



KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, March 17, 2022
Keizer City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Attendance follows:

Present:

Jamie Davis, Chair
Michael DeBlasi, Vice Chair
Hersch Sangster
Steven Wolf (6:01)
Rick Kuehn
Tammy Saldivar

Council Liaison/Staff Present:

Martin Powel, Police
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

Absent:

David Dempster

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Hersch Sangster moved for approval of the February 2022 Minutes. Rick Kuehn seconded. Motion passed as follows: DeBlasi, Kuehn and Sangster in favor with Davis and Saldivar abstaining, Wolf absent at time of vote and Dempster absent.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS:

Tammy Kunz, Keizer, complained about dangerous sidewalks in the Cherry/River/Mandrin area near Bi-Mart and offered to help with the formation of the Northwest Keizer Neighborhood Association and the upcoming Bicycle Skills Fair. She also indicated that she would be contacting the School District to request a school crossing guard near the Verda/Chemawa roundabout to assist children crossing on their way to school.

Jackie Green, Keizer, asked what the NEKNA boundaries would be. Mr. Sangster responded that they would be Chemawa to the river/River Road to Lochaven/Lockhaven to the river and Windsor Island Road to the city limits. Mr. Sangster and Ms. Green agreed to work together to form two neighborhood associations for northwest and northeast Keizer. Responding to her question regarding distracted driving, Officer Powell stated that it seems to have declined somewhat. Responding to her question regarding getting repairs made on the bike path along Salem Parkway, committee members urged her to contact ODOT.

Rhonda Rich, representing the West Keizer Neighborhood Association, requested that the following traffic calming devices be put in place:

1. Speed Table on Cummings
2. Stop sign at Dearborn and Shoreline

Chair Davis noted that she knew Chief Teague was in favor of these projects and she was planning to contact Public Works Director Bill Lawyer to relay this request and find out if they could be done. She noted that she was hoping the 2009 Transportation System Plan could be

updated soon and urged Ms. Rich to review the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan to learn how projects are funded.

Ms. Rich added that the flashing LED lit speed signs were discussed at the last board meeting and board members were in favor of giving these a try but it had not yet been discussed at a regular meeting.

Jack Dorsey, Keizer, explained that he lived on Chemawa and 8th and requested that a pedestrian activated crosswalk be placed at Bailey and Chemawa so that he wouldn't have to walk all the way down to the crosswalk at Rickman. He noted that many people cross without the benefit of a crosswalk. Chair Davis indicated that she would bring this request to Mr. Lawyer. Hersch Sangster interjected that one should be placed on Lockhaven near McNary as well.

Don George, Keizer, requested that a barrier between cyclists and automobiles be included on Wheatland Road when the proposed work is done. Mr. Sangster explained that early design work is all that has been done but that a large multi-use plath along with bike lanes with rumble strips between automobiles and cycles is planned.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM APPLICATION: Hersch Sangster reported that Bill Lawyer has submitted the preliminary application and will do more in July. The Committee, Safe Routes to School Coordinator and the school district also submitted letters of support.

LED FLASHING LIGHT PROJECT MEMO TO COUNCIL 2/22: Chair Davis indicated that she would be meeting with Bill Lawyer to share information with him and that this would be the first step before bringing the recommendation to Council.

KEIZERFEST STREET PAINTING: Mike DeBlasi reported that the event will be in August at Keizer Rapids Park.

BIKE SKILLS FAIR REPORT: Hersch Sangster reported that the fair is planned for May 14, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center south parking lot. He shared details about set up and planned events.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Steve Wolf reported that the Planning Commission did not address anything to do with traffic. Chair Davis asked committee members to check the Planning Commission agenda to see if there is anything that concerns traffic safety, to consider possible concerns that the committee should bring to the Commission and to get a substitute if they are unable to fulfil their assignment.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT / NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REPORTS:

Chair Davis reported that Southeast Keizer Neighborhood Association is struggling with adequate participation. They have a representative from Weddle who attends. She suggested that the neighborhood associations include members of the Traffic Safety-Bikeways-Pedestrian Committee when distributing their minutes.

Mike DeBlasi urged committee members to provide comments to the DLCD on the Rules for Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities and suggested that perhaps bollards at strategic intersections would protect cyclists and prevent traffic from using bike lanes for right turns.

Hersch Sangster shared information about the Northwest Keizer Neighborhood Association that is being formed, announced that he is now serving on the Marion County Parks Commission and shared detailed information about the most recent meeting.

STAFF REPORT: None

POLICE REPORT: None

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: None

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Commission/Council Report: Steven Wolf will report to Council in April and monitor the April Planning Commission meeting.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ April 21, 2022, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 04-21-22