

**TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES
KEIZER CITY HALL
Library
Thursday, May 27, 1999
7:00 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kirby called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mike Kirby, Mariella Dibble, Glen Putnam, Randy Jackson, Ernie Smyres, and Al Kramer.

Also present were: Recording Secretary - Cindy Perry and Staff Liaison - St. John Teague (arrived at 7:20 p.m.)

3. REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES -April 22, 1999

Minutes were approved as amended.

4. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

Jonathan David with Council of Governments- Explained that he is working on the third draft of the Transportation System Plan to be completed by the end of June. Mr. David also requested a copy of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program once the Commission had incorporated its changes into it as he wished to include this as part of the TSP.

Bill Sandhu, 5513 Verda Lane, Keizer- Expressed his concerns regarding the amount of traffic along Verda and the speed which it is traveling. He felt maybe additional stops signs would be helpful and requested any information from the Traffic Commission regarding the future of Verda Lane.

Chair Kirby explained to Mr. Sandhu and the other member of the audience that the Commission is currently working on the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan. He suggested that as citizens they might wish to contact the police department to request that counters be placed and the possibility of adding further police enforcement in the area.

Ed Boyd, 5178 Verda Lane, Keizer-Also expressed his concern with speeding and traffic on Verda Lane. Stressed that the enforcement of the speed limit was necessary and thought that recent funds spent to purchase park property should have been spent to correct the problem on Verda.

Mr. Putnam described the Radar Reader program to the audience and explained that it had been a very effective program in the past to slow the traffic down. He shared that if any one were interested he would be happy to assist them in starting this program on their street.

Janice Kuch, 5394 Verda Lane, Keizer-Indicated that there was no speed sign between the curve on Verda and thought if a speed sign could be added it would help the speeding situation in the area. Ms. Kuch also described some of the accidents that have taken place on Verda due to excessive speed.

Mr. Putnam explained ODOT's standards for the placement of speed signs in a residential neighborhood.

Sgt. Teague arrived at 7:20 p.m.

Lisa Skelton, 5563 Verda Lane, Keizer- Felt that the Reader Board was ineffective. She shared how her and a neighbor had been monitoring traffic and the times of day when most of the traffic takes place. Ms. Skelton was interested in participating in the survey through the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program.

Chair Kirby explained some of the criteria involved and the time frame the Commission is seeking to present to the Council before it would become final.

Umfima Castandea, 5543 Verda Lane, Keizer-Commented on the NTMP Draft and asked to submit her suggestions to the Commission in the near future to adopt into the final draft.

Chair Kirby explained that he felt there would be an opportunity for further public input into the draft after Council had the opportunity to review.

5. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

No written communications were brought before the Commission.

6. DISCUSSION

❖ *Election of Vice-Chair*

Chair Kirby explained the reason for Vice-Chair George's resignation.

Chair Kirby moved to elect Randy Jackson as the Vice-Chair of the Traffic Safety Commission. Ms. Dibble seconded the motion and carried, all present voting aye.

❖ *Neighborhood Traffic Management Draft*

Chair Kirby explained how the last copy of the NTMP was distributed to KNAG for comments. None were received from them, but Mayor Newton had submitted his copy of the NTMP with suggestions and comments.

After discussion it was the consensus of the Committee to accept Mayor Newton's suggested changes and in addition to the following additions:

Page 14 to have identified at what point a public hearing would take place.

Page 19 add "from qualified applicants", after the words final proposal.

Chair Kirby moved a motion to accept the changes as discussed and to advance the draft of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program to the City Council on Monday, June 7, 1999. Vice-Chair Jackson seconded the motion and carried, all present voting aye.

❖ *Mini-Grants*

Sgt. Teague explained the criteria of the grants and a discussion took place of what to apply for with the grants.

Sgt. Teague indicated matching funds might be available from other grants that the police department had qualified for. He would speak with Jodi Sherwood and report back on this possibility.

Mr. Putnam suggested coming up with an alternative for use of the grant if they did not receive the full grant.

Mr. Putnam made the motion if other funds were available to add to the Community Small Projects Mini-Grant Fund to have the Traffic Safety Commission apply for a trailer, if funding was not available to apply for the reader board. Chair Kirby seconded the motion and carried, all present voting aye.

Chair Kirby and Sgt. Teague agreed to work on completing the applications for the DUYI and Community Small Projects Grant.

7. REPORT FROM CHAIR

Chair Kirby explained that he hoped to have the vacant position filled at the next Traffic Safety Meeting once the Volunteer Committee meets.

8. BIKEWAY COMMITTEE REPORT

Barry Evenson shared the Committee is working on the Cautious Kids Program for the summer and a display at the fire station with bike helmets.

Responding to questions Sgt. Teague indicated there was no criteria in the distribution of the bike helmets and that it was on a first come first serve basis.

Vice-Chair Jackson indicated that there had been some problems in the past with people being able to obtain the helmets when coming to the police department since Jodi Sherwood was hard to reach.

Sgt. Teague noted that he would see if the helmets could be made available at the front desk for easier access.

10. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Sgt. Teague noted he would mail his report.

11. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Councilor McGee was unable to attend the meeting.

12. OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Smyres indicated that he wished to revisit the vision clearance issues at intersections.

Chair Kirby shared that he felt the Commission's best success was when an issue was handed to them, but indicated if Mr. Smyres wished to get in touch with the Code Enforcement Officer to revisit this and report back at the next meeting he would be open to this.

Vice-Chair Jackson stated that he felt this would be a good time to do public education pertaining to the NTMP possibly in the form of a flyer.

Chair Kirby asked the Recording Secretary to make note to add this to the agenda once the NTMP was adopted.

13. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT REGULAR MEETING - June 24, 1999

Vice-Chair Jackson shared due to prior commitments he would be unable to attend the June meeting.

Chair Kirby adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.