



MINUTES
KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY/BIKEWAYS/PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE
Thursday, August 15, 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 Matt Myers Ethan Eggert, Youth Liaison Absent: Brenda Lamb David Philbrick	Council Liaison/Staff Present: Mayor Cathy Clark Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder Council Liaison/Staff Absent: Police Officer Martin Powell Mike Griffin, Storm Ops & Streets Councilor Robert Husseman
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- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

Liam Stitt, Youth Liaison to the Parks Advisory Board, went on an enjoyable bike ride to visit all the parks in the city by covering approximately 16 miles in 4 hours. He noticed that most of the bike lanes were functional but some of the white paint had deteriorated, although Dearborn had the bike lanes repainted. He didn't see any bike racks at Willamette Manor, and Meadows may not have a bike rack.

Hersch Sangster asked Mr. Stitt to let the Parks Advisory Board know that the Traffic Safety, Bikeways and Pedestrian (TSBP) Committee has about 15 bike racks for the parks.

Don Davis, Southeast Keizer Neighborhood Association, reported on the speed displays on Alder and Brooks. He thanked the TSBP for getting the lights and he has seen vast results. He asked about the status of the traffic

study. Chair Saldivar commented that the results were planned to be heard at the September meeting. He asked if there could be something more reported through the TSBP on graffiti. Mayor Clark commented that there was a reporting system place on the City's website for the Code Enforcement Officer to follow-up with the property owner. He would like to receive confirmation of receipt of the report submissions. An auto-reply would be great.

**a. Traffic Calming
Submission from
Tammy Kunz -
GNEKNA**

There was no discussion.

**4. PROJECT
SPREADSHEET
REVIEW**

a. Project List

The Project List was discussed and updates were made.

Mr. DeBlasi reminded everyone about the Newberg and Lockhaven on the left-hand turns being an issue. Chair Saldivar shared that this was discussed at a Council meeting. Police Chief Copeland would have a patrol officer monitor the situation and talk with the school.

5. NEW BUSINESS

**a. Grant
Opportunities**

Item discussed out of order.

Beth Schmidt, Program Coordinator of Salem-Keizer Safe Routes to School, T.J. Crockett, Director of Transportation Fleet Services for Salem-Keizer Safe Routes to School, and Mike Jaffe, Director from Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments, spoke on various grant opportunities.

Some grant opportunities include ODOT Community Packs Grant, Robert Wood Foundation Grant, Funds for Innovative Ideas Towards Equitable Future, Oregon Council Grant, Safe Streets for All People Grant, OEA Sustainable Mini-Grant, People for Bikes Grant, and the Ford Foundation always have open grants. Ms. Schmidt suggested applying for all of the grants, and she would partner with the City to help apply for the grants so students can get to and from school safely.

Mr. Jaffe suggested focusing on the Safe Routes to School Grants, the Arts Grant and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Grant. There are specific time and criteria requirements for submissions. He shared that previously used grant funds could help with a match for work to be done adjacent to a project of concern. Public Works Director Bill Lawyer knows about the application, criteria evaluation, and calendar process for projects. Currently, projects would be selected for the Federal Fiscal Year starting in 2027.

Chair Saldivar commented that when the TSBP knows the timing cycles to apply for the various grants, they could score and prioritize the grants.

Mr. Crockett spoke on the bike rack opportunities through the Safe Routes to Schools facilities money. Hersch Sangster would like to see the middle schools have new bike racks.

Michel DeBlasi asked about the Safe Routes to Parks Program. Mr. Jaffe commented that this was a federal program, and he was unaware of the timing cycle and funding levels. Mr. Sangster commented that this was a quasi-federal program that included another group. Mr. DeBlasi asked about paths to schools that are not ADA-accessible and slippery. Mr. Crockett shared that the schools have a site assessment team to ensure that paths within one mile of the school were safe methods for children to walk to school.

Discussion ensued on finding the right grant based upon the criteria and identifying the projects that needed funding.

