



**KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Thursday, April 21, 2022**  
**Keizer City Council Chambers**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**Present:**

Jamie Davis, Chair  
Michael DeBlasi, Vice Chair  
Hersch Sangster  
Steven Wolf  
Rick Kuehn  
Tammy Saldivar

**Council Liaison/Staff Present:**

Mike Griffin, Public Works  
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

**Absent:**

David Dempster

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION:** Larry Jackson from the Volunteer Coordinating Committee thanked committee members for their continued commitment, dedication and volunteer efforts and distributed cookies as a token of appreciation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Steven Wolf moved for approval of the March 2022 Minutes. Rick Kuehn seconded. Motion passed as follows: DeBlasi, Kuehn, Sangster, Davis, Saldivar and Wolf in favor with Dempster absent.

**APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS:**

*Rhonda Rich*, representing the West Keizer Neighborhood Association (WKNA), questioned the status of the requested Speed Table on Cummings and Stop sign at Dearborn and Shoreline. She noted that she had been directed to the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) but she felt that its purpose was to determine if there is a problem and the WKNA knows there is a problem and Chief Teague had agreed that these traffic-calming devices were recommended. Chair Davis indicated that she would work with WKNA to go through the NTMP steps.

*Carolyn Holman*, WKNA, echoed the testimony of Ms. Rich, noted that she had reviewed the NTMP and felt it needed to be updated since it was implemented in 1999. Chair Davis suggested that a written request be sent to Council, Bill Lawyer and the Committee so that Council is aware of the need and could direct that it be updated.

**CHAIR REPORT - LED Speed Sign, Speed Table, Stop Sign, Pedestrian Crossing (Lockhaven near McNary and Chemawa Road) Meeting with Public Works Director:**

Chair Davis noted that she felt these items should be addressed in writing and she had not gotten a memo put together yet. Hersch Sangster volunteered to work with her on this.

**STREET PAINTING – Keizerfest:** Mike DeBlasi reported that since the Keizer Rapids Park location has been settled upon, there is little area that would be appropriate for this event. He suggested that it be removed from the agenda and considered in the future for another venue.

**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 and urged everyone to take flyers to post around the area. He noted that Salem Transit has donated flashing lights to give away. David Dempster will help with the event but more volunteers are needed.

**SALEM BIKE VISION:** Steve Wolf shared details found on the website including an interactive map, efforts to improve cycling in the future through development of protected lanes, traffic integration and right-sizing of streets. He suggested that perhaps Keizer could partner with Salem on this.

**REVIEW OF COMMITTEE PURPOSE:** Chair Davis explained that she wanted members to be aware of the purpose of the committee. Discussion followed regarding various items listed in the purpose including committee authority and resources and specifically the development of a Master Bikeway Plan. Chair Davis suggested that committee members review the purpose, prioritize the tasks, and develop action items for follow-up and be prepared for discussion at the next meeting. She pointed out that it is the duty of the committee to take testimony from neighborhood associations and address the concerns of all whether or not representatives of the associations attend the committee meetings. She urged committee members to attend the neighborhood association meetings to get input.

Committee members discussed the Master Bikeways Plan with Mr. Sangster explaining that it was a sort of ‘cook book’ on how to do things, but since the SKATS Bicycle Advisory Committee has been eliminated, the plan has disappeared. He noted that now it is rolled into the Transportation System Plan. Suggestions were made to get input from citizens and figure out how that would work into the process of developing a plan.

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT / NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REPORTS:**

*Chair Davis* reported that at the April Council meeting Bill Lawyer had announced that a flashing crosswalk sign on Lockhaven by the library has been put in the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

*Mike DeBlasi* announced that Columbia Crossing bridge is going to have light rail and perhaps it will continue south to Salem. He referred to a video he had sent to committee members and expressed the desire to design roads for safety first and speed second.

*Hersch Sangster* announced that Keizerfest will be the second weekend in August and shared information regarding the event and parking. He also shared information he has received about planned projects in Marion County.

Rick Kuehn questioned if the Committee should advocate for extension of the light<sup>1</sup> rail into the Salem-Keizer area, asked about property ownership on River Road/Manzanita and

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<sup>1</sup> Corrected to ‘communter’

questioned if the Committee would be interested in learning more about the Historic Columbia River Highway. Committee members indicated in interest in this.

**STAFF REPORT:** Mike Griffin reported that

- ADA ramp upgrades have been completed and summer paving will be done by Knife River on 13 residential streets and Windsor Island Road and a small piece of Shoreline.
- The pump head at the Keizer Rapids Park bike repair station has been repaired.
- The Safe Routes to School grant application was scored and Keizer was not considered for funding; it was rated 76 out of 83 requests.
- The Wheatland Road program application has been reviewed and scored and will be sent to ODOT for scoping so that project is still in the running for 2024-25 funding.

**POLICE REPORT:** None

**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:** None

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Planning Commission/Council Report:** Jamie Davis will report to Council in May. The May Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled.

**ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

***Next Scheduled Meeting ~ May 19, 2022, 6 p.m.***

*Minutes Approved:* 05-19-22