

CITY OF KEIZER
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES
KEIZER CITY HALL ~ Council Chambers
Thursday, May 23, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Randy Jackson and Joseph Ortiz

Absent: Harlan Naegeli, Glenn Putman, Steve Lamb and Steve Prothero

Also present were: Staff Liaison Sgt. Lance Inman and Acting Recording Secretary Cathy Meeks

3. PUBLIC HEARING

➤ Gubser Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan

Chair Jackson welcomed everyone for their attendance and opened the public hearing. He indicated that a quorum was not present, but public testimony would be received.

Public Testimony

Ivan Imig, 998 Hawthorne Ave NE, Salem Keizer Public School District Transportation Department-indicated no major objections to the plan, although noted if main streets, such as Manzanita were restricted or closed that the District would be in opposition to this.

Gil Larson, 1340 Manzanita Avenue NE, Keizer- declined to comment.

Ed Mueller, 1315 Manzanita Avenue NE, Keizer- declined to comment.

Ray Thies, 1292 Mandarin St NE, Keizer- spoke in support of a cul-de-sac at the end of Trail Avenue at Manzanita.

Karen Trucke, 6330 14th Ave NE, Keizer- supplied data, which she had accumulated regarding traffic in the Gubser neighborhood over the past seven years. She urged the Commission to review this data and to close Manzanita at River Road with a turn around access at the service station. She also suggested a no right turn off of McLeod onto Meadowlark. Ms. Trucke urged that the entire Gubser area be reviewed before enacting a plan that might effect the neighborhood adversely.

At the request of the Commission Mrs. Trucke indicated she would be happy to provide a summary of her data to the Commission.

Wayne Trucke, 6330 14th Avenue NE, Keizer- expressed his wish to be notified of future meeting regarding this plan. He also reiterated his wife's concerns and suggestions.

Eloise Chocalas, 1196 Harmony Drive, Keizer- expressed her uneasiness with some portions of the plan, such as making Harmony a cul-de-sac or lowering the speed limit on Harmony. She urged the consideration of the use of speed bumps along Manzanita, which would still allow emergency vehicles access to this area.

Mark Jones, 1156 Manzanita Way NE, Keizer- expressed concern with the excessive speeders in the area and applauded the work being done by the Commission. Mr. Jones also expressed empathy for those living along Trail and Harmony Avenue because of the exorbitant speeds and traffic. He felt the use of stops signs at 11th and 13th Avenues would be beneficial and a less expensive solution than traffic islands. Mr. Jones also suggested that the timing of the left turn signal for north bound traffic on River Road onto Manzanita be reduced.

Glen Hadley, Salem Area Transit, 555 Court Street, Salem (Cherriots)-spoke in opposition to the suggested traffic islands because of the difficulties is caused the buses to maneuver around these barriers. Mr. Hadley requested that the Commission take this information into consideration.

Alan Bennett, 1226 Manzanita Way NE, Keizer-expressed concern with some of the options that he felt would "barricade" him in his neighborhood. He agreed with comments from Cherriots and the Salem Keizer School District. Mr. Bennett also agreed with the use of stop signs at 11th and 13th Avenue.

Tony Moore, 1226 Harmony Drive NE, Keizer- expressed concerns regarding the safety of his children when walking or riding their bicycles to and from school. He urged the Commission to take into consideration his previous comments made at previous Traffic Safety Commission meetings regarding this issue.

Anne O'Rourke, 1266 Harmony Drive NE, Keizer- spoke in favor of closing Trail Avenue at Manzanita. Ms. O'Rourke suggested the possibility of a removable barrier, which would allow access to Trail if needed. She was also in agreement with the placement of stop signs at 11th and 13th Avenues and recommended restricting left hand turns at certain times of the day from River Road onto Manzanita.

Rick and Sandra Weddle, 1295 Harmony Drive NE, Keizer- declined to comment.

Hank and Evonne Kimball, 6326 13th Avenue NE, Keizer- declined to comment.

Judy Smith, 1211 Mandarin St NE, Keizer- expressed concern about stop signs because she felt this would cause additional enforcement issues. She encouraged the use of roundabouts and supplied some information about them. Mrs. Smith shared some of her research regarding the possible closing of Trail Avenue. She urged that the Commission not inconvenience the neighbors by placing pork-chops that would limit access to the neighbors in the area.

Jeff Brodniak, 1192 Mandarin, Keizer- expressed concern regarding the increased traffic and speed that he had noticed in the area. Mr. Brodniak stressed the need to maintain the quality of life for the neighborhood and urged the Commission to take this into consideration. He spoke in support of blocking off Trail at Manzanita.

Kari Roberts, 1355 Harmony Drive, Keizer- declined to comment.

Bob Newton, 6064 12th Avenue NE, Keizer- spoke in favor of extending the turning signal turning east onto Lockhaven off of River Road. Mr. Newton felt it would be important to seek alternate ideas rather than closing off streets, but noted the neighborhood may need to sacrifice convenience for safety.

William Hart, 1232 Mandarin- expressed his support of blocking Trail at Manzanita with a removable barrier. Mr. Boone also expressed his support of making changes to the traffic signals at River and Lockhaven Roads.

Teresa Amos, 5625 Trail Avenue NE, Keizer- noted in the twelve years that she had lived along Trail Avenue that she had noted emergency vehicles using this route only one time. She felt the closure of Trail should be permanent and not a removable barricade.

Milton Boone, 1199 Manzanita Way NE, Keizer- expressed his support of making changes to the turn signals and the installation of stop signs at 11th and 13th Avenues.

Elaina Fast, 1117 Manzanita Way, Keizer- spoke in opposition to the use of pork-chops and felt the use of stop signs would be the most appropriate change to the area at this time.

Mark Jones, 1156 Manzanita Way NE, Keizer- re-addressed the Commission suggesting a three-way stop at Mandarin and 14th Avenue. He also suggested that signage be added to 14th Avenue indicating that the area was in a school zone.

Martin Doerfler, 4140 Rivercrest Drive North, Keizer-spoke as a representative of the Bikeways Committee. He requested that if Trail were closed that the ability for pedestrian and bicycle traffic access still be available. Mr. Doerfler felt the use of speed bumps would be the most effective alternative.

With no one else wishing to testify Chair Jackson closed the public hearing noting that written comments could be submitted to Keizer City Hall, to the attention of the Commission, until June 7, 2002 at 5:00 p.m.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jackson adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

➤ NEXT MEETING ~ June 27, 2002 @ 7:00 p.m.