



MINUTES
KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY/BIKEWAYS/PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 15, 2024
Keizer City Council Chambers

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

Present: Tammy Saldivar, Chair Michael De Blasi, Vice Chair David Dempster Hersch Sangster Brenda Lamb David Philbrick Matt Myers Absent:	Council Liaison/Staff Present: Councilor Robert Husseman Mike Griffin, Storm Ops & Streets Martin Powell, Police Liaison Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder Council Liaison/Staff Absent:
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- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

 - a. November 16, 2023** David Dempster moved for approval of the November 2023 Minutes. Matt Myers seconded. Motion passed as follows: Saldivar, De Blasi, Dempster, Sangster, Lamb, Philbrick and Myers in favor.
 - b. January 18, 2024** David Dempster moved for approval of the January 2024 Minutes with corrections submitted by David Philbrick. Brenda Lamb seconded. Motion passed as follows: Saldivar, De Blasi, Dempster, Sangster, Lamb, Philbrick and Myers in favor.
- 3. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS** None.
- 4. DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN ~ Feedback from Members ~ Council Liaison to Lead Discussion** Council Liaison Hussemen led the discussion. He requested that the Members cover Mission, Vision, and Values again.

David Dempster stated that population growth is not good as stated in the Strategic Plan because as population increases, the City becomes less staffed.

Michael De Blasi referenced having pride in volunteerism and the least-cost government. He would like to move away from being so narrow-thinking with being the least-cost government. A goal to reduce the vehicles and miles traveled should be added to the Transportation System Plan and the Strategic Plan.

David Philbrick was able to better understand the attributes in the next five years, such as knowing where people would want to hang out and have more livability. Councilor Husseman stated that there would be livability enhancements built in the goals.

Mr. Dempster suggested addressing natural disasters, a local way of accessing equipment, and getting around the city. He would like to see more environmentally healthy initiatives.

Chair Saldivar asked about joining the City of Salem in the Emergency Management program.

Hersch Sangster stated that he lived through the flood in 1995 with an emergency response plan that included taking care of animals, and he helped run the plan.

Brenda Lamb asked about the goals being concurrent. Councilor Husseman commented that the details of the goals go back to staff to meet the goals. He stated that the best way to ensure that goals are met is for the Council to communicate with staff to ensure they are measurable.

Councilor Husseman commented that City Manager Adam Brown is marshaling the resources for Emergency Management for the City of Keizer.

David Dempster stated that the items under the goals are not actions so the Strategic Plan needs to be specific, such as installing more traffic lights or include examples as actions. Mr. De Blasi agrees that the goals seem to be overarching goals that don't have action points. The camera installation is the only goal that's not vague. Mr. Philbrick agrees that examples need to be included, such as being a walkable city.

Mr. De Blasi request that we hold the consultant's foot to fire to not have cookie-cutter report.

Mr. Sangster suggests listing to what they would be doing to achieve the goal.

Mr. Sangster and Mr. Dempster noted that Goal # 1 states "strengthen the relationships between the Police Department and the community," and suggested listing what they are doing because they're very active in the

community by attending events and talking to the Parent-Teacher Association. They would like to see verbiage about "continued traffic enforcement and safety."

There was comment about the sidewalk program and the definition of development was requested. It was also asked how a sidewalk program can be implanted when there isn't one in place.

Mr. Philbrick feels that Goal # 2 is most pertinent to this Committee. He suggested adding mobile connection and livable community. He also suggested adding, to develop infrastructure around the community for walking and biking. He suggested adding how a transportation plan could handle increased traffic on heavily traveled roads and to look at the impact and alternatives on the road.

Mr. Dempster suggested changing the Planning Code right away for future connectivity in between neighborhoods. He also stated that the staff is working their hearts out and asked what will get cut when they are working through the goals in the Strategic Plan. He would like to see a list of priorities and the items that would no longer be worked on when staff is working on the Strategic Plan goals.

Mr De Blasi would like to see the Planning Code be more versatile to accommodate a variety of businesses in effort to support the economic development.

From an economic development standpoint, Members would like to know if Keizer Station is making or losing money for the City, along with the tax revenue received in the past.

