



**KEIZER BIKEWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2008
KEIZER PUBLIC WORKS SHOP**

The Keizer Bikeways Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Ron Anderson. In attendance were:

Present:

Ron Anderson
Darlene Taylor
Robert Fox
Terry Grover
Jerry Lelack

Absent:

Julius (Red) Vanis, Jr.
Jim Taylor, Council Liaison
Position #2 vacant

Staff:

Bill Lawyer
Tracy Davis

Minute Approval

Jerry Lelack moved for approval of the May 21, 2008 minutes. Darlene Taylor seconded the Motion.

The Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

Public Comment

There was no public comment to come before the Committee.

Public Works Update

Bill Lawyer, Public Works Superintendent provided the Committee with an update on the Dearborn Avenue improvement project. He noted the projected opening date is June 30th. Mr. Lawyer reported the City's budget for the upcoming fiscal

year has been approved, which will include paving of a new road on the north side of Keizer Rapids Park. The Parks department is also working to eliminate the poison oak near the trails.

Vegetation/Sidewalk Maintenance

Robert Fox pointed out a potential hazardous sidewalk area near the Solar Nails on River Road and a vision issue near Bi-Mart. Mr. Lawyer explained vision clearance issues are handled on a complaint basis by Tony Casker, Community Development Code Enforcement Officer. He will refer the issue to Mr. Casker.

Open Committee Position

Chair Anderson announced the recent resignation of Larry Dick. Tracy Davis indicated a press release has been distributed requesting volunteer applications. The closing date for applications is July 7th. The Committee discussed the responsibilities, purpose, and tasks and hoped interested applicants would understand the time commitment needed.

ACTS Grant Paperwork

Chair Anderson noted that Mr. Vanis was currently on a Red Cross volunteer assignment; however anyone with receipts or hours to report should forward the information. Mr. Lawyer noted the helmet supply is minimal, however since storage is a concern, no additional helmets have been ordered.

Keizer Rapids Park Field Trip

Chair Anderson reported the ride through the Park was enjoyable and informative with the exception of the poison oak. In response to an issue raised by Mr. Fox, future cycle races would be a possibility at the park. For additional information, they should contact the Public Works Department – Bill Lawyer or Terry Witham. Mr. Lawyer noted current funding for additional parking areas is limited at this time.

Keizer Rapids Parks Planning Committee

Terry Grover gave a brief update on the recent meeting. Discussions included a rundown of events planned for the August 9th River Fair event. A question was raised regarding the BMX bike area and future plans. Mr. Grover volunteered to relay the information when available. Future grant requests are being pursued for additional improvements and property purchase. A group of tennis advocates are requesting the development of a tennis court area in the park.

Bill Lawyer clarified the amphitheatre completion or playground equipment may not be purchased/ installed for the 2008 River Fair event.

Skate Park Task Force Report

Due to the resignation of Larry Dick, Mr. Anderson indicated there was not a report.

Chemawa Road Interchange Area Management Plan

Jerry Lelack reported on the most recent meeting. He noted discussions were mostly centered upon automobile rather than bicycle traffic. Mr. Lelack indicated the Committee has been asked to participate in an educational session for bike commuters. An open house for public input has been scheduled for Thursday, July 9th at Whiteaker Middle School. In closing, Mr. Lelack relayed the positive comments he heard about the Keizer Bikeways Committee at the meeting.

Transportation System Plan Technical Advisory Committee Update

Robert Fox explained there had not been a recent TSP Technical Advisory Committee meeting. He noted he has been in contact with an ODOT traffic engineer through the BTA local chapter meeting regarding bike lanes on River Road. Mr. Lawyer pointed out right of way acquisition for bike lanes along River Road may be problematic and costly. The information will be forwarded to Mr. Lawyer for further review.

Mr. Fox announced bicycle commuter safety trainings are being held around the area. The Salem BTA has received grant funds for future projects. An idea that has surfaced is bicycle and pedestrian access from Keizer to the KROC Center. Mr. Lawyer stated there has been a mention of a bridge over the Salem Parkway for pedestrians and bicycles; however no definite plan has been developed.

City Council Report

Councilor Taylor was not in attendance to give a report.

Grant Updates

Mr. Vanis was not present to provide a grant update.

River Fair

Chair Anderson met with Lyndon Zaitz of the Making Keizer Better Foundation, organizer of the River Fair, to discuss the Bikeways Committee participation in the event. A bike rodeo and bike coral will be hosted by the Bikeways Committee. Darlene Taylor noted she and Mr. Anderson would not be available to assist with the event. Jerry Lelack volunteered to organize the event and speak with Mr. Zaitz on further details. The Committee discussed ideas for the bike coral, bike rodeo, and materials available to distribute. Mr. Lelack will contact the members when additional details are available.

Them Dawgs...

Chair Anderson updated the Committee on the hearing and Court order in relation to the dog complaint on Windsor Island Road. The Hearings Officer imposed a fine and conditions for the dog owner. Mr. Anderson noted he and other witnesses testified at the hearing and hoped this action would alleviate future issues.

Traffic Safety Commission Report

Jerry Lelack pointed out he was unable to attend the Traffic Safety Commission meeting in June. Since the meeting date was moved to the second Thursday of each month, he will have a conflict each month and will not be able to attend.

Old Business

Robert Fox announced there was a recent cyclovia held in the Portland area and thought it might be a potential event for this area. He explained an area is closed off to all vehicular traffic and streets are open for bicycles and pedestrians. Mr. Lawyer noted neighborhood streets are successfully closed for events such as National Night Out and block parties. The Committee discussed potential locations for the event.

Robert Fox provided an update on the BTA Breakfast on Bikes events. The Governor has been invited to participate in the July breakfast. There are several current challenges for people to bike to work.

In response to a question from Chair Anderson, Mr. Fox noted he would be following up with Salem Bike Club for a helmet donation check that has not yet been received.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 16th, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the Public Works Shop

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Davis, MMC
City Recorder