



MINUTES
KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY/BIKEWAYS/PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE
Thursday, January 18, 2024
Keizer City Council Chambers

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** Vice Chair Tammy Saldivar called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
Attendance was noted as follows:
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| Present: | Council Liaison/Staff Present: |
| Tammy Saldivar, Chair | Councilor Robert Husseman |
| Michael De Blasi, Vice Chair | Mike Griffin, Storm Ops & Streets |
| David Dempster | Melissa Bisset, City Recorder |
| Hersch Sangster (6:14) | Adam Brown, City Manager |
| Brenda Lamb | |
| David Philbrick | |
| Matt Myers | |
- 2. ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR** Vice Chair Tammy Saldivar moved to open nominations.
- Motion was made by Brenda Lamb to nominate Tammy Saldivar as Chair and seconded by Michael De Blasi. Motion unanimously passed as follows: Dempster, DeBlasi, Saldivar, Lamb, Myers and Philbrick in favor and Sangster absent.
- Motion was made by David Dempster to nominate Brenda Lamb as Vice Chair and seconded by Matt Myers. Motion passed as follows: Dempster, DeBlasi, Lamb, and Myers in favor and Saldivar and Philbrick opposed and Sangster absent.
- Motion was made by Brenda Lamb to nominate Michael De Blasi and seconded by David Philbrick. Motion passed as follows: DeBlasi, Saldivar, Lamb, and Philbrick in favor and Dempster and Myers opposed and Sangster absent.
- David Dempster moved for nominations to be closed and seconded by Matt Myers.
- A vote was taken with four votes for Mr. De Blasi and two votes for Ms. Lamb.
- Tammy Saldivar and Michael De Blasi were elected by unanimous consent

to serve as Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

Introductions were made by new committee members, the Council Liaison and City Staff Members.

- 3. STRATEGIC PLAN ~ Feedback from Members ~ Council Liaison to Lead Discussion**
- Council Liaison Husseman directed the Committee to the draft City of Keizer Strategic Plan. He stated that the Plan helps guide the decision-making and where funds may be spent. He stated that communication of the Strategic Plan was not sufficient with respect to the priorities. He noted that each of the respective committees have been requested to review the Strategic Plan and provide comments.

Committee Member Dempster commented that a lot of this plan was based upon population growth and is a good thing and for some reason, it's going to make us save or not spend more money than we're currently spending. He felt that this was a false premise and said that population growth is expensive for both the people moving in and the current residents. He said that every year, the City of Keizer has increased its budget, even when the population didn't increase and that growth had a lot of hidden costs with infrastructure and additional City staff. He stated that by limiting growth saves money for the citizens of Keizer. He said that the City had a Long Range Planning Task Force who decided that the City should not increase the urban growth boundary and that the State was fine with this decision. He expressed concern about the thought that growth is a good thing and that the citizens would benefit from it.

Council Liaison Husseman pointed out that the Council has included Urban Growth Boundary evolution as one the long-term goals

Committee Member Myers asked about measurable objectives and who is held accountable. It was noted that a couple of actions are inherent in the goals and the staff would incorporate the goals into their work so the Strategic Plan is meant to be more of a guide.

City Manager Adam Brown noted that there would be a scorecard added to the Strategic Plan to provide the metrics for the goals that would eventually get approved by Council.

Committee Member De Blasi hoped that the right metrics would be measured for all of the downstream effects of decisions.

Committee Member Philbrick stated that he did not see very many actions related to a small-town feel.

Committee Member De Blasi asked about the mission and commented on the tight budget to provide City services. He wanted to make sure that the City was fiscally sound and would create the revenue to pay for a quality of life that was safe and good for the community.

Tammy Saldivar asked about action item 2.1 on the Implement Sidewalk Gap and Repair Program and what that might look like, and she asked about the difference when comparing it to item 2.2. City Manager Brown spoke about the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and a possible funding match for a sidewalk replacement program. The idea is to incentivize the property owners to make updates.

Discussion ensued regarding the need to update the Transportation System Plan (TSP) and the cost of updating the plan. It was noted that staff was looking for State funding to help with the TSP. Mr. Dempster stated that there's a difference between transportation that can use high speeds to get folks to where they need to go faster versus traffic issues with low speeds and that this is not mentioned in the Strategic Plan.

Mr. Philbrick suggested looking at the speed limit on Verda near the roundabout from Chemawa to Dearborn and on Wheatland for safety and comfort given the residential neighborhoods through which they pass because the speeds are too high. He felt that the current conditions were not safe. He also felt a goal could be included in the Strategic Plan to review current speed limits throughout Keizer, given changes in the community and that the fixes may not cost a lot of money.

The Committee tabled the discussion to the February meeting.

**a. Draft Strategic
Plan Review**

**4. CITY'S
STRATEGIC PLAN**

Duplicate Item.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned: 6:40 p.m

Minutes approved: 02/15/2024

**6. TRANSITION INTO
THE Joint City
Council/Traffic
Safety, Bikeways
& Pedestrian
Committee
Meeting - 6:30 pm**

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