



**KEIZER BIKEWAYS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 18, 2011
Keizer Civic Center**

Chair Jensen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were:

Present:

Jeremy Jensen, Chair
Rick Jorgensen
David Dempster
Jim Merrill
James Taylor, Council Liaison

Absent:

Robert Fox, Vice Chair
Nancy Hewett
One Position Vacant

Staff:

Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Jim Merrill moved to approve the April 2011 Minutes. Rick Jorgensen seconded. Motion passed as follows: Jensen, Jorgensen, Dempster and Merrill in favor, with Fox and Hewett absent and one position vacant.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Jill Bonney-Hill, Keizer, representing the Keizer Points of Interest Committee gave a short presentation on the Keizer Oral History project and invited Commissioners to submit names of potential candidates.

Charity Sturgeon with ACTS Oregon, addressed the committee regarding ACTS Oregon mini-grant programs, and bicycle safety programs. She explained that ACTS Oregon is a non-profit organization giving grants all over the state and it hosts the Oregon Transportation conference. This year, instead of one conference it will be doing regional trainings in different regions. Dates of those workshops will be determined as the year progresses. She added that most of the funding for grant programs comes from the Oregon Department of Transportation, State Farm Insurance and donations and that grants are for bicycle safety and education and not permanent structures. It is an education based program so bike rodeos and public safety announcements would be acceptable as well. She noted that most programs to date have been targeted at young children but the organization would like to target teens or adult riders as well to promote safety and helmet use. She suggested that perhaps Keizer could develop a bicycle route map and that would be something for which ACTS would grant funding. Committee members questioned if purchase of a canopy would be eligible for grant funding to which Ms. Sturgeon replied affirmatively.

Discussion then took place regarding grant criteria and reporting requirements, past committee education programs and helmet giveaways/sales. Ms. Sturgeon urged committee members to contact Wal-Mart, Target, Fred Meyer and Starbucks for donations as well.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- **Boys & Girls Club Class/Ride** – David Dempster reported that the ride is scheduled for Friday, May 27 beginning at Kennedy Elementary School at 1 p.m. Committee members will check out the bikes and do necessary repairs, talk to the children about safety and take them for a ride on the bike path along Salem Parkway. David Dempster and Rick Jorgensen will be there for sure. Jeremy Jensen indicated he would try to attend. Mr. Dempster noted that the trip could be done with three adult riders but 4 or 5 would be better; he noted that there will be a volunteer from the Boys & Girls Club riding as well.
- **Status of Cyclocross** – Chair Jensen reported that the promoter is planning on having one at Portland International Raceway this year but would consider Keizer Rapids Park for the following year if Jeremy gives him a proposal. Jeremy is going to contact the Chamber to begin the process. Councilor Taylor suggested he contact Public Works Director Rob Kissler as well.
- **Sunday Parkways** – No report from Robert Fox. Jeremy indicated that he is going to the one in Portland and will report back to the committee next month.
- **Iris Festival Bike Corral/Ride** – David Dempster announced that the Chamber has asked the committee to participate in the Bike Corral and ride on Sunday at the Iris Festival and requested volunteers. Rick Jorgensen volunteered to work the morning shift; Jim Merrill volunteered to work the afternoon shift. David Dempster volunteered to be there for both shifts; Jim Taylor indicated he would help after church.

COUNCILOR JIM TIME – Councilor Taylor informed the committee that due to budget constraints many committees would go to every other month or quarterly meetings or they may be combined. Consideration is being given to combining the Bikeways Committee with the Traffic Safety Commission; this will be a Council decision.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE – Bill Lawyer was not in attendance.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Next meeting – June 15, 2011 - Keizer Civic Center, Room A

Minutes Approved: 6-15-11