



MINUTES
KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY/BIKEWAYS/PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE
Thursday, April 18, 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 Michael De Blasi, Vice Chair David Dempster Hersch Sangster Brenda Lamb David Philbrick	Council Liaison/Staff Present: Mike Griffin, Storm Ops & Streets Martin Powell, Police Liaison Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder Council Liaison/Staff Absent: Councilor Robert Husseman
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Absent:
Matt Myers
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

 - a. March 2024** Michael De Blasi noted that on the second page of the Minutes where it reads, "Member De Blasi commented that this committee doesn't have enough authority to do more conducting speed studies. He would like to see the number of vehicle miles traveled;" the word "reduced" should be added at the end.

Hersch Sangster moved for approval of the March 2024 Minutes as modified. David Dempster seconded. Motion passed as follows: Saldivar, De Blasi, Dempster, Sangster, Lamb, and Philbrick in favor and Myers absent.
- 3. VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION ~ Dawn Reichle Bailon** Dawn Reichle Bailon, on behalf of the Volunteer Coordinating Committee, read the Proclamation and thanked Traffic Safety, Bikeways and Pedestrian Committee Members for their dedication and ongoing volunteer efforts benefiting the City of Keizer and distributed cookies as a token of appreciation.
- 4. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS** Hector Blanco, Keizer Fire Department, shared that they are interested in attending meetings if the Committee would like the Fire Department's attendance.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) ~ Presentation by Engineer Scott Mansur with DKS**
- Scott Mansur, DKS Associates, presented on traffic engineering and spoke about the national standards for traffic control devices. There were certain thresholds for three and all-way intersections and changes to speed limits. Engineering studies were still required, but the agencies can make changes to speed limits on City streets.
- Public Works Director Bill Lawyer answered questions on the costs of doing traffic studies.
- Mr. Mansur noted that marking crosswalks doesn't necessarily make roads safer and that there needs to be controlled crosswalks with traffic devices or flashing beacons. There are now traffic signal warrants and more leniency for agencies when making decisions. He spoke on the improvements for bicycles.
- Mr. Mansur spoke on how these changes may apply to Keizer's Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan. Changes in neighborhoods would be easier, lower speed limits could be set, and stop signs could not be used for speed control.
- b. **ODOT Speed Zones Discussion**
- Chair Saldivar received a consensus that the Members would like the ODOT Speed Zone information removed from the City's website and replaced with Scott Mansur's presentation.
- c. **Climate-Friendly and Equitable Community Discussion**
- It was noted that because land use and transportation are intimately tied together, as well as climate-friendly communities are tied to transportation, it seems logical that this Committee should have a voice in any planning and transportation efforts.
- d. **(Updated) 2017-2021 SKATS Top 20 High Injury Corridors ~ will be Presented on the Screen by Michael De Blasi**
- Michael De Blasi showed the Salem-Keizer Area Transportation Study (SKATS) top 20 high-injury corridors on the screen and pointed out where crashes are a problem. He would be asking SKATS if he could receive this data in a spreadsheet so that this Committee can monitor the areas.

6. PROJECT SPREADSHEET REVIEW

- a. **Project List**
- The Members discussed and updated the Project List.

Deputy City Recorder would be adding the following items to the major projects section:

- Wheatland Road Project with the configuration issue.

- The Ridge Drive parking issue and that Mickey Walker with For the Love of the Game handles the grounds maintenance.
- The issue on Lockhaven was that cars turning were entering the turn lane for River Road; not the Post Office. They were just using the Post Office turn lane to bypass the stopped cars.
- Windsor Island and the Urban Transpiration Plan by Marion County.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT / NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Mr. Sangster shared upcoming Bike Skills events and would be giving out helmets. Marion County was now moving forward with its Rural Transportation Plan, and he would be serving on that committee.

David Philbrick shared that the Salem Bike Club's Monster Cookie Ride would be coming up. The ride leaves from McNary and heads East.

Chair Saldivar spoke with City Council and let them know what this Committee was doing. She asked them about interconnect on River Road. Mr. Griffin said that they were still working on it. The traffic signals are not connected and are just set for each leg.

Chair Saldivar assigned homework for everyone. She invited Planning to attend a meeting and asked that Members send their questions to Deputy City Recorder Dawn Wilson to compile.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Pedestrian Flags ~ Brenda Lamb

Brenda Lamb explained that the flags enhance visibility, get the driver's attention, and don't guarantee that vehicles would stop. Other cities use them for crosswalks and unsanctioned areas. Flags would be purchased from the City. She asked the Committee to consider how the City of Keizer should use these flags.

Mr. De Blasi commented that pedestrians would need to be careful not to block signs with flags.

Mr. Sangster asked if the City would be willing to take on the liability. Ms. Lamb stated that this was no longer a City liability. She hasn't found any City or State to be responsible for misuse of flags.

Chair Saldivar proposed that this go to City Council to allow pedestrian flagging. The Committee agreed for her and Ms. Lamb to ask the Council about this on behalf of the Committee.

Mr. Philbrick talked about the intersection at Verda and Lockhaven and the City needs to do something about better traffic flow. There are no crosswalks, and he supports pedestrian flags.

b. Neighborhood

Chair Saldivar shared that the second Work Session on the Neighborhood

Traffic Management Program (NTMP)

Traffic Management Program was April 29th at 6 p.m. She proposed to City Manager Adam Brown having Google documents available to provide a list of questions that would be reviewed by this Committee.

9. UPDATES TO APPENDIX A OF THE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

- a. Former Chair Davis suggests that the Keizer Fire District and the Salem Keizer School District positions be removed, and the Committee would invite either the Fire District or the School District to discuss certain topics as needed. (Motion to forward recommendation to Council to amend Attachment A to this Committee's Resolution is needed)**

Chair Saldivar asked the Members if they would like to invite a Fire representative when they had questions and discussion ensued.

Mr. Sangster shared the history of the Fire Department's role with this Committee.

Discussion ensued around having the Neighborhood Associations work with the schools to bring concerns to this Committee.

Chair Saldivar motioned to amend Attachment A of Committee Resolution to remove the language under Membership representatives from Marion County Fire District number 1 and Keizer Fire District shall serve as non-voting ex officio liaisons and the non-voting Fire District representatives shall be appointed by the Districts; and to change the language and purpose of Section number 5, from Oregon Traffic Safety Commission to ODOT/DMV Traffic Safety, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. David Dempster seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Saldivar, De Blasi, Dempster, Sangster, Lamb, and Philbrick in favor and Myers absent.

- b. Update language from Oregon Traffic Safety Commission to Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.**

10. STAFF REPORT

Mike Griffin, Storm and Streets Operations Division Manager, reported that the resurfacing bids closed today and paving would start after the new budget year. A street light on Sam Orcutt Way was hit and would be replaced next week.

11. POLICE LIAISON REPORT

Officer Martin Powell reported that the speed study was done a month ago on North Verda, and the findings were that there was no speeding issue. While Brooks and Alder had a crash, it was not speed-related.

12. COUNCIL None.
LIAISON REPORT

13. ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned: 8:35 p.m.

Minutes approved: 06/20/2024

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