



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

**Thursday, June 26, 2014
Keizer City Hall**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McCormack called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Curt McCormack, Chair
Hersch Sangster, Vice Chair
Dennis Dunning
Kathy Lincoln

Absent:

David Dempster
Sherrie Gottfried
Shelly Campbell

Staff/Liaisons Present:

Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder
Bill Lawyer, Public Works Director
Jim Taylor, Council Liaison
Trevor Wenning, Police Department

APPROVAL OF MINUTES ~ Hersch Sangster moved to approve the May 2014 Minutes. Dennis Dunning seconded. Motion passed as follows: McCormack, Sangster, and Dunning in favor, Lincoln abstaining, and Gottfried and Campbell absent.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS ~ *Rhonda Rich*, President of the West Keizer Neighborhood Association, provided a brief history of pedestrian safety measures taken around Cummings Elementary, reviewed efforts being made to develop a "Safe Routes to School" program, noted that Cummings is the only school in the area that is not surrounded by sidewalks and urged this be remedied.

Carol Doerfler, Keizer, shared information regarding the volume of traffic around Cummings Elementary School and urged that sidewalks be put in place on Delight.

Art Mauer, Keizer, residing on Delight provided additional information regarding traffic in the Cummings/Delight area noting that volume is heavy and speeding and cut-through traffic are also a problem. He voiced support for re-paving Delight and putting in curbs, sidewalks and traffic calming devices.

Public Works Director, Bill Lawyer, responded that currently pavement and bike paths take up all the right of way on Cummings. Delight, however, has a 50-foot right of way which would allow for improvement. He suggested that perhaps sidewalks without curbs could be put in place, set away from the existing street and noted that the Public Works Department would begin the planning and design for funding in the next fiscal year. He added that a school zone has been established on Juedes, more traffic counts will be done in the summer and fall to compare to the 2008 counts, and he would work with the school to develop a different parking arrangement.

WAY-FINDING PEDESTRIAN SIGNAGE ~ The matter was postponed until the next meeting to allow committee members time to develop suggested routes.

SIDEWALKS CUMMINGS & DELIGHT ~ Discussed under Public Testimony.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT

Dennis Dunning reported a non-working speed trailer. Sgt. Wenning provided an explanation.

Hersch Sangster provided information about the recent Iris Festival and noted that he had been working with West Keizer Neighborhood Association in developing the Safe Routes to School Program. The Polio Ride will be on June 29, Salem Sunday Streets will take place September 7 in downtown Salem, and the Boys & Girls Club bike skills event is still on the docket.

Curt McCormack reported that although the Iris Festival bike skills event was well planned and executed, there was a lack of participants. He suggested that the committee consider other options next year. He reviewed past committee participation in the RiverFair event and asked committee members if they wanted to participate again this year. Committee members agreed by consensus to participate in the RiverFair event in August at Keizer Rapids Park.

STAFF REPORT ~ Public Works Director Bill Lawyer provided an update on resurfacing projects, the Shoreline Drive project, and the Chemawa Road project. He added that PGE is converting street lights throughout the city to LED lights and the contractor has finished the ADA projects for the year.

POLICE LIAISON REPORT ~ Officer Wenning reported that

- “Blast Camp” was a huge success with 200 kids participating all four days. There were not enough water bottles to give to each participant so they were given to volunteers but the remainder can be given away at other events.
- There is a possibility that there will be a reallocation of funds in the Police Department that will allow the reinstatement of one traffic motorcycle at the beginning of the year.
- As part of a safety group he received the book “The Only Grant Writing Book You Will Ever Need”. It is available for committee members to borrow.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Taylor thanked everyone involved in the “Blast Camp” and suggested giving helmets away next year. He suggested that committee members attend the upcoming public hearing on the property on Dearborn between Chemawa and Dearborn to provide input on traffic issues.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ July 24, 2014, 6 p.m., Civic Center

Minutes Approved: 07-24-14