



KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, July 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
Steven Wolf
Rick Kuehn
Tammy Saldivar (by phone)
David Dempster
Hersch Sangster

Council Liaison/Staff Present:

Dan Kohler for Elizabeth Smith
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Michael DeBlasi moved for approval of the June 2022 Minutes. David Dempster seconded. Motion passed as follows: DeBlasi, Kuehn, Saldivar, Dempster, Sangster and Wolf in favor with Davis abstaining.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS:

Gary Blake, representing the West Keizer Neighborhood Association (WKNA), questioned the status of the requested speed table on Cummings near Shoreline. Chair Davis responded that the City is doing traffic studies on that area. When the studies are completed, traffic engineers will review them and determine if there is a need. She encouraged the WKNA to have residents sign a petition to support their request and asked them to be patient as these things take time. She also suggested that they invite someone from Cummings Elementary School to attend their meetings and join in advocating for a traffic-calming device.

Rob Witters, also representing the West Keizer Neighborhood Association, shared complaints received via Facebook about cut through traffic and requested that the area be signed to prohibit trucks. He also reiterated the WKNA request for a stop sign on Shoreline and Dearborn.

CONSIDER CHANGE TO COMMITTEE PURPOSE: Hersch Sangster moved to recommend that Council change Item #2 on the Committee Purpose to read: "To develop recommendations for inclusion in the bicycle system component of the Keizer Transportation System Plan, including an assessment of the need for bikeways, recommended routes with costs and priorities, proposed funding sources and implementation program." Steven Wolf seconded.

Mike DeBlasi suggested that the committee be included in determining locations of bike racks at businesses. Hersch Sangster suggested that the Committee continue monitoring Planning Commission meetings and provide input at that level. Chair Davis urged committee members to review the committee purpose for discussion at another meeting.

Motion passed unanimously as follows: Davis, DeBlasi, Kuehn, Saldivar, Dempster, Sangster and Wolf in favor.

COMMITTEE UPDATE TO NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM:

Chair Davis asked committee members to review the printed program and submit suggested edits by the August meeting. Davis, DeBlasi and Saldivar will work together to combine the notes for discussion at the September meeting. Members agreed that the program is a good tool but needs updating, clarification and perhaps a flow chart to indicate who does what when.

SCHEDULE VOLUNTEER SLOTS FOR KEIZERFEST BOOTH: Staff reported that a booth would be available at KeizerFEST. Committee members expressed support for participating and indicated that they would contact staff with times they were available to staff the booth.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT / NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REPORTS:

Micheal DeBlasi indicated that he had talked to the City Manager about Keizer becoming a 'Tree City' and that the City Manager had asked that the committee bring the suggestion in the form of a motion. Hersch Sangster suggested that this would be more appropriate for the Stormwater Committee, Parks Board or Planning Commission. Rick Kuehn noted that this is not in the Committee Purpose. Steven Wolf suggested that DeBlasi develop a motion and share what the proposal would be.

Jamie Davis reported that she had been monitoring Next Door and noticed road closures for construction at Windsor Island Road, Chemawa and Lockhaven. She announced Safe Routes to School Summit November 15-17.

Rick Kuehn reported that he had attended the meeting for the Brooks Interchange and explained two alternatives: the tight diamond and the dog bone. He distributed images of the proposed dog bone option noting that it would cost \$59 million and that this is a planning study with no construction or funding planned. The purpose is to get a picture of what the interchange will look like in the future so that if development occurs there is a plan in place.

Hersch Sangster announced dates for a Bike Skills event for refugees, ServFest and the Fire Department open house. He shared details of the neighborhood impact of the Windsor Island Road construction and road closures and suggested that reader boards warning drivers of the future closure would have been appropriate.

STAFF REPORT: None

POLICE REPORT: None.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Kohler thanked the committee for their work and extended condolences to Hersch Sangster for the death of his son-in-law.

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Commission/Council Report: Steven Wolf will report to Council and monitor Planning Commission in August.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ August 18, 2022, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 09-15-22