



MINUTES
KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY/BIKEWAYS/PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE
Thursday, June 20, 2024
Keizer City Council Chambers

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

Present: Tammy Saldivar, Chair Michael De Blasi, Vice Chair David Dempster Hersch Sangster Brenda Lamb Matt Myers Ethan Eggert, Youth Liaison	Council Liaison/Staff Present: Councilor Robert Husseman Mike Griffin, Storm Ops & Streets Martin Powell, Police Liaison Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder
Absent: David Philbrick	Council Liaison/Staff Absent:
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. April Minutes** Matt Myers moved for approval of the April 2024 Minutes. David Dempster seconded. Motion passed as follows: Saldivar, De Blasi, Dempster, Sangster, Lamb, and Myers in favor and Philbrick absent.
- 3. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED PERSONS**

Beth Schmidt, Salem-Keizer Coordinator with Mid-Willamette Council of Governments, shared that she was excited for improved accessibility for students to get to and from school safely. She hopes that this Committee could further support accessibility with funding. She offered to be a resource and was in support of partnering with the City.

Discussion ensued about possible meetings with the school officials and grants for two schools that didn't meet ODOT's strict criteria for Safe Routes to Schools.

Hersch Sangster shared that there may be more safe routes and grants available, and that Verda Lane would be improved in the next couple of years. Further discussion would be handled upon receipt of a completed application.

a. Neighborhood Association Reports

Tammy Kunz, Greater Northeast Neighborhood Association, provided an updated report and handouts. She provided a flyer for Fun Fridays and asked if they'd like to share a booth. Hersch Sangster and David Dempster would be providing bike helmets and education on bike skills.

Ms. Kunz asked about having repairs made to the bike pathway for walkers. This would be the responsibility of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). Councilor Husseman would also be sharing this with Mayor Clark so she can bring it up at a Salem-Keizer Area Transportation Study meeting. Ms. Kunz reported a pothole on Keizer Road. This has been reported by staff to the City of Salem.

Hersch Sangster, Northwest Keizer Neighborhood Association, shared a meeting with Planning Director Shane Witham concerning the process for multi-family and commercial zoning development, which mostly involves County permitting.

4. PROJECT SPREADSHEET REVIEW

a. Project List

The Project List was discussed and updates were made.

Mike Griffin reported that the Lockhaven NE and Chemawa studies by DKS Engineering came in at \$15,000, but the Council did not recommend moving forward. On the Keizer Road for the curb and sidewalk motion, the City's engineer estimated the cost to be \$153,000 to design and construct, which doesn't include property acquisition and was not in next year's budget.

Chair Saldivar provided an update from ODOT on the Aurora-Donald Interchange.

Hersch Sangster would be talking with Heidi with the State about the grants and safety information with the Safe Routes Partnership.

It was suggested to have bike helmets available and fitting information on the City's website and to contact Hersch Sangster and David Dempster. Mr. Sangster and Dempster offered to continue providing their personal phone numbers for helmet fittings.

Beth Schmidt, Salem-Keizer Coordinator with the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments, shared that they applied for an educational grant for additional staff. This program includes bicycle safety, and she has lots of helmets so that City was welcome to use their website and receive helmets for students attending Title 1 schools.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Saldivar shared the following information on the Aurora-Donald interchange:

- An interactive map of the ADA Region 2 Ramps on the ArcGIS website.
- Up to two lanes in both directions of Interstate 5 at Exit 278 would be closed overnight five days a week through 2027 as construction begins on the Donald-Aurora interchange project, the Oregon Department of Transportation said.
- Crews will work from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, with occasional weekend work, ODOT said. Other roads in the area would have single-lane closures from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.

**6. COMMITTEE
MEMBER INPUT**

Chair Saldivar shared that the Neighborhood Transportation Management Plan was close to being finalized, and ODOT would be updating more ramps.

Hersch Sangster be handling the event on July 9th at the St. Edward Church.

Michael DeBlasi noted a correction in that he had been referring to the stopping issue at an intersection at Shangri La, but it was actually Plaza Del Rey. Mr. DeBlasi would be providing the data on the accident and injury presentation by getting it to the Deputy City Recorder to include in a packet. He attended the Salem-Keizer Scenario Planning meeting. He asked about the trail for the new apartments and felt that more protection was needed for pedestrians and bicyclists. Mike Griffin would ask Matt Reyes, project manager, about the situation to see if more signage or awareness could be added.

**a. Possible Removal
of the Committee
in this
Committee's
Resolution,
Attachment A,
Section 5.**

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

7. STAFF REPORT

Mike Griffin shared that the fiber optics system upgrade along River Road was complete. However, the City of Salem's traffic signal interconnect network wasn't working so they cannot test Keizer's newest connections.

**8. POLICE LIAISON
REPORT**

Officer Powell shared that the Police Department was completing speed surveys, which was currently on Oneil and then would be on Verda.

**9. COUNCIL
LIAISON REPORT**

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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