



KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, June 13, 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
Kathy Lincoln
Hersch Sangster
Wayne Frey
Joe Tilman
David Dempster

Staff Present:

Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

Council Liaison:

Dan Kohler

Absent:

Pat Fisher, Vice Chair
Sgt. David LeDay – Police Liaison
Mike Griffin, PW Division Manager

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

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: *Dana Baugher, Wes Jackson, Carol Doerfler and Carolyn Holman*, Keizer residents, expressed concern regarding traffic on 5th Avenue near Honeysuckle Street. They explained that there is a lot of pedestrian traffic, particularly children going to/from the playground and pool, and no parking at either facility, so there are a lot of cars parked on the curb, and more motor traffic making the pedestrian danger level high. They added that the ADA ramps do not line up making it difficult for people in wheelchairs to cross the street. They requested either speed bumps or a raised and painted crosswalk to the park and pool, 'Watch for Children' and 'Park/Playground' signage, ADA compliant wheelchair ramps, possibly a 3-way stop sign or other traffic calming device to slow speeding traffic and protect pedestrians and increased police patrols. Ms. Baugher was given a copy of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program which she said she had read and that she did not want to go through the process set out in the Program, but wanted the speed bumps immediately.

Committee members agreed to research the issue and be prepared for discussion and a recommendation to Council at the next meeting.

PROJECTS REPORTS:

Pat Fisher - Parkway Path Signage & Public Outreach/Trash Receptacles: No report

Wayne Frey – Bike Parking Facilities – Assessment Tool: Distributed a summary report of facilities and usage noting that the racks were being used at 14%. Will visit schools again when they re-open in the fall to get more thorough data. Committee

discussed the low usage noting that parent fear factor impacts the children walking or biking to school because they choose to drive their children a few blocks rather than let them walk or bike.

Safe Routes to School: Hersch Sangster reported that a Safe Routes to School Coordinator with the school district will be funded for 3 years through the Council of Governments. Mike Jaffe is working to get added funding for another 3 years. The position will work with the school principals and be part of a small group of schools. Kennedy and Cummings are on the list.

Joe Tilman – Additional Bike Repair Station: Ben Miller Park would be a good location because it is centrally located, but it is not secured. Hersch Sangster suggested that consideration be given to placing it at Kennedy Elementary and the Boys & Girls Club. Discussion followed regarding what has happened to the repair station that used to be at the downtown transit center.

Bike/Ped Infrastructure Code/Policy Review: No report.

Michael DeBlasi – NACTO Discussion: This is not an adoptable plan, but more of an addendum. The website indicates that education opportunities are available to cities who want to incorporate these guidelines. Mr. DeBlasi urged committee members to visit the website which explains the guidelines and what they are trying to address.

Hersch Sangster - Bike Friendly Businesses: Travel Salem is working on getting National Criterium Racing in downtown Salem which would bring in more bike friendly businesses. He reviewed the process required to get the designation.

Committee Involvement in McNary upgrades: The committee is 'on deck'. When the project gets closer to completion the committee will work with McNary to get a new bike rack (from C-Tec) which will include skateboard storage.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT

Hersch Sangster reported on recent bike fairs noting that the ones at Adams and Harritt were okay, but the one at Kennedy and the Boys & Girls Club had over 200 children and parents on scooters and bikes. Officer Wampler assisted. He noted that next year Kennedy will have a helmet policy; they will be the first school to do this.

Joe Tilman noted that a recent article in Forbes Magazine listed five benefits of more bike traffic in cities and they were all economic ones.

David Dempster noted that the lack of connectivity between neighborhoods makes it difficult to walk from one neighborhood to another. He questioned if there was something the committee could do to encourage greater connectivity when neighborhoods are being planned.

Kathy Lincoln reported that ODOT is considering allowing cities to lower their speed limits. She will invite them to a meeting to share that information.

Michael DeBlasi shared an incident that happened to him wherein a driver nearly hit his children while they were in a crosswalk. He noted that for too long Keizer has prioritized moving cars and not considered other forms of transportation and indicated that he

would be making motions at upcoming meetings to bring attention to this and to encourage Council to make changes to enhance alternate forms of transportation and protect pedestrians and cyclists.

STAFF REPORT: No report.

POLICE LIAISON REPORT: No report.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Kohler noted that Council always listens and will see what can be done.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ July 11, 2019, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 07-11-19