



MINUTES
KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY/BIKEWAYS/PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE
Thursday, March 21, 2024
Keizer City Council Chambers

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** Chair Saldivar called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Attendance was noted as follows:

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

 - a. February Minutes** David Dempster moved for approval of the February 2024 Minutes. Hersch Sangster seconded. Motion passed as follows: Saldivar, De Blasi, Dempster, Sangster, and Philbrick in favor and Lamb and Myers absent.
- 3. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS**

Shaney Starr, Keizer resident, shared a list of traffic safety issues in the Country Glen neighborhood. Cars are parked on both sides of the street. When heading South on Hilltop, and there were commercial trucks parked, so there's no visibility. She asked for guidance or for someone to assess the issue. Speeding in general was an issue, and children could get hit. Her second concern was all the speeding on River Road and Lockhaven. When heading South to turn off of River Road, it's extremely unsafe to turn because of the amount of traffic on River Road. She has asked many times for traffic control on River Road.

Ms. Starr stated that when crossing the intersection at McDonald's in Keizer Station, it takes ten minutes to turn because of the traffic. She felt that studies do not equate to drivers spending ten minutes to get out of a parking lot. She has concern about when Area D would be developed. The

roundabout on Verda Lane needs pedestrian safety. She would also like to have some type of crossing protection at the apartments leading to the school on Verda Lane because there would be additional people crossing.

Member Sangster spoke about the Verda Lane plan to have a finished sidewalk. Vice Chair De Blasi stated that the Committee has heard these issues before and agreed that River Road should have slower speed limits, particularly to Lockhaven because of the development and it's part of the urban part of town. There should be consistent speed limits approaching the roundabouts.

Mike Griffin shared a discussion with the City Manager and Public Works Director to have placards on the roundabout with symbols on each leg coming in, along with advisory signs. Mr. De Blasi suggested a raised crossing by the roundabout.

Chair Saldivar said that the Keizer Police Department would conduct speed studies on River Road and Country Glen. She recommends asking Planning Director Shane Witham about Keizer Station.

Officer Jorge Miranda spoke about some complaints in the Country Glen area. He asked that regular speeders and vehicles blocking views are reported to the Police Department. Ms. Starr asked that no parking paint be applied at the corner of Northern Heights.

Member Sangster spoke about how this Committee has solved no parking problems by about 80%.

Member De Blasi commented that this Committee doesn't have enough authority to do more than conducting speed studies. He would like to see the number of vehicle miles traveled reduced.

Member Dempster would like to invite the Planning Director Shane Witham to discuss their plan for Lockhaven.

Robb Witters and Rhonda Rich, West Keizer Neighborhood Association (WKNA), updated the Committee on a speed table and flashing signs that were installed on Shoreline Drive that were a result of a traffic study. The WKNA asked for comments from the neighborhood and general consensus was that the signs were effective in slowing down the speed. The overall response to the signs has been positive. Rhonda Rich stated that the speed table on Cummings was very effective and they appreciated the help of this Committee and the City Council. They provided written comments.

Ms. Rich appreciated the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan and commented that if the data doesn't show the need for a speed sign to come back with another option. Chair Saldivar commented that adding street art,

as a natural way to slow-down drivers could be another option.

4. PROJECT SPREADSHEET REVIEW

a. Project List - March 2024

The Project List was discussed and updated.

Lockhaven NE was discussed, and the Committee would like to have both sides of the bike lanes painted. The next steps would be for a traffic study and then a recommendation to Council.

David Dempster moved for a motion to City Council to request a traffic study for the bike lanes on Lockhaven from the Trail to River Road, on both sides. Hersch Sangster seconded. Passed unanimously. Saldivar, De Blasi, Dempster, Sangster, and Philbrick in favor and Lamb and Myers absent.

Discussion ensued about Keizer Road NE and Verda Ridge, which needs to be studied, and the crosswalk at the circle on the needs to be moved to Keizer Road for safety. Chair Saldivar explained the plan to add a sidewalk on Verda and a crosswalk would likely be installed on May Street.

David Dempster moved for a motion for City Council to do a study of installing a sidewalk on the North side of Keizer Road from Verda to the existing sidewalk. Hersch Sangster seconded. Passed unanimously. Saldivar, De Blasi, Dempster, Sangster, and Philbrick in favor and Lamb and Myers absent.

Discussion ensued about Chemawa Road and River Road, Westbound. They would like warning striping for bicyclists.

