



MINUTES

KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY/BIKEWAYS/PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 21, 2024

Keizer City Council Chambers

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Saldivar called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present: Tammy Saldivar, Chair David Dempster Hersch Sangster Brenda Lamb David Philbrick Matt Myers	Council Liaison/Staff Present: Councilor Daniel Kohler Mike Griffin, Storm Ops & Streets Martin Powell, Police Officer Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder
Absent: Youth Liaison - Open Position	Council Liaison/Staff Absent: Michael De Blasi, Vice Chair
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. **October 2024** David Dempster moved for approval of the October 2024 Minutes with the change. Matt Myers seconded. Motion passed as follows: Saldivar, Dempster, Sangster, Lamb, Philbrick and Myers in favor with De Blasi absent.
3. **APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED PERSONS**
 - a. **Speeding on Parkmeadow Drive NE (between Meadowglen ST NE & Wheatland Rd N)**

Janine Kidd, Keizer, has lived on Parkmeadow since 2013, and there wasn't a lot of traffic when she moved there. Today, the traffic was like a dragstrip. She shared concern about a possible horrible accident. She would like to see a speed sign with the flashing indicator.

Daniel Kidd, Keizer, has also lived on Parkmeadow since 2013, and the speeding traffic includes scooters, electric bikes, and autos. He feels that it was scary there, especially when speeders were in the school zone.

Ron Raleigh, Keizer, has lived there since 1995, and traffic has gotten terrible compared to where it used to be. There have been a couple accidents. He

has been passed on Parkmeadow when he's driving 25 miles per hour. He feels that traffic ranges from 45 to 50 miles per hour. He feels that the flashing light was only good while it was there, and speeds picked back up when the equipment was gone. He requested to have some unmarked cars with radar to obtain accurate speeds or calming lights for the area.

Officer Powell has been on traffic enforcement since 2018. From 2018 through 2022, he found data from speed trailers from only 2022 that indicated the last time the police knew about a traffic complaint on Parkmeadow. He did visit Parkmeadow and observed a top speed of 30 miles per hour around 2:30 p.m. Officer Powell would try some enforcement upon restricting the time for monitoring and conduct a speed study.

Mr. Raleigh shared the top time was when children were taken to school going eastbound from Wheatland and turning North on Meadowglen. There were speeding vehicles also when parents are picking up children after school.

Mrs. Kidd also noticed commuter-speeding after work.

Hersch Sangster suggested that they talk with the principal and the Parent-Teachers Association at Clear Lake Elementary School because they are a great resource. He also shared that there was a long-term plan for Wheatland Road to have calming lights and bikelanes, but funding was needed.

4. PROJECT SPREADSHEET REVIEW

- a. **Project List** The project list was reviewed and updates were made to the list.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Discussion on the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program** The new Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) was on the website, but the electronic application wasn't on the website yet.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT

David Philbrick shared that he has been participating with Safe Schools Route Program and six schools would be included in the program for the upcoming year, which would provide up to 60 bikes for the students. Clear Lake Elementary School would be one of the schools this year. The objective was to have safety on Parkmeadows for students.

Mr. Philbrick expressed appreciation for Mike Griffin who had the ivy cleared up in the bike lane on Verda Lane.

Mr. Philbrick shared that the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) had a new brochure giving direction to drivers on how to drive safely when there are bicyclists.

Matt Myers commented that Lockhaven, when going West on Ulali at Keizer Station, the traffic cement islands are really hard to see at night, and he has witnessed people driving over them. Mike Griffin would look at this to see if it's within the City's jurisdiction. Mr. Myers also thanked the interested persons for attending the meeting tonight.

Hersch Sangster expressed appreciation to Heidi Manlove from ODOT who provided the huge grant and encouraging Cycle Oregon to buy bikes for the children.

Mr. Sangster shared that the Marion County Rural Transportation Plan was asking for input, and the survey was on their website. The Salem-Keizer Area Transportation Study (SKATS) also has a survey on their MTIP webpage.

Brenda Lamb expressed her appreciation for all of Chair Saldivar's work and updating the NTMP.

Chair Saldivar commented about finding the cost and effectiveness of photo red lights. She watched the webinar on photo red light. She learned that there would be a need to prove that speeding was an issue, speeds had to be at least 11 miles per hour over the speed limit for a citation to be issued, have a dedicated police officer to monitor the program, think about the problem needing to be solved and where it is and have the data to support it, and ensure that this Committee would support whatever the City decides, but this Committee really doesn't have a position on this.

Officer Powell confirmed that various streets would always have speeding issues, but Keizer doesn't have the volume of streets like Salem has to pay for the system. The extra personnel, overhead, and court costs would be very cost-prohibitive. He spoke with a Salem Sergeant who oversees their photo red light program, and he recommended not implementing it.

Chair Saldivar read an email from former Youth Liaison Ethan Eggert, commented on how professional it looked, and asked about disbursing the flyer to recruit Youth Liaisons. Brenda Lamb would send the flyer to Councilor Reid to send to the school leadership team and to the National Honor Society.

Chair Saldivar asked about bike racks at the middle school. Mr. Sangster talked with the Claggett Creek Middle School principal so that they're aware of it. Also, bike racks should be installed at the Amphitheater area in Keizer Rapids Park in the Spring.

Tammy Kunz, Greater Northeast Keizer Neighborhood Association, commented that they would be doing a pedestrian flags pilot on Chemawa and McCloud. Ms. Kunz would connect with Officer Powell, and she was willing to have the flags at a different spot that would be safer. Concern was expressed for pedestrians to cross and that there might still be an issue.

Chair Saldivar reminded the members of the Grant Opportunities spreadsheet that she created and that everyone could add to it.

Chair Saldivar said it was suggested to create a video on perception and reality. She said that the Audio-Video Club was willing to create the video while working with the Police Department. Mr. Sangster would follow-up on this. Chair Saldivar suggested posting the video on the City's website.

- 7. STAFF REPORT** Storm Operations and Streets Division Manager, Mike Griffin, expressed his appreciation for Chair Saldivar's time on the Committee and her work.
- 8. POLICE LIAISON REPORT** Officer Martin Powell expressed appreciation for Chair Saldivar's time and keeping everyone focused.
- 9. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT** Councilor Daniel Kohler expressed his appreciation for Chair Saldivar's time and work on this Committee. He shared that there were now license plate readers for cars entering and leaving the city limits for the Police Department to use to make the town safer with the license plate reader alerting the Police Department on the locations of vehicles.
- Councilor Kohler shared that there are now cameras in the parks to help with graffiti and other unacceptable activities. He shared upcoming events.
- 10. ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at: 7:50 p.m.

Minutes approved: _____

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