



MINUTES

KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY/BIKEWAYS/PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Keizer City Council Chambers

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

Present: Michael De Blasi, Chair Brenda Lamb, Vice Chair David Dempster Hersch Sangster David Philbrick Matt Myers	Council Liaison/Staff Present: Councilor Christopher Mike Griffin, Storm Ops & Streets Martin Powell, Police Liaison Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder
Absent: Trevor Lewis Youth Liaison - Open Position	Council Liaison/Staff Absent:
- 2. ANNUAL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION ~ by Lanora Blake** Lanora Blake, member of the Volunteer Coordinating Committee, recognized the Community Diversity Engagement Committee volunteers, read the proclamation, and handed out City of Keizer lapel pins and Certificates of Appreciation.
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. March 2025** Brenda Lamb asked that on page 3 the GNEKNA acronym be changed because it was West Keizer Neighborhood Association who submitted the application.

Hersch Sangster moved for the March 20, 2025 Minutes be approved with aforementioned correction from Northeast Keizer to West Keizer Neighborhood Association. Matt Myers seconded. Motion passed as follows:
De Blasi, Dempster, Sangster, Lamb, Philbrick, and Myers in favor with Lewis absent.
- 4. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED PERSONS** Ron Raleigh, Keizer, requested to reduce the speed limit on Park Meadow. He would like to see the same orange placard that was attached to the speed limit signs on Deerborn also be installed on Park Meadow. Storm and Streets Operations Division Manager Mike Griffin said that he would look into installing the placard(s).

Donita White, Keizer, shared that there were issues on Verda Lane with a lot of traffic and speeding. Matt Myers shared that a speed study was done twice, and there was a high volume of traffic and encouraged other neighbors to come to the meetings and share their experiences. Ms. White asked about having stop signs installed. Hersch Sangster suggested installing the same signs as on Dearborn.

Rob Smith, Keizer, expressed concern for the parking issue on the bike lane and speeding on Verda Lane. He suggested a speed bump with the speed limit painted on the street or a speed table. Mr. Griffin shared that the paint wears off fast and it's a budgetary item for ongoing maintenance. David Dempster asked about having a Local Improvement District, so the residents could tax themselves to have some traffic calming devices.

Rachel Navarro, Keizer, shared about the parking on bike lanes on Alder mostly during Claggett Creek middle school hours. Officer Powell commented that he asked the cars to move. Since the cars were occupied, they were not considered parked so he could not cite them. It was suggested that Ms. Navarro work with Council President Starr to see about going with her to visit the principal.

5. PROJECT SPREADSHEET REVIEW

a. Active Items on Project List

Chair De Blasi encouraged the members to review the green paint list to see if they have any additions.

The members discussed and made updates to the project list. The green paint budget request was discussed and Chair De Blasi would get it submitted to Assistant City Manager Tim Wood.

Discussion ensued about the issues on Verda Lane. Officer Powell clarified that the bike lanes are enforced but unless he sees the issue, he can't cite for it, and it was only him enforcing traffic. It was suggested to contact interested persons who spoke at the meetings to let them know what the Traffic Safety, Bikeways and Pedestrian Committee was doing to reduce the issues. It was suggested to have a list of traffic-calming options with the costs for this Committee to consider. Chair De Blasi would prepare a list to be shared with the members for their input and discussion at the next meeting.

6. NEW & OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT

Hersch Sangster would get the green paint budget request to Chair De Blasi. Mr. Sangster commented on the major street racing on Lockhaven and Windsor Island during dusk that the Northwest Keizer Neighborhood Association was watching. Officer Powell commented that the patrol staffing

levels were too low to enforce traffic issues from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

David Dempster shared that he received some calls for helmets for low-income children.

Mr. Myers thanked the Committee, Officer Powell, and Mr. Griffin for their work on the Verda Lane issue. He shared that a Keizer Art Fair would be coming up. Councilor Christopher shared that there would be a variety of entertainment all three days this year.

Chair De Blasi asked about the delayed crossing light for crossing on Cherry, and Mr. Griffin commented that it should have been completed on Cherry.

Brenda Lamb shared that KeizerFEST was coming up and asked about this Committee volunteering at a table. It was suggested to have safety information available at the Public Works Day event. It was noted that the City would be participating in the Earth Day Celebration at Spong's Landing.

David Philbrick shared that the 49th Monster Cookie Ride was coming up. On April 11th, he had a second meeting with the City of Salem to discuss bicycling and infrastructure to improve biking in the Salem area.

Mr. Philbrick noted that the City of Salem would be installing new speed signs and probably reworking the traffic lights when the speed drops from 25 to 20 miles per hour. He felt that reducing the speed could be an opportunity to address some of the issues on Verda between Lockhaven and Chemawa, and potentially on Park Meadow. Mr. Philbrick spoke about the regional scenario planning to reduce vehicular traffic while increasing street walking, bicycling, and skateboarding. He noted that the biggest request was to have measurable items that could be tracked, such as more protected routes for cyclists and pedestrians, secure bike parking, and improved maintenance for the existing biking structure.

8. STAFF REPORT

Storm Operations and Streets Division Manager Mike Griffin shared that the City was reviewing bids to replace stormwater pipes and the resurfacing project. He shared about a dip heading westbound on Lockhaven North, which was across from the McNary High School baseball field. The dip was dug up, repaired, and no soil issues were found.

9. POLICE LIAISON REPORT

Officer Martin Powell shared that he acknowledges the speeding issue on Verda and that there were also speeding issues on Harmony, on the West end of Chemawa, Verda, Dearborn, Oneil, McCleod, and Windsor Island. There were also issues with drivers going past the school buses and parking issues at all of the schools and drivers not stopping at 14th and Mandarin. He commented on how much time it takes to monitor everything, and he couldn't be at several neighborhoods during the same time.

- 10. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT** Councilor Christopher suggested identifying the high impact corridors to help mitigate the request with reducing the residential speed limits. She shared about e-bike issues and injuries.
- 11. MEMBER REPORTING TO COUNCIL: David Philbrick - May 5th - 6pm** David Philbrick would be reporting to Council on May 5th.
- 12. NEXT MEETING: May 22nd**
- 13. ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at: 7:35 p.m.
- Minutes approved: _____

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