



KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, July 11, 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
Wayne Frey
Joe Tilman
David Dempster

Staff Present:

Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder
Sgt. David LeDay – Police Liaison
Mike Griffin, PW Division Manager

Absent:

Kathy Lincoln
Hersch Sangster

Council Liaison Dan Kohler

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

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: *Dana Baugher, Wes Jackson, Carol Doerfler and Carolyn Phipps*, Keizer residents, voiced concern regarding traffic on 5th Avenue near Honeysuckle Street. They indicated that according to NACTO ‘tables’ are effective traffic calming devices and suggested that perhaps one could be used to slow the traffic in this area. They complained that recent improvements to the park have increased usage and pedestrian traffic and suggested that the planned improvements to the tennis court will cause even more problems. They urged that ADA issues be remedied and that curbs be painted at the corners to keep cars from parking near the curb cutouts.

Public Works Director, Bill Lawyer, noted that the tennis court project is structured to minimize the impact on the neighborhood. He explained that the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan was adopted by Council and although it is a cumbersome process, it is meant to be so that traffic calming devices are not installed where they are not needed. He urged the neighbors to begin the process with the NTMP noting that once the process is complete, he was confident that something could be in place by the beginning of the next swim season.

Gary Blake, Keizer, representing the West Keizer Neighborhood Association, urged conformance with the NTMP so that the process could move forward as quickly as possible.

Discussion followed regarding the NTMP, stop signs, planter boxes, liability, ADA ramps, curb painting, and pedestrian flag crossings.

David Dempster moved that the Traffic Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrian Committee make a recommendation to Council to direct Public Works staff to paint the curb on both sides of Honeysuckle and 5th for 15 feet from the corner. Wayne Frey seconded.

Mike DeBlasi offered a friendly amendment that 10 feet of the curb be painted on the east side of 5th, opposite the north crossing from Honeysuckle. Wayne Frey accepted the friendly amendment.

Amended motion passed as follows: DeBlasi, Fisher, Frey, Tilman and Dempster in favor with Sangster and Lincoln absent.

David Dempster moved that the Traffic Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrian Committee ask Council for \$500 to install a pedestrian crossing flag system that would be used by the public on the north side of Honeysuckle crossing 5th. Wayne Frey seconded. Motion passed as follows: DeBlasi, Frey, Tilman and Dempster in favor with Fisher opposed and Sangster and Lincoln absent.

Pat Fisher and David Dempster volunteered to help the neighbors get the paperwork of the NTMP filled out and submitted to Council.

Wes Jackson urged that the City be proactive to prevent future lawsuits that might occur from injury to children or ADA non-compliance noting that he was disappointed that the committee could not do more.

David Dempster volunteered to attend to the next Council meeting to report on this issue and to relay to Council their motions.

PROJECTS REPORTS:

Pat Fisher - Parkway Path Signage: Mike Griffin reported that the City cannot use money for the pathway signage because the funds come from gas tax and the usage is specific. Ms. Fisher argued that it is gas tax eligible and she would find other cities who are doing it.

Public Outreach/Trash Receptacles: Ms. Fisher distributed newspaper article about the proposed sidewalk ordinance work noting that this would be a good time for the city to get a clearer policy on where people should put their trash receptacles. She volunteered to help staff and Council address this. Councilor Kohler suggested that this might be a good topic for one of the Community Conversations. Ms. Fisher was urged to contact the Chamber to schedule this topic.

Wayne Frey – Bike Parking Facilities – Assessment Tool *Safe Routes to School Action Plans *Safe Routes to Parks Grant *Evaluation of Bike Racks in Area Parks – No Report.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT

David Dempster noted that the committee will have a table at the 5k Foot Pursuit event on the 27th. He added that the committee will also have a table at the Serve-Fest in August.

Michael DeBlasi indicated that he would like to attend the APBP conference.

Wayne Frey reported that there is new exercise equipment at Country Glen Park and Claggett Creek Park.

STAFF REPORT: Street Division Manager Mike Griffin reported on the ADA ramp upgrades, River Road repaving and 14th/Lockhaven construction.

POLICE LIAISON REPORT: Sergeant LeDay announced staffing changes within the Police Department and reported that the construction work on River Road has caused an increase in small fender benders crashes.

David Dempster asked Sgt. LeDay if the police have gone to the schools/senior centers to instruct the children/elderly on how to walk safely to which Sgt. LeDay replied that they have not but there will be more educational programs in the future as soon as they have the staff. Cadets can help but they are random and must be supervised.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Kohler noted that he was glad that River Road was being repaved.

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

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ August 8, 2019, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 8-8-19