



MINUTES
KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY/BIKEWAYS/PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 19, 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 Brenda Lamb David Philbrick Daniel Kohler, Council Liaison	Council Liaison/Staff Present: Mike Griffin, Storm Ops & Streets Martin Powell, Police Liaison Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder
Absent: Hersch Sangster Matt Myers Youth Liaison - Open Position	Council Liaison/Staff Absent: Daniel Kohler
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. August Minutes** David Dempster moved for approval of the August 2024 Minutes. Michale De Blasi seconded. Motion passed as follows: Saldivar, De Blasi, Dempster, Lamb, and Philbrick in favor with Sangster and Myers absent.
- 3. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED PERSONS**
 - a. Traffic Calming Submission by Tammy Kunz ~ GNEKNA** Tammy Kunz, Greater Northeast Keizer Neighborhood Association (GNEKNA), submitted the proposed Traffic Calming submission. Chair Saldivar highlighted the green bike lanes in the traffic-calming submission. Chair Saldivar would look at the Little League park.

Councilor Daniel Kohler shared that Ridge Road has a parking issue. Mr. Dempster asked about turning some of the Little League into parking. Chair Saldivar offered to talk with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Officer Powell confirmed that there was a parking problem, and it had been

for many years. He agrees that without creating a parking lot, there was no solution.

Michael De Blasi suggested entering into an agreement with the Church on the Hill to use its parking lot and have a shuttle bus to the fields.

Ms. Kunz also submitted a report from GNEKNA on Community Crossing Guard Program. Chair Saldivar would communicate with Ms. Kunz to see if she was working with the school district.

4. PROJECT SPREADSHEET REVIEW

a. Project List

The Project List was discussed and updated.

Chair Saldivar observed the Lockhaven North at McClure rapid flashing beacon, and it was successful. Chair Saldivar asked that Public Works or Police observe stop bar with no ramp and stop sign to see if there were problems and if there are any solutions.

Chair Saldivar shared that people coming off of Lockhaven and turning right to go to McNary Estates are getting frustrated with the amount of cars being backed up to go into the school.

Discussion ensued on the cars using three lanes instead of two and are backing up to the intersection, causing safety issues. Officer Powell commented that the cars are not parking and are just waiting. He believes that this issue would be something the school should address.

Mr. De Blasi asked about removing the turn lane and adding a shoulder lane. He commented that it would be helpful to have more safe routes to school programs completed.

Chair Saldivar commented that this item would remain on the active projects list for three more months and discussed further at the November meeting.

Councilor Kohler attended the Southeast Keizer Neighborhood Association meeting, and they talked about the flashing beacon and speed monitor. They had noticed a significant change in the reduced number of people that had been speeding through there. They were appreciative and felt it was working well.

David Philbrick shared that he rides the Chemawa bike lane West and feels the intersection at River Road was safe. Lockhaven going West at McCloud, where it goes into one lane, was an unsafe intersection for bicyclists with cars right-hooking the bicyclists.

Chair Saldivar suggested a list of locations that needed green paint. Mr. De Blasi would prepare the list.

The following items would be added to the active project list: 1) Harmony Drive for a Speed Study. Officer Powell visited the site and did some enforcement and witnessed some drives speeding, and he will monitor the area. 2) Willow Lake Road has a parking issue. Mike Griffin shared that the yellow painted curbs indicate no parking. Chair Saldivar would report back to the Neighborhood Association on their concern.

**5. UPCOMING
MAJOR
PROJECTS**

There were no new major projects.

6. NEW BUSINESS

**a. Red Light
Cameras ~
Continue
Discussion from
July**

Chair Saldivar asked if the members viewed the red light cameras' webinar that was emailed. Discussion ensued on red light cameras versus speed bumps. Officer Powell confirmed that photo red lights also track speed and both violations were independent. Councilor Kohler shared that he spoke with the previous Police Chief Teague, who said that photo red light was not cost-efficient because the company who runs the red lights keeps the profit.

Officer Powell made a correction on record that Chemawa, Lockhaven, and Keizer Station at the major intersection had speeding issues. The stadium that was previously stated was incorrect.

**7. COMMITTEE
MEMBER INPUT**

Mr. Dempster asked about the Walkable Cities. If this Committee talks about pedestrians, asking for wider sidewalks, more crosswalks, or signals was not necessary because there are very few walkers. Mr De Blasi commented that the area needs to be built for safety so that pedestrians would feel better about walking.

Mr. Dempster will have a helmet fitting at the Fire Department's Open House.

Mr. Philbrick commented that the bulk of the submittal from GNEKNA was about creating and maintaining walking paths. He believes walking paths and connecting the parks should be central to the community. By increasing the number of people walking and biking, the issues related to cars could improve.

Brenda Lamb shared that the City of Salem designated a greenway in neighborhoods limiting speed to 20 for neighborhoods with low traffic and low speed streets that prioritize people walking, bicycling, and rolling. She thought this could apply to Rivercrest to lower the speed limit from 25 to 20 miles per hour. She suggested having streets prioritized for walking.

Mr. Philbrick asked about bike path maintenance. There has been glass on the bike path for weeks on the eastbound bike path at the overpass. The City's Public Works Department was responsible for maintenance, which was complaint-driven. Chair Saldivar added that if there was a crash and a tow truck was called, that it was the tow truck's responsibility to clean up the glass.

Chair Saldivar shared a work session between the Council and Community Diversity Engagement Committee on the appointment process coming up. The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) was presented and accepted by the City Council. City staff and this Committee was anticipating receiving feedback and updates would be made to the NTMP as necessary. This Committee's resolution was adopted. She met with the Arts Commission and was getting the Street Art Program running. She would be working with Tammy Kunz on putting murals in the parks to reduce graffiti. The City approved moving forward with a pilot flag program.

She asked about recruiting another Youth Liaison. Ms. Lamb would talk with McNary High School.

8. STAFF REPORT

Storm Operations and Street Division Manager Mike Griffin reported on a fiber update. The City of Salem was waiting for IT to update the system. The paving project for this season wraps up next week.

9. POLICE LIAISON REPORT

Police Officer Martin Powell reported that he would do the speed survey on Alder and another on Harmony based upon complaints. Regarding the Lockhaven school issue, the video that was shared was the first time he heard about it. He would be evaluating the problem.

10. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Councilor Kohler shared that it has been a dream to have a path that goes all along Claggett Creek from Martin Luther King, Jr. Express Way to the corner of Lockhaven and River Road. That's getting closer to happening, and it would include a bike and pedestrian path, which could reduce the usage by the homeless along Claggett Creek.

There would be a new Council Liaison appointed in January.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned: 7:40 p.m.

Minutes approved: 10/17/2024

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