Mayor Clark shared that opportunities could be built by leveraging the larger with the smaller projects.

Mr. DeBlasi asked to receive a list of annual projects for the Keizer schools that Safe-Routes for Schools was working on.

Mr. Jaffe shared the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Government's website that had the Metropolitan Safety Action Plan (MTSAP) | (MWVCOG) and the Safety Comments Map. Discussion ensued on seismic upgrades for bridges.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT

Chair Saldivar shared the following link with the members to view an interactive, Safety Comments Map by the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments:

<https://mwvcog.maps.arcgis.com/apps/interactivelegend/index.html?appid=29789cb8028f4f3f812bcce7ff917ba4>

Mr. Sangster summarized on the Lockhaven and River Road bicycle crossings where the bikes and cars merge to paint them green like the City of Salem and was the common code. Keizer Public Works would have to do a \$15,000 study. He spoke with the City of Salem's traffic engineer, and they didn't have to do a traffic engineering study. The engineer suggested that as Public Works does their painting cycle with Marion County, that they ask for additional green paint for existing crossovers.

It was suggested to have a list of locations needing green bike paint.

Mr Sangster shared that Servefest would be coming up with helmets

available. Another first Thursday night ride would be starting at Keizer Rapids Park.

David Dempster noted that drivers on Chemawa and River Road cut the corners too soon when turning left, and he encouraged folks to drive further before turning left.

Ethan Eggert shared that he had a great bike ride.

Chair Saldivar shared that she and Brenda Lamb attended a Council meeting to request a change to the Committee's purpose in the Resolution, and it was decided that they needed to add language that included the TSBP's role.

Chair Saldivar reported that the artificial turf fields would be completed in September.

Chair Saldivar shared that she attended the Community Diversity Engagement Committee meeting. It was suggested that when a speeding concern was brought to the TSBP and if City staff conducted a speed analysis and determined that there was no speeding as perceived, there should be a way to help the person who brought the concern forward to understand the difference. Police Chief Copeland agreed that there should be a way of sharing a video to show the difference between perception and what was actually on the device showing the speed. This would be a great project for McNary's audio and video students to work on.

Mr. DeBlasi asked about the posted speeds being correct for the context. So, the next step could be the consideration of reducing the speed limit if it was determined that there was no speeding.

Chair Saldivar asked the TSBP for their thoughts on establishing some questions or a rubric to help the Volunteer Coordinating Committee members have a better understanding of what the TSBP does and what they are looking for in new members.

Discussion ensued about a recruitment flyer and outreach with the students for another youth liaison.

Chair Saldivar shared that the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) would be presented to Council on September 16th for adoption.

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| 7. STAFF REPORT | There was no staff attendance. |
| 8. POLICE LIAISON REPORT | The was no police attendance. |
| 9. COUNCIL | Mayor Clark reported that there would be some changes made to the TSBP |

LIAISON REPORT Committee's Resolution in Appendix "A," to include the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program.

Mayor Clark shared that Connect Oregon's no longer has bike/pedestrian in its program. She suggested replacing Connect Oregon with the Multi-mobile Statewide Investments Management Fund. She recommended replacing e-bike with e-mobility devices. The Committee recommendations to take to the State would be really helpful.

There TSBP has never produced an annual report for the City Council, so Mayor Clark suggested removing this unless the TSBP wants to start the annual reporting.

Michael DeBlasi suggested having just one bike/pedestrian program name, such as Safe Routes to Schools, and not include the Multi-mobile Statewide Investments Management Fund.

Chair Saldivar motioned to move forward with the request to update Appendix "A" as shown on Mayor Clark's recommendation with the one change. Hersch Sangster seconded. Motion passed as follows: Saldivar, De Blasi, Dempster, Sangster, and Myers in favor with Lamb and Philbrick absent.

Mayor Clark shared that the rapid flashing beacon by Keizer Elementary would be ready when school starts. Bike striping was being done around town per the City's contract with Marion County.

10. ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned: 7:48 p.m.

Minutes approved: 09/19/2024

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