



KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES

**Thursday, May 25, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.
Keizer City Hall – Conference Room A**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rios called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

David Rios, Chair
Chris Arnett, Vice Chair
Charles Hoffer
Cindi Blake
David McKane, Council
Liaison

Staff Present:

Lance Inman, Police Liaison
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

Absent:

Randy Jackson
Susan Keen
Steve Prothero

Also Present:

Ron Anderson, Bikeways

- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ~ (Taken out of Order) Chris Arnett moved for approval of the April 27, 2006 minutes. Cindi Blake seconded. Motion passed unanimously by all members present. (Rios, Arnett, Hoffer, and Blake)**

4. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS – None

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- **Sandy Drive/McNary Drop-offs** ~ Chair Rios noted that this issue had been first brought to the attention of the TSC by an interested citizen, but follow-up observations had been offered by Public Works and members of the Commission which have revealed traffic issues over and above the initial complaint, i.e. the intermingling of the pedestrians and vehicles at the end of the road.

Ken Parshall, principal of McNary, briefly reviewed the history of the barricade adding that approximately 100 students use the gate and two other side streets to enter the school grounds. He explained that the school does all possible to make the school campus a safe place for students, has tried to be a good neighbor and has encouraged non-students to leave the area. He suggested that because 4th Street is fairly wide, it might be the best place to put a turnaround. David Rios suggested that the traffic could be “necked down” west of 4th place with a vehicle turnaround put in place and the remainder of the street is designated “pedestrian and resident traffic only”. He noted that with the end of the school year, there will be opportunity to do a thorough investigation.

Discussion followed at length regarding traffic patterns, public transportation, parking and monitoring of entrances. Councilor McKane suggested that TSC recommend that the School District and Public Works work together to improve

this situation. Mr. Parshall responded that he would update the appropriate individuals from the School District.

Chair Rios summarized that with the historical data the TSC would move forward as suggested by Mr. Parshall and contact the transportation people at the school district putting them in touch with Rob Kissler to figure out a solution. He concluded that the TSC has identified a problem warranting further investigation especially by the school and hopefully the issue would be resolved through the school and public works.

- **ACTS Oregon Grant Opportunities** ~ Chair Rios noted that Lynn Mutrie was unable to attend this meeting but would schedule for a future meeting.
- **River Road Renaissance Report** ~ Chris Arnett reported that the Baskin-Robbins project has been completed; Lockhaven/River intersection improvements are underway with some delay awaiting engineering specifications; discussions are taking place with Faith Lutheran Church for improvements; West Coast Bank and Keizer Plaza will be doing some street improvements. The owners of Schoolhouse Square are considering doing some private improvements and Shari's will be doing street/sidewalk improvements as well. These improvements will be done with very little cost to the city and will improve the entire intersection.

6. **BIKEWAYS REPORT** ~ Ron Anderson requested a letter of recommendation from the Commission on behalf of the City of Keizer for a \$1,000,000 grant for improvements to Chemawa Road from River Road to the Keizer Rapids Park entrance. He added that the Bikeways Committee will be submitting one as well. The grant submittal deadline is June 30. Commissioners authorized Chair Rios to write this letter. Discussion followed regarding the Tepper Lane/Keizer Station Boulevard intersection and the crosswalk and the safety of the intersection.
7. **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT** ~ Councilor McKane reported that the Budget Committee meetings were underway with review of the budget for the next fiscal year including street fund and road improvements. He suggested that Rob Kissler be invited to the next meeting to review funds that had been identified for street improvements and recommended that next year Commission review the budget prior to the Budget meetings and provide input to the Budget Committee.
8. **POLICE LIAISON REPORT** ~ Lance Inman reported that this year was the smoothest and lightest traffic ever for the Iris Festival Parade. Three death investigations are underway, 6 to 7 DUI officers rounded up 5 DUI's for the weekend through a multi-agency grant. The National Click-it or Ticket mobilization is underway in conjunction with the Three-Flags Safety Belt Blitz. He distributed stats for the month with year-to-date comparisons.
9. **DETERMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO COUNCIL** ~ Postponed until Sandy Drive issue has been addressed by Public Works/School District and there is something to report.
10. **ADJOURNMENT** ~ Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting ~ June 22, 2006, 7:00 pm – Conference Room A