



**KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**Thursday, May 26, 2011 @ 6:00 p.m.
Keizer City Hall**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hoover called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Richard Hoover, Chair
Eamon Bishop
Curt McCormack
Keith Blair

Absent:

Ed Thompson
Rod Conway, Deputy Fire Marshal
One Position Vacant

Council Liaison:

David McKane, Council Liaison

Staff Present:

Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City
Recorder

Also Present:

David Dempster, Bikeways
Representative

APPROVAL OF MINUTES ~ Curt McCormack moved to approve the April 2011 Minutes. Keith Blair seconded. Motion passed as follows: Blair, McCormack and Bishop in favor with Hoover abstaining, Conway and Thompson absent and one position vacant.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS ~ Cindy Bradley with the Oregon Department of Transportation announced that she was attending the meeting to listen to issues that the Commission might be addressing and to distribute magnet ribbons urging drivers to respect work zones.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Election of Vice Chair: Commissioner McCormack nominated Commissioner Blair as Vice Chair. Commissioner Bishop seconded. With no further nominations, Commissioner Blair was elected by unanimous vote: Hoover, Blair, McCormack and Bishop in favor with Conway and Thompson absent and one position vacant.

ACT Oregon, Ruth Harshfield: Ms. Harshfield was not in attendance.

Commissioner Input: Commissioners inquired when the vacant position would be filled to which Deputy City Recorder responded that, due to budget constraints and reduced staffing levels, Council will be considering combining some groups with others so vacancies are not being filled pending that decision. Consideration is being given to combining Traffic Safety

Commission with the Bikeways Committee. Commissioner McCormack indicated that he would not be available for Wednesday night meetings if the meeting day was changed.

BIKEWAYS REPORT ~ Mr. Dempster reported on recent activities of the Bikeways Committee including participation in the Public Works Open House and the Bike Corral at the Iris Festival. He added that the committee will be doing a Bike Clinic with the Boys & Girls Club; doing cursory bike repair, fitting helmets and then taking the children on a ride up the Salem Parkway bike path. Participants who complete the safety test at the end of the ride will receive a bike lamp or bell. Mr. Dempster complained that the bikeway along the Parkway doesn't go anywhere; it ends at the freeway interchange. Councilor McKane explained that when Keizer Station is fully developed there will be a multi-use path that will tie the bike path into Keizer Station.

POLICE LIAISON REPORT ~ No report.

STAFF REPORT ~ Rob Kissler reported via email to the Commission that the Street Fund budget is complete with resources available to finish school zone flasher upgrades city-wide; construct the Lockhaven drive signal interconnect; add street lights to Lockhaven NE to Dearborn N, and plan/design Delight Street pedestrian improvements in front of Cummings School. Chemawa Road N improvements are still moving forward; 19th Street will be resurfaced, and approximately 30 ADA sidewalks ramps will be constructed in the Verda NE area.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT ~ Councilor McKane reviewed past Council meetings noting that May 25 was proclaimed as Drowsy Driver Awareness Day to bring attention to the danger of driving while drowsy. He explained that this was done at the request of a family whose son was killed by a drowsy driver. He went on to report that the property purchases at Keizer Rapids Park are moving forward with funds acquired from sale of City-owned property at Keizer Station and explained how the City acquired the Keizer Station property to begin with. Councilor McKane noted that the Civic Center is becoming a popular venue for community meetings and family celebrations and Council has recently adjusted the room rental rates to accommodate non-profit groups. He added that Council had recently passed an ordinance having to do with erosion control; it clarifies what is expected from developers and also applies to homeowners.

OTHER BUSINESS ~ David Dempster questioned if the police could do a targeted enforcement to cite cyclists who do not stop at stop signs. Discussion followed at length with Councilor McKane expressing the opinion that it is not that police cannot stop cyclists, but that they choose not to because of priorities. He noted that a cyclist who doesn't stop at a stop sign and gets in an accident only hurts himself. Ms. Bradley interjected that this is a problem all over the state and targeted enforcement is a good idea. She noted that the enforcement could be advertised in the paper and that this sort of effort serves as a good reminder to help people remember to follow the rules of the road. Citations, warnings and education could be part of the enforcement. Mr. Dempster volunteered to bring the issue up at the next Bikeways Committee meeting with the

hope that they would come up with a recommendation for Council and the Commission could make a recommendation to Council as well.

Ms. Bradley announced that ODOT has money available in mini-grant form for speed enforcement, targeted enforcement, and overtime enforcement in construction zones. She noted that she has \$20,000 a year for educational programs, \$40,000 for car seats, and \$20,000 for speed enforcement equipment for Police agencies. She noted that October 1 is the beginning of the fiscal year and grant applications are available September 1. Most of the money is gone for this year but bike helmet money is still available.

Commissioners agreed that if there was nothing for the agenda in June they would cancel that meeting. They will determine the need for a meeting by June 16.

ADJOURNMENT ~ Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ June 23, 2011, 6 p.m., Civic Center

Minutes Approved: 7-28-11