



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

**Thursday, June 11, 2015
Keizer City Council Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sangster called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Hersch Sangster, Chair
Curt McCormack (left at 6:43)
Kathy Lincoln
Dennis Dunning
John Maurice (arrived 6:13)

Absent:

Pat Fisher, Vice Chair
David Dempster
Bill Lawyer, Public Works Director
Amy Ripp, Council Liaison

Staff Present:

Sgt. Trevor Wenning, Police Department
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES ~ Curt McCormack moved to approve the May 2015 Minutes. Kathy Lincoln seconded. Motion passed as follows: McCormack, Lincoln, and Dunning in favor with Sangster abstaining, Dempster and Fisher absent and Maurice absent at time of vote.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS ~ *Lisa Leone*, Keizer, addressed the committee regarding speed and pedestrian safety concerns on Wheatland Road. Ms. Leone noted that there is more traffic on Wheatland than there used to be and more children and elderly pedestrians. She noted that the speed limit is 40 mph but most people go faster. She requested that a study be done and the speed limit be reduced to 35 mph and asked that electronic school zone signs be installed. Officer Wenning noted that when the department had a motorcycle team they were better able to serve that area, but the Police Department does not have the equipment to do a road count or speed survey. However, the Public Works Department has the capability to respond to this request. Officer Wenning added that crashes on Wheatland Road are almost non-existent. He noted that surveys take months to complete and reducing the speed limit has to be done with a recommendation from ODOT; installing electronic school zone signs, however, might be easier, if the funding is available. Chair Sangster indicated that he would meet with Public Works Director Bill Lawyer to discuss this matter.

Loraine Dyches, Keizer, announced that she works on Park Meadow and Meadowglen as a crossing guard and has seen six people run the stop sign there including a delivery truck. She requested that flashing lights be installed on Park Meadow further back than the existing signs and that the trees be trimmed so that the signs are visible. She also suggested that the school zone be made larger. Officer Wenning responded that the

school zone size is dictated by the State; zones on streets with a higher speed limit are larger. Mr. Maurice suggested that a speed monitor sign be placed on River Road and Wheatland.

PUBLIC SERVICE FAIR June 23 ~ Kathy Lincoln reported that she would be picking up 100 bike lights and some literature from Cherriots. Curt McCormack indicated that he would man the booth for the duration of the Fair. Hersch Sangster indicated that he would be there at 3:30; Dennis Dunning from 3 to 5.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT

John Maurice voiced the opinion that the committee should focus on stopping people from using their cell phones while driving but had no suggestions as to how this could be done. He noted that he was not here to provide solutions, but to say there is a problem and bring it to the attention of people 'we work for'. He questioned if there were statistics available regarding the safety of center turn lanes. Officer Wenning responded that the Police Department knows that use of cell phones, speeding and illegal use of the center turn lane occurs but is unable to catch all offenders. However, the department had received grants to focus on DUI offenses. He explained how he is managing the Keizer Grant and the Federal Grant and noted that the ODOT grant focuses on seatbelt and cell phone usage.

Kathy Lincoln noted that distracted driving, running stop signs, etc., is just bad driving, but progress has been made. Most people are using their seat belts and don't litter because they are reminded regularly, so public education is one way to get people to refrain from cell phone use and obey traffic control devices. Officer Wenning concurred with Ms. Lincoln noting that Oregon uses seatbelts more than any other state in the union. He distributed information about Oregon Impact noting that the items were useful educational tools.

Hersch Sangster reported on an upcoming Bike Skills Fair and the Keizer Rotary End Polio ride. He noted that the League of American Bicyclists named the year's 'bike friendly' cities and Oregon has 10 but Keizer was not listed and should be.

Dennis Dunning suggested that committee members take posters around from Oregon Impact for display in area businesses. Mr. Sangster suggested partnering with the Chamber so that they distribute them as well.

STAFF REPORT - None

POLICE LIAISON REPORT ~ Officer Wenning reported that Officer Wampler had passed motor school on May 8 and will be on a bike with him in mid-July. He provided an update on the recent crash on Lockhaven and McClure noting that it is under investigation and updated committee members on the upcoming Blast Camp. Chair Sangster praised the Keizer Police Department for working together with the community to allow and facilitate a fundraiser held at Dutch Bros on River Road.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT ~ None

ADJOURN ~ Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ July 9, 2015, 6 p.m., Civic Center

Minutes Approved: 7-09-15