



KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, June 11, 2020
Keizer City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Chair DeBlasi called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Roll call follows:

Present:

Michael DeBlasi, Chair
Pat Fisher, Vice Chair (6:10)
Steven Wolf
Wayne Frey
Jamie Davis
David Dempster
Hersch Sangster

Council Liaison/Staff Present:

Councilor Dan Kohler
Mike Griffin, Streets Division Manager
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION: Robin Wilson on behalf of the Volunteer Coordinating Committee expressed appreciation for the time and dedication of the members of the Traffic Safety, Bikeways, Pedestrian Committee and distributed cookies as a token of appreciation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: David Dempster moved for approval of the March 2020 Minutes. Steven Wolf seconded. Motion passed as follows: Wolf, Frey, Davis and Dempster in favor with DeBlasi and Sangster abstaining and Fisher absent at time of vote.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: None

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Sidewalk Connectivity: All members had not submitted suggested areas for sidewalk improvements. Submission were received from some members of the committee but due to technical difficulties a summary of their submissions was not available. This will be addressed at the July meeting. Pat Fisher suggested that (1) the existing sidewalk on Manbrin (west side of River Road) be replaced and bushes trimmed back (2) Rivercrest north of Jack to Glenwood should be striped where the road drops a lane to make the transition safer and benefit cyclists, and (3) there should be a crossing on River Road in the Appleblossom/Plymouth area.

PROJECT REPORTS:

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

Steven Wolf – City-wide Missing Link/Neighborhood Connectivity project. Waiting on suggested sidewalk improvements from committee members. Will check to see if suggestions are included in the current Traffic Systems Plan. Current TSP is scheduled

to be updated; prioritized suggestions for improvements might be appropriate at that time.

Michael DeBlasi – NACTO Discussion & Street Trees (Salem Program): No report.

Hersch Sangster – McNary Upgrade Status/Additional Bike Repair Station: No change from previous month.

Wayne Frey – ODOT Community Path Program: No report.

Jamie Davis – Safe Routes to School Grant: Waiting on suggested sidewalk improvements from committee members. Will want to prioritize those before beginning work on grant.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT:

Pat Fisher announced that she would be resigning from the committee after the July meeting. She also complained that cars are parking on the widened area of Delight which makes the pathway narrower for children and poses a hazard of doors opening and hitting cyclists as they pass. She suggested striping the area to make it look more like the one on Sunset. Mike Griffin explained that the path is a designated 'multi-use' path. If it was a bike lane, parking would not be allowed, but pedestrians would not be allowed to use it either. It is hoped that when school starts, the cars will not park there so that children will have a safe path to and from school.¹

David Dempster noted that according to the SKATS map, sidewalks around schools are paved and reasonably safe. He noted that since the Buildable Lands Inventory/Housing Needs Analysis Task Force had determined that it would not be beneficial to the city to expand, increased population would be addressed through infill development and traffic to and from north of the city will not increase significantly.

Hersch Sangster

- Shared information about the Wheatland Road Multimodal Corridor Plan noting that a consultant has been secured but it will take much outreach and time before the project design is completed. Funding for the study is coming from the City and the State. [Correction: Federal funds (\$191,000) come from the SKATS MPO with matching funds (\$21,861) from Keizer. The agreement is between ODOT and Keizer but ODOT is using federal funds allocated to SKATS.] Funding for the construction has not been secured.
- Asked that construction signage not be placed in the bike lanes and suggested adding verbiage to the contracts. He also suggested that the Scenic Bikeways Department be alerted when construction is planned so that they can put information on their website.
- Suggested that the committee begin working on submitting another application for designating Keizer as a Bike Friendly City for next year. He hopes to get a higher designated level.

¹ Committee indicated they wished the Minutes to show their opposition to allowing parking on the multi-use path.(7/9/20 meeting prior to approval)

STAFF REPORT: Mike Griffin reported that the River Road ADA project from Claggett to Swingwood was underway and should be complete by the end of the month; paving will take place after that. The Shoreline/Cummings 18" stormwater reroute started on Monday. Drivers should expect occasional delays. The project should be complete by the end of July.

POLICE LIAISON REPORT: Officer LeDay absent, no report.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Kohler reported that the Verda Lane Study has been approved but funding for construction has not. Work is scheduled to begin in 2022. McNary remodeling is moving faster than expected. The next fiscal year budget was passed at the last council meeting.

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

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ July 9, 2020, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: _____