

Keizer Bikeways Advisory Committee
Wednesday, May 18, 2005

MINUTES

Members present: Hersch Sangster, Red Vanis, Christopher Thomas, Darlene Taylor, Ron Anderson, Bill Lawyer

Guest present: Councilor Jim Taylor

The meeting was called to order at 7:10PM by Hersch in the City Council Chambers.

No interested citizen comments were presented at the meeting.

Minutes for the April 13, 2005 meeting were discussed and approved with no changes.

RRIVER Committee Update

Christopher Thomas was unable to attend the RRIVER Committee meeting in on April 20th, 2005. Red Vanis was able to attend though. RRIVER task force will be submitting questionnaires to help plan for Keizer River Rapids Park in the next water bill. The questionnaires will also be handed out during the Iris Festival. Bikeways members were also given a copy of the questionnaire to fill out and return to the RRIVER committee. A new sign about the park will be posted along the River.

The National Park Service representative gave his agenda which presents a final design and completed plan in the fall of 2006.

Bike/Walk Session Update

Red Vanis attended this idea generation meeting. The date for the Bike/Walk is October 6, 2005. For school districts that participate, no buses run and kids are encouraged to bike or walk to school. A starting/meeting point should be created and kids should be guided to school. The program is driven by concern over obesity in children. No Keizer elementary schools have signed up to participate yet. Red is on the future mailing list for further information.

Helmet Diversion Class Update

9 people were scheduled and 5 attended. Red Vanis attended and relayed some "horror stories" about biking incidents where helmets were not worn. The Keizer Police Chief Marc Adams has mandated a zero tolerance policy on underage helmet wearing for Keizer and expects an increase in future class attendance. The classes are expected to be held quarterly. The next class will likely be held in July.

Monster Cookie Update

The ride was a success with over 1050 riders. Many riders complimented on the Keizer Police presence and enjoyed the help and positive attitude. Riders in other clubs were even interested in how they could go about getting a police presence for their bike club rides. The officer's time was paid for by the Salem Bicycle Club which hosted the event. Salem Bicycle Club plans to request the Keizer Police service again in the future.

Keizer Safety/Public Works Open House Update

Red Vanis, Hersch & Mary Ann Sangster, Darlene Taylor and Christopher Thomas were present to represent the Bikeways committee. 4 bikes were brought into display. Approximately 25 bike helmets were given away. Most were toddlers, which exhausted the fire hall's toddler helmet supply. The committee received \$23 in donations towards future helmet purchases.

Chemewa Road Update

Construction is planned to start the week of May 23rd. Keizer will be improving Chemewa Road up to the west entrance of Claggett Creek Park. The remaining road sections up to Verda Lane including realignment and a new bridge will be completed by ODOT at a later date.

Windsor Island Road Update

The resurfacing project has been completed on Windsor Island and Chemewa roads. Road improvements are pending in the future on Windsor Island Road near the Salem Water Treatment Center as a part of their expansion project.

City Council Update

Jim Taylor was present in place of Richard Walsh.

Local Improvement District passed for Keizer Station

Radiant Drive and Tepper Lane will remain open at all times throughout the Keizer Volcanoes baseball season.

A recommendation was made to have a 35MPH maximum speed limit anywhere within the Keizer city limits.

Other Business

During the next meeting we will be selecting new officers for the Keizer Bikeways committee. Bill Lawyer will not be available for the next meeting. Pat Taylor will attend in his place.

Meeting was adjourned by Hersch Sangster at 8:56PM.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 15, 2005.