



MINUTES

KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY/BIKEWAYS/PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 20, 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:
Council President Starr
Mike Griffin, Storm Ops & Streets
Jorge Miranda, Police Officer
Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder
Council Liaison/Staff Absent:

Absent:
Open Position
Youth Liaison - Open Position
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. **February 2025** Hersch Sangster moved for approval of the February 2025 Minutes. Matt Myers seconded. Motion passed as follows: De Blasi, Dempster, Sangster, Lamb, Philbrick and Myers in favor with one open position.
3. **APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED PERSONS** Tammy Saldivar, Keizer, provided an update about the Keizer Pedestrian Flag Program changes on the application. She shared that no major or minor arterials qualify for this program because it was not safe enough.

Ms. Saldivar provided the following details on the updates:

Parameters of the pilot:

- Six months (June to December)
- Pilot would be assessed at three months (September) and six months (December) at a Transportation Safety, Bikeways, and Pedestrian (TSBP) Committee meeting.
- City would allow only up to two pilot locations
- The City offered \$300 per pilot location

Acceptable feedback for assessment:

- Input from neighborhood associations
- Public feedback via the QR code for Public Works insight

Moving forward past pilot:

- The pilot program would determine if would be right for Keizer.
- The pilot program would be monitored for safety, maintenance effort, and feedback.

When Program moves out of “pilot” status in six months:

- Other locations could be requested.
- The application would be kept online under the Public Works portion of the website.
- Ms. Saldivar recommended that the TSBP check-in on the location yearly for “renewal” which gives the City an opportunity to discuss and provide more feedback.
- City would provide a QR code for each location with a link to the information on this program and a place to provide feedback.

Discussion ensued about the speeds when there were flashing lights. It was noted that the arterial with the higher speed limits wouldn't be safe areas for the pedestrian flagging.

It was noted that one of the TSBP members should report this new program at an upcoming City Council meeting. It was requested that the TSBP have an opportunity to discuss any dangerous issues that may arise with the program. Storm Operations and Streets Division Manager Mike Griffin stated that any positive or negative feedback would be brought back to the TSBP.

It was clarified that the TSBP reviews the applications for completeness and then staff has two weeks to approve or deny the application and would contact the applicant directly.

It was noted that a communication plan wasn't planned until after the pilot program, and it was requested to let the community know about the program so they would be aware of pedestrian flagging. The communication for the pilot program was currently going through the neighborhood associations.

It was requested to have a clickable map on the City's website to zoom-in and select an area.

The TSBP agreed to forward the application to the Public Works staff to

move forward with the program.

4. PROJECT SPREADSHEET REVIEW

a. Active Items on Project List

The active items were discussed, and the project list was updated.

It was noted that the Verda Lane speeding issue could be moved to the end of the project list under major projects because a motion was made at the last TSBP meeting to recommend that the Council reduce speed in residential areas to 20 miles per hour.

It was noted that the TSBP would need to submit a budget request for the green paint for bike crossings.

David Dempster moved to authorize Hersch Sangster to fill out the budget request form and submit it to the City with the given data from Public Works. Matt Myers seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows: De Blasi, Dempster, Sangster, Lamb, Philbrick and Myers in favor with one open position.

5. NEW & OTHER BUSINESS

a. Keizer Pedestrian Flags Program ~ Application Submission by GNEKNA for Streets to Use

Chair De Blasi requested that the name of the pedestrian flag program be changed to the Pedestrian Flag Pilot Program and to submit the West Keizer's Neighborhood Association's application to Public Works.

Matt Myers pointed out a correction needs to be made to page seven of the packet, which was in the March Minutes. It should be 8,000 cars per week instead of per day for the Verda Lane study. He shared that even though both of the speeding criteria in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program were not met, there was still an issue. It was noted that Officer Powell would continue to enforce speeding when his workload allowed.

b. Claggett Creek Middle School Parking Issue ~ Continued Discussion

Rachel Navarro, Keizer, shared that she called the principal to setup a time to talk and hadn't received a response to talk about the parking issue at Claggett Creek Middle School that was discussed. She had been working with Code Compliance Officer Ben Crosby so that cars could be towed.

Council President Starr shared that she would be willing to meet with the city manager to talk about resources available to talk with the middle school. She would like to have a uniformed police officer, someone from Public Works, or the Code Compliance Officer to go with Ms. Navarro to talk with the middle school on the parking issue at 4:00 p.m.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT

The cost of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps was asked about. Mr. Griffin commented that the cost of blinking lights for crosswalks was

\$13,000 for two sides of the roads for hardware. Anything else involved with the ramps would be an extra cost.

Hersch Sangster shared that he, Marianne Sangster, and David Dempster worked the Safe Routes to School at Clear Lake Elementary School, which was successful. Marion County received a mini-grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation and would be installing bike racks at several parks. There was a little money left over, and it was suggested to install a bike rack at Roger's Park in Silverton. Coming up would be Earth Day on May 26th at Spong's Landing.

- 7. STAFF REPORT** Storm Operations and Streets Division Manager Mike Griffin shared that River Road manholes have been repaired. Public Works would be installing four curbing ramps at Toni and Menlo as part of the yearly Neighborhood ADA Program.
- 8. POLICE LIAISON REPORT** Officer Jorge Miranda was called out for police work during the meeting.
- 9. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT** Council President Starr shared that the City council did their short- and long-term goals to set the stage for the Budget Process. Two of the biggest issues that the City Council worked through included dialogue on the agreement with the Chamber of Commerce and moving forward the work of the Community Diversity Engagement Committee.
- 10. MEMBER REPORTING TO COUNCIL: Brenda Lamb - April 7th - 6pm** Brenda Lamb would be reporting to Council on April 7th.
- 11. ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned: 7:21 p.m.

Minutes approved: _____

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