



**KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Thursday, November 17, 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  
Tammy Saldivar  
David Dempster (6:11)  
Hersch Sangster  
Rick Kuehn

**Absent:**

Steven Wolf

**Council Liaison/Staff Present:**

Councilor Dan Kohler for Elizabeth Smith  
Mike Griffin, Storm Ops & Streets  
Sgt. David LeDay, Police  
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

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

**APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS:**

*Ken Gierloff* and *Don Davis*, Keizer, explained that the crosswalk on Alder at Brooks is a school crossing that no longer has a crossing guard and has become more dangerous as speed and traffic has increased. They asked for help in getting a raised crosswalk to add visibility to the crosswalk. Sgt. LeDay suggested that a flashing beacon would be more effective than a raised crosswalk. Chair Davis noted that this is the second complaint for that area in the last few months. Mike Griffin responded that a traffic study will be done. Chair Davis urged Mr. Gierloff and Mr. Davis to continue attending the committee meetings to keep the issue on track, to work toward a resolution and suggested he engage the Southeast Keizer Neighborhood Association. Hersch Sangster suggested that they send a letter to the School District stating that a crossing guard is needed but that the city cannot provide it and that they contact the principals of the two schools.

Mr. Gierloff and Mr. Davis also asked that the 'No Parking' signs on Bebe next to Ben Miller Park be enforced.

**COMMITTEE UPDATE TