



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

**Thursday, May 20, 2021  
Keizer City Council Chambers**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair DeBlasi called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Attendance follows:

**Present:**

Michael DeBlasi, Chair  
Wayne Frey, Vice Chair  
David Dempster  
Rick Kuehn  
Hersch Sangster

**Council Liaison/Staff Present:**

Mike Griffin, Public Works – Streets  
David LeDay, Police  
Ross Day, Councilor  
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

**Absent:**

Jamie Davis  
Steven Wolf

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** David Dempster moved for approval of the April 2021 Minutes. Rick Kuehn seconded. Motion passed as follows: DeBlasi, Frey, Dempster and Kuehn in favor with Sangster abstaining and Wolf and Davis absent.

**APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS - None**

**PEDESTRIAN FLAG PROGRAM RECOMMENDATION** - Chair DeBlasi shared the packet he had submitted to Council for the Cherry/Manbrin and Brooks/Alder intersections and explained that for this program to move forward the committee would need to move a motion recommending it to Council. It was noted that the Oregon Department of Transportation does not endorse this program; the flags have been used as weapons against cars and have frequently been stolen. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the need for more research; recruiting neighborhood associations, churches or volunteers to monitor flag intersection sites; soliciting input from the Safe Routes to School coordinator and working with partners. Councilor Day recommended the committee prepare a report showing how it works, educational outreach, who uses it and how much it costs, and include possible business sponsorship information and the opinion of Public Works and ODOT. Further discussion took place regarding liability, a false sense of security and pedestrian activated flashing lights.

**WHEATLAND ROAD MULTI-MODAL CORRIDOR SURVEY** – Hersch Sangster reported that the initial survey is done; the consultant presented some ideas including two protected bike lanes and sidewalks of equal size on both sides of Wheatland or a 12' wide multi-use path on one side with a sidewalk on the other and bike lanes. There will be more outreach to get feedback on these two options. Discussion followed regarding reducing the speed limit, visual traffic calming methods, lane widths and truck traffic.

**INDEPENDENCE SIDEWALK PROGRAM:** Chair DeBlasi reported that he had not heard back regarding paperwork and liability.

**POSSIBLE SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE FEE DISCUSSION:** Committee opposed to this. Discussion followed regarding sidewalk improvement districts, ADA ramp construction and funding, paved/gravel paths, infrastructure money, sharing a priority list with public works and focusing on improvements around area schools.

**SPEED SETTING UPDATE 2020:** Chair DeBlasi noted that the State is allowing cities to lower their speed limits. He suggested that River Road north from Lockhaven to McNary Estates and perhaps Wheatland Road would be likely candidates. Sgt. LeDay interjected that traffic fatalities and crashes are less frequent in areas that have a higher speed limit. Committee members indicated that they felt lowering the speed limit should only be done if there was a legitimate safety concern and data to support it.

**CLAGGETT BOARDWALK STATUS:** No report.

**PROJECT REPORTS:**

*Wayne Frey – ODOT Community Path Program:* No report.

*Steven Wolf – City-wide Missing Link/Neighborhood Connectivity:* No report.

*Mike DeBlasi – NACTO:* Shared slides of River Road/Lockhaven intersection with suggested bike lane buffers or painted lanes with bump outs. Discussion followed regarding the cost of striping, design and engineering; including this proposal when improvements are scheduled; waiting until the Wheatland project takes place; including this in the Traffic System Plan and the preference of a colored buffer lane rather than white diagonal markings.

*Hersch Sangster – Bicycle Friendly Designation:* Work can begin on this application. Council has approved pursuing this designation. *Helmet Program:* Helmets have been delivered.

*Jamie Davis - Safe Routes to School and Other Grants:* Hersch Sangster reported that preparations are being made for when the children come back to school. The coordinator has been authorized to work with any of the area schools. There is a new Safe Routes to School website that has a tool kit for communities, advocates and boards and information about available grants and other sources of funding.

*David Dempster & Rick Kuehn - Sidewalk Grant Research:* No report.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Chair DeBlasi shared information from the joint work session with Council which focused on the updated Buildable Land Inventory and updated population forecasts.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT:**

*Rick Keuhn:* Suggested that the committee look into changing the laws that require all school buses to stop at railroad crossings since this seems to cause more traffic problems. *Hersch Sangster* noted that the regulation is a federal law. Councilor Day added that railroad regulations are almost all exclusively federal regulations.

*Hersch Sangster* reminded everyone of the Monster Cookie Ride on August 29.

**STAFF REPORT:** Mike Griffin reported that the bike repair station was installed in Keizer Rapids Park and someone cut the pump hose. Two more hoses have been ordered. One will be installed at the park and the other will be used at the City Hall station when it needs to be replaced.

**POLICE REPORT:** No report.

**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:** No report.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- **Next Meeting: June 17, 2021 *In-Person***
- **Planning Commission/Council Report:** David Dempster will report to Council on June 7 and monitor the June 9 Planning Commission meeting.

**ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

***Next Scheduled Meeting ~ June 17, 2021, 6 p.m.***

*Minutes Approved:* 06-21-21