



TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Keizer City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present:

Jamie Davis, Chair
Tammy Saldivar, Vice Chair
Michael DeBlasi (6:05)
David Dempster
Hersch Sangster
Brenda Lamb
Rick Kuehn

Council Liaison/Staff Present:

Councilor Robert Husseman
Mike Griffin, Storm Ops & Streets
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Hersch Sangster moved for approval of the April 2023 Minutes. Tammy Saldivar seconded. Motion passed as follows: Davis, Saldivar, Dempster, Lamb, Sangster and Kuehn in favor, with DeBlasi absent at time of vote.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS:

Carolyn Homan, from West Keizer Neighborhood Association, voiced opposition to the requirement in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan for door-to-door solicitation of signatures. Mike Griffin explained that the City would send out a mailer if significant concerns were brought forward. Tammy Saldivar suggested that strategically located signage with a QR Code connected to a survey on the City website might be an effective way to collect information.

Carol Doerfler, Keizer, expressed concern about the safety of pedestrians crossing Verda Lane between Chemawa and Dearborn and requested that the speed limit be lowered to 25 miles per hour. Chair Davis and Councilor Husseman urged anyone with this concern to voice their concerns at Council meetings. Mike DeBlasi suggested a pedestrian-activated flashing beacon midway between Dearborn and Chemawa.

Tammy Kunz, Keizer, announced 'Fun Fridays' at St. Edward Church on July 28 and August 4 and asked if the Committee could hold Bike Fairs at the events. Hersch Sangster indicated that because they are doing several others this summer, they did not have the resources to do any more. Ms. Kunz suggested that perhaps the crosswalks near the roundabout would be an appropriate place to test the pedestrian flag program and urged that the program also be initiated near schools.

Discussion followed regarding the need for volunteers to operate the program, soliciting volunteers to assist at specific intersections through strategically placed signage with a QR Code connected to the City website, and working with school parent-teacher clubs.

Bill White, Keizer, asked what would keep the trucks from driving through the neighborhood on Verda Lane when it is extended to Harmony Road. Mike Griffin explained that the city would post 'No Thru Trucks' signs. Mr. White then suggested a pedestrian tunnel as a safe crossing on Verda.

BROOKS/ALDER CROSSWALK: Ken Gierloff, Keizer echoed concerns regarding Verda and noted that there is still a need for something at the Alder/Brooks intersection. Jamie Davis moved that the Traffic Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrian Committee recommend Council approval of a flashing pedestrian beacon on Brooks and Alder where the current crosswalk is. Hersch Sangster seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows: Davis, Saldivar, Dempster, Lamb, Sangster, DeBlasi and Kuehn in favor.

UPDATE TO NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: Tammy Saldivar reported that she had compiled feedback from the committee but felt there was more to come. She has been in contact with Public Works with questions and is still working through the answers. She asked everyone to continue giving feedback.

SKATS REPORT: No Report.

PEDESTRIAN FLAG REPORT: Brenda Lamb asked everyone to make note in any towns they visit that have flags and find out if they have or have not worked so that the committee can look at the process. Usually failure is due to lack of oversight. Jamie Davis suggested that perhaps sponsorship could come from the schools.

OREGON BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE REPORT: Mike DeBlasi missed the meeting so had no report.

BIKE LANE/BUFFER STRIPING: Mike DeBlasi suggested that if there were an opportunity to put in a bike lane with buffer striping at an intersection, he would like to see one at the Lockhaven/River Road intersection to Trail. He added that he was aware that an engineering study would be required, but he wanted to bring it up as an idea for a possible future request to Council or the Budget Committee and that this would make the intersection safer for cyclists.

PRELIMINARY RESULTS FROM SAFETY ACTION PLAN SURVEY: Hersch Sangster reported that they are still compiling the results.

REVIEW/RESPONSE TO MEMO FROM MAYOR CLARK: Response follows:

1. *NTMP to CDE prior to submission to Council:* Will give the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan to the Community Diversity Engagement Committee when it is completed.

2. *Flashing crossing on Verda between Dearborn and Chemawa*: Wait to see what things look like at the apartments. This is the first time this has come up. It will be added to the project list.
3. *Flashing crossing at Lockhaven/Celtic Way*: DKS to do warrant study.
4. *Fence at Ben Miller Park*: Parks Department is taking lead on this.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT / NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REPORTS

David Dempster praised Tammy Saldivar for compiling the 'Status of Keizer TSP Pedestrian and Bike Projects' list and suggested that the list include initial dates and that they be prioritized.

Jamie Davis announced the upcoming 40th Birthday of Keizer celebration.

Mike DeBlasi urged everyone to take the Department of Land Conservation and Development Climate Friendly and Equitable Community Rules survey on the website. He noted that climate friendly communities would include transportation and the committee should be involved with making sure mixed-use areas are located on transit routes.

Hersch Sangster announced the June 10 Bike Skills Fair and reported on the recent Northwest Keizer Neighborhood Association meeting.

POLICE LIAISON REPORT: No Report

STAFF REPORT: Mike Griffin reported that the Cherry Avenue curb ramp upgrades are almost complete on the east side. The west side will begin soon. McLeod storm line replacement will be awarded next month and the annual catch basin and manhole inspections will be done soon.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Husseman shared information about plans for future Council work sessions and noted that Council is considering several sidewalk improvement programs.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Reporting to Council/Monitoring Planning Commission:** David Dempster
 - o Council: June 5/Planning Commission: June 14

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ June 15, 2023, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 06-15-23