



MINUTES
KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY/BIKEWAYS/PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE
Thursday, January 16, 2025
Keizer City Council Chambers

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

Present: Michael De Blasi, Chair David Dempster Hersch Sangster David Philbrick Matt Myers Absent: Youth Liaison - Open Position Open Position Brenda Lamb, Vice Chair	Council Liaison/Staff Present: Mike Griffin, Storm Ops & Streets Police Officer Martin Powell Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder Council Liaison/Staff Absent: Open Council Liaison Position
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- 2. ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR** David Dempster nominated Michael DeBlasi as Chair. Matt Myers seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows: De Blasi, Dempster, Sangster, Philbrick and Myers in favor with Lamb absent, and one open position.

Hersch Sangster nominated Brenda Lamb as Vice Chair and Hersch is willing to serve as the Vice Chair if Ms. Lamb doesn't want to be Vice Chair. Matt Myers seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows: De Blasi, Dempster, Sangster, Philbrick and Myers in favor with Lamb absent, and one open position.
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. November 2024 Hersch Sangster moved for approval of the November 2024 Minutes. David Dempster seconded. Motion passed as follows: Dempster, Sangster, Philbrick and Myers in favor with Lamb absent, De Blasi abstained, and one open position.

Hersch Sangster amended the motion to recommend the changes noted. Motion passed as follows: Dempster, Sangster, Philbrick and Myers in favor with Lamb absent, De Blasi abstained and one open position.

4. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED PERSONS

Tammy Kunz, Keizer, Greater Northeast Keizer Neighborhood Association Chair, expressed appreciation to Matt Myers to have Verda Lane speeding issue on the Agenda. Ms. Kunz shared that she has a flag for pedestrian crossing at Chemawa near Lucinda and asked about moving the flag for the flag program. She would like a flag added Claxter and Alder area because there hasn't been a crossing guard for the school. Operations Division Manager Mike Griffin shared that this would be a minor arterial, so it doesn't comply with the speed marker rule. Ms. Kunz has had online crossing guard training. She would notify the City when she finds a location that she was interested in having a flag.

Hersch Sangster shared that this would be a liability issue for the City per Oregon Department of Transportation and that the schools have crossing guards established. It was noted that Claxter, Alder, Verda crossing was being redesigned. David Philbrick commented that solutions are needed for Lockhaven, Chemawa, and Verda, and he felt that the blinking yellow lights and crosswalks seemed to work well for pedestrian crossings.

Lisa and Robert Barker, Keizer, shared some safety concerns on Verda from the roundabout to Lockhaven with speeders and request speed bumps or some solution. The issue has increased since the apartment complex was built. Discussion ensued about the road no longer being a residential road and that it was now a thoroughfare. It was suggested to have a bike lane to create a visual effect of a more narrow road. The Barkers would like the speed limit reduced.

Hersch Sangster shared that several other streets have the same issue and spoke about calming devices. He suggested adding this issue to the project list.

Janine and Daniel Kidd, Keizer, shared that they submitted an application on a speed issue on Park Meadow for the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program and asked about an update. Officer Powell shared that a speed study was in progress and would run for a two-week period. The outcome of the study would be shared at the next meeting.

Angela Clark, Keizer, agrees with the data the Barkers shared about the speeding issue on Verda. Discussion ensued about having more residents parking on the street so cars would slow down.

5. PROJECT SPREADSHEET REVIEW

a. Project List

The project list was reviewed and updated.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Discussion & Monitor ~ Speeding on Parkmeadow Drive NE (between Meadowglen ST NE & Wheatland Rd N)** Officer Powell was completing a traffic study and would report at the next meeting.
- b. **Speeding Issue on Verda Lane ~ NTMP Application Submitted by Matt Myers along with 2024 Traffic Study** Officer Powell summarized the results of the traffic study. Discussion ensued about having a calming device and another speed study since the original one was a year old. It was requested to further discuss this issue at the next meeting.
7. **COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT** Matt Myers commented that another speed study wasn't need for a decision on the Verda speeding issue.
- David Philbrick commented on the speed study that the posted speeds were posted when the streets were really different than the current character of the street and surrounding community. However, the speed limits haven't been reviewed.
- Chair De Blasi shared an article from the Salem Statesman Journal about a rural community on needs for getting writing for funding. He suggested that the City hire a professional to write the grant applications.
- David Dempster shared a proposal on making signs.
- Hersch Sangster shared about the City of Salem's Bicycle Registration Program. The Keizer bike shops shared with him that people are not getting their bikes registered so it was difficult to find stolen bikes. He would like the Keizer Police Department to consider a similar program. Mr. Sangster also mentioned that all of the e-bikes were meshed together, and there would be new legislation making changes because the e-bikes should be separate due to the high speeds of the various e-bikes.
8. **STAFF REPORT** Storm Operations and Streets Division Manager Mike Griffin shared that in December, there was an accident due to a drinking issue on Lockhaven Road, and the car destroyed some ballers, which were just replaced.
9. **POLICE LIAISON REPORT** Officer Martin Powell had nothing further to share.
10. **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT** The new Council Liaison hasn't been appointed yet.
11. **MEMBER** Hersch Sangster would be reporting to Council on February 3rd.

**REPORTING TO
COUNCIL: Hersch
Sangster -
February 3rd @
6pm**

12. ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned: 7:59 p.m.

Minutes approved: _____

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