



MINUTES
KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY/BIKEWAYS/PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE
Thursday, July 17, 2025
Robert L. Simon Council Chambers
930 Chemawa Road NE
Keizer, Oregon

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** Chair De Blasi called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Attendance was noted as follows:

<p>Present: Michael De Blasi, Chair Brenda Lamb, Vice Chair David Dempster Matt Myers</p>	<p>Council Liaison/Staff Present: Council President Starr Mike Griffin, Storm Ops & Streets Martin Powell, Police Liaison Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder</p>
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Absent:
Hersch Sangster
Trevor Lewis
David Philbrick

- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

 - a. May 2025** David Dempster moved for approval of the May 2025 Minutes. Brenda Lamb seconded. Motion passed as follows: De Blasi, Dempster, Lamb, and Myers in favor with Lewis, Philbrick, and Sangster absent.

- 3. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED PERSONS**

Rhonda Rich, Keizer, President of West Keizer Neighborhood Association, shared that she was concerned about the Manbrin Drive speeding issue and was present at Officer Powell's collection of data on May 27th. She felt that the data by the standards of the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program would warrant installation of expensive traffic calming devices. The residents' perception was that vehicles travel too fast, and they felt unsafe on their street. She shared that Kathy Hill spoke with all of the neighbors, and they wanted a speed limit sign with the orange flags on the Northwest corner of Manbrin Drive and Rowan, facing East for westbound traffic. Ms. Rich would also like to have a neighborhood watch sign to attach to the speed limit sign post.

- 4. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS**

 - a. Application** The Traffic Safety, Bikeways and Pedestrian Committee (TSBP) discussed

**Submitted from
West Keizer
Neighborhood
Association
(WKNA) ~
Speeding on
Manbrin Drive
(Rowan to
Rivercrest)**

the application.

Matt Myers suggested looking closer at the criteria in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program.

Chair DeBlasi suggested having a tiered solution so that a lower-level of effort could be implemented until it meets all of the standards and engineering solutions could be considered. He would like to try the painted, zigzag lines to create a visual for the drivers.

Storm Operations and Streets Division Manager Mike Griffin commented that Public Works would assess the situation to see what could be done.

**b. Discussion on the
Committee's
Name**

The Committee discussed changing the name so that the community understood the purpose of the Committee and have a name that would be easy to remember. Chair De Blasi suggested the name of "Safe Streets Advisory Committee" because this name includes streets that would be safe for all users, whether they're on a bike, in a car, or on foot.

David Dempster shared the history of the previous name changes.

Council President Starr asked about the safety advisory committee versus a public safety and safe streets committee.

Vice Chair Lamb suggested "Keizer PD Safety" as a name because it would be easy to remember.

Mr. Dempster felt that the current name covered all of the areas of the Committee.

Chair Michael De Blasi moved to bring a possible name change to the August 4th City Council meeting. Brenda Lamb seconded. Motion passed as follows: De Blasi, Lamb, and Myers in favor with Dempster opposed and Lewis, Philbrick, and Sangster absent.

**c. Green Paint
Locations (Please
see list in packet)
~ Discussion**

Chair DeBlasi shared about the green paint locations and invited members to add to the list and prioritize it. Chair DeBlasi suggested the members bring their top 10 to the next meeting. LISTEN 6:25 Mr. Griffin shared that two locations were proposed, but it wasn't approved.

**5. PROJECT
SPREADSHEET
REVIEW**

The Project Spreadsheet was reviewed and updated.

It was noted that the green paint at the bike crossings didn't get approved by the Budget Committee for this year.

Vice Chair Lamb shared that she and the Northwest Keizer Neighborhood Association, with the help of Rhonda Rich, have been monitoring the Pilot Pedestrian Flag Program. She shared some of the responses from the

survey.

Council Vice President Starr shared that the recommendation for the 20 mile per hour speed limit was still being evaluated for the approach by staff to take back to this Committee and the City Council.

It was noted that the pilot flag program for Chemawa North and 15th was approved.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT

David Dempster commented on complaints for too many speeders on Country Glenn and River Road five years ago. He felt that speeding was still a problem, but the community wasn't complaining anymore. He didn't know if people were tired of complaining.

Mr. Dempster shared that ServeFest would be on Sunday, August 17th at Lakepoint Community Church and helmets were donated and there would be fittings.

Matt Myers shared on the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program about determining the volume and speed criteria within the plan. He wasn't sure it was conducive to Keizer's size when it comes to the various speeds and number of speeders. He suggested reviewing the criteria by looking at Cities of Keizer's size and how they handle safety concerns.

Mr. Griffin commented that he did a comparison on the criteria of volume and speed with the Cities of Albany and McMinnville.

Chair De Blasi agreed not to raise the bar too high with the number of vehicles for the day and suggested that speed-levels should be the focus.

Ms. Lamb suggested using natural traffic-calming whenever possible to slow-down vehicles for safety.

Council Vice President Starr commented that if this Committee felt the plan should be reviewed for changes, it could be reported to the Council by a member.

Matt Myers motioned to review the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program and bring it to the City Council for their approval to review it. Seconded by David Dempster.

Matt Myers withdrew the motion.

David Dempster moved for a line item on our agenda to review, evaluate and determine if any changes need to be made to the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program. Brenda Lamb seconded. Motion passed as follows: De Blasi, Dempster, Lamb, and Myers in favor with Lewis, Philbrick, and Sangster absent.

Mr. Dempster commented that the review process would take a while as evaluation should be done first and then determine if anything needs to be changed. It was suggested for Members to do research and bring back for discussion, such as attend neighborhood association meetings and ask for their feedback.

Chair De Blasi suggested that the Councilors and Members do ride-alongs with Cherriots.

- 7. STAFF REPORT** Storm Operations and Streets Division Manager Mike Griffin shared that the Rockledge Project and replacement stormwater line was in progress. The Americans with Disability Act (ADA) ramp work was started and then the street resurfacing for 12 street sections would occur. The pavement markings for crosswalks, stop bars, bicycle legends were coming up.
- 8. POLICE LIAISON REPORT** Officer Martin Powell shared on the Manbrin Drive quasi-study in May. He was in Kathy Hill's yard for three hours to observed speeding. The combined speed average was 24.2 miles per hour. The neighbor perceptions were about 8 to 10 miles per hour higher than the actual speeds. During the three hours, there were only 9 cars out of 172 that had speeds over 30 miles per hour with the top speed of 34 miles per hour, which is 9 miles per hour over the speed limit. The 7 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. time period had the highest amount of traffic.
- 9. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT** Council President Starr congratulated Deputy City Recorder Dawn Wilson for earning the Certified Municipal Clerk designation. She reminded the Committee about the Street Painting Program that was before the Keizer Public Arts Commission and was shown to be a traffic-calming device. She suggested that this program be added to this Committee's August agenda.
- Council President Starr expressed appreciation for Officer Powell to take her on ride-alongs to see some of the challenges and concerns coming to this Committee.
- 10. MEMBER REPORTING TO COUNCIL: Matt Myers on August 4th at 6pm** Matt Myers would be reporting to Council on August 4th.
- 11. ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned: 7:12 p.m. Minutes approved: _____

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