Hersch Sangster moved to recommend to the City Council to look at the proper flow for cyclists at River Road and Chemawa, Westbound. Michael De Blasi seconded. Passed unanimously. Saldivar, De Blasi, Dempster, Sangster, and Philbrick in favor and Lamb and Myers absent.

5. UPCOMING MAJOR PROJECTS

Chair Saldivar recommends having another spreadsheet with major projects. The Committee has homework to find projects they want to adopt.

a. Aurora-Donald Interchange Online Open House

b. Verda Lane ODOT Project

c. Turf Fields

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Street Art** Chair Saldivar would like one of the Members to take the lead on street art. Members Hersch Sangster and Tammy Saldivar agreed to champion this. Member Shaney Starr and Tammy Kunz, President of the Grater Northeast Keizer Neighborhood Association, are resources for this effort.
- b. **Committee Purpose ~ See Appendix "A" in the attached Resolution.** Chair Saldivar asked about a portion of the Committee's purpose to develop and maintain a master bikeway plan. Councilor Husseman would follow-up with Mayor Clark to see if the master plan was the Transportation System Plan. Member Sangster explained that since this Committee started in 2000 as the Traffic Safety Committee, it merged with the Bikeways Committee, so the bicycles and pedestrians were incorporated with a Committee name change and it assumed the previous bikeway plan.
- Member Sangster said that he's the liaison who is on the Oregon Traffic Safety Commission, which is now the Heidi Manlove, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee.
- c. **ODOT Speed Zone Discussion** Members were encouraged to review this Committee's portion of the City's website and then discuss the ODOT Speed Zones next month.
- d. **5-second Timing Change for Pedestrians ~ Mike De Blasi** Member De Blasi reported that he didn't receive a response from the City of Salem. Mr. Griffin said that he spoke with the City of Salem, and they use a two to three second timing. Mr. De Blasi would like timing changes at the River Road intersection, intersections by schools, such as Lockhaven and Whiteaker, and maybe Chemawa going to McNary.
- e. **Feedback from the Salem Bike Vision Meeting** David Phillbrick shared on the meeting with the City of Salem, Salem Bike Vision, a Director with Cherriots, and Chair of the Park's Board concerning an effort to create bike routes for safe traveling. One of the main suggestions was the same as what Mr. De Blasi previously suggested, which was to set up a bike committee to review strategic plans and road improvements to have infrastructure that meets all the means of how everyone travels.
- f. **Climate-Friendly and Equitable Community Discussion** Tabled to the next meeting.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. **Former Chair Davis suggests that the Keizer Fire District and the Salem Keizer School District positions be** Tabled to the next meeting.

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. Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP)

Tabled to the next meeting.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT / NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Tammy Kunz, Greater Northeast Keizer Neighborhood President, asked if this Committee's spreadsheet would be accessible for the public to view or if it would only be in the packets. Mr. Kunz was fine to access the spreadsheet in the packets. She asked Member Sangster if he would put together a Bike Skills Fair for the upcoming meeting by the Kennedy Neighborhood Family Council. Mr. Sangster tentatively agreed and would communicate with Ms. Kunz.

Mr. Sangster shared the upcoming Earth Day event at Spongs Landing County Park.

Chair Saldivar asked if a traffic study was done for the new turf fields in Keizer Rapids Park. Councilor Husseman offered to look into it.

9. STAFF REPORT

Mike Griffin, Storm, Operations, and Streets Manager, shared that they are working on the Kennedy neighborhood to possibly have pathways and sidewalks and working on the resurfacing list. The streets are failing, and the resurfacing would include Keizer Road to stop just East of Kennedy Elementary School. That neighborhood would have some updates made to the ADA ramps. Newberg, Chehalis, and Joan are also scheduled to be resurfaced now that the waterline project was complete.

10. POLICE LIAISON REPORT

Member Dempster asked about specific educational activities that the Keizer Police Department would be involved with during the rest of 2024.

Officer Jorge Miranda shared that the Police Department hosts the National Night Out. They would be participating in Coffee with a Cop, Faith with the Blue, and two bike fairs. They also get together with Keizer Fire on properly

installing car seats and educating the public.

**11. COUNCIL
LIAISON REPORT**

Councilor Husseman reported about City Manager Brown applying for another grant for the turf fields in Keizer Rapids Park to add additional resources and upgrade the bathrooms. The Council discussed the retire/rehire policy for the City, and the City promoted Officer Quintero to Sergeant. Marion County Health and Human Services reported on their annual survey on intoxicated driving, as well as alcohol, tobacco, and drug use.

12. ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned: 8:22 p.m.

Minutes approved: 04/18/2024

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