Mr. De Blasi would like to know what will be asked in the Communication survey, and we need to be clear in the Strategic Plan.

Ms. Lamb would like to add volunteer recruitment and training to Goal # 4.

Mr. Sangster would like to include engaging Neighborhood Associations to Goal # 4.

Mr. Philbrick commented that a good tool that the City has is Keizer Times to get information out. As far as community trust and competitive bids, there needs to be better advertising when we go out for competitive bids in which the word isn't reaching enough folks. This could be added as a business goal.

Mr. De Blasi suggested removing the word, "local" before residents under Goal # 4 because it's redundant.

Mr. Myers stated that the goals need to be measurable and actionable.

Mr. Dempster commented that if Keizer expands, could the current residents continue to afford living here. So, expensive houses shouldn't be built, and there should be restrictions on the types of houses built.

Mr. De Blasi feels that considering expanding the urban growth boundary conflicts with the small town feel.

Chair Saldivar commend that Goal 6.6 is the same as 4.6.

Mr. Dempster would like to have a dollar value added throughout the document, which would include a zero dollar amount for the items already in the works.

Chair Saldivar suggested that the Oregon Community Paths would tie into Goal # 2 for the Strategic Plan.

**a. Draft Strategic
Plan Review**

**5. PROJECT
SPREADSHEET
REVIEW**

The Commission reviewed the Project List and agreed that updates would be made by Deputy City Reorder Wilson.

Mr. De Blasi would like to see uniform speeds approaching the round-a-bouts.

Officer Martin Powell reported on the Meadowlark & 14th item. The Police Department conducted a speed study on Meadowlark for school traffic. The speeds averaged 6 miles per hour under the speed limit with speeds at 19 miles per hour, so this is not a speeding issue.

Officer Powell reported that the Police Department is five days into a speed survey on Verda Lane and Chemawa NE.

**a. Project List ~
Revised from
11/16/23 Meeting**

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Budget - Discussion on a List of Projects ~ Hersch Sangster** None.
- 7. **COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT / NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REPORTS**
 - Mr. Sangster would be having a Neighborhood Association meeting this month with guest speakers.
 - Chair Saldivar reported that the Miracle of Lights for the Gubser neighborhood food program brought in \$43,000 and 23,000 pounds of food, which brings in over a million meals over the last eight years of tracking. She mentioned the Verda Lane purchase for the boardwalk. She asked about any involvement with the Salem Bike Vision. Mr. Philbrick would be attending and reporting back to this Committee. Scott Mansure, a traffic engineer with DKS, would be coming to the April meeting with a presentation, as requested by the Mayor. She requested that any input on the helmet reward program be brought back to this Committee.
 - Mr. DeBlasi spoke on the Equitable Communities and Climate Control and believes someone should be involved for the Strategic Plan.
- 8. **STAFF REPORT** Mike Griffin reported that his staff has been busy filling pot holes, sign work, and storm water repairs.
- 9. **POLICE LIAISON REPORT** Officer Powell reported on safety area statistics that relate to this Committee and that they have been monitoring Verda and Meadowlark. They had their first bicyclist and vehicle crash at the Safeway exit in which the bicyclist wasn't paying attention.
- 10. **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT** Council Liaison Husseman reported on the proposal by Council to raise new revenue through a new fee based upon a measure going to an election and invited feedback.
- 11. **UPCOMING MAJOR PROJECTS**
 - a. **Aurora-Donald Interchange Online Open House** Chair Saldivar would like to have this item continue to be on Agenda.
 - b. **Verda Lane ODOT Project** Chair Saldivar would like to have this item continue to be on Agenda.
- 12. **OTHER BUSINESS**
 - a. **Former Chair Davis suggests** Tabled to next month.

that the Keizer Fire District and the Salem Keizer School District positions be removed, and the Committee would invite either the Fire District or the School District to discuss certain topics as needed. (Motion to forward recommendation to Council to amend Attachment A to this Committee's Resolution is needed)

b. Lockhaven Bike Lanes

13. ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned: 8:51 p.m.

Minutes approved: 03/21/2024

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