mayor Koho to Mr. Davis and Ms. VanMeter regarding their participation on the Commission. Mr. Gorlinsky read the letter, and submitted a copy for the record. Mr. Gorlinsky noted that if there is no response from Mr. Davis or Ms. VanMeter, the City's Volunteer Committee will appoint replacements to fill their positions on the Commission. He noted that Mr. Steiner has an application on file.

Mr. Gorlinsky had also discussed with Ms. Tryk the suggestion for high school student participation on the Commission. Ms. Tryk rejected the proposal, and gave several reasons why it would not be advisable.

Comments regarding staff and Council feedback led to a discussion of responses to the Commission's recommendations regarding the Little League Park Traffic Study and parking enforcement.

7. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

In the absence of Sgt. Miranda, there was no report.

8. OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gorlinsky called attention to informational material distributed to Commission members, including the *Acts Newsletter*. He pointed out several topics discussed in the newsletter, and specifically commented on the possibility of laws regarding child endangerment being extended to the issue of kids in the back of pick-up trucks.

Mr. Gorlinsky also called attention to registration information for the ODOT Transportation Safety Conference to be held in Bend October 24 and 25. Mr. McLeod indicated that he might be interested in attending the conference. Mr. Gorlinsky will check with City Manager Tryk to see if funds are available to pay for Mr. McLeod's participation.

Mr. Gorlinsky indicated that next month the Commission would expand on its discussion of goals and objectives, and discuss ideas for mini-grants. He also indicated that he would contact Sgt. Miranda to get ideas or suggestions from the Police Department's Community Service Officers.

Gary Steiner announced that there would be a bicycle rodeo at the Dayspring Fellowship property on Lockhaven Drive on July 22.

Mr. Kirby noted that his school bus article was published in the Keizertimes.

9. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING AUGUST 15, 1996

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Gorlinsky at 8:40 p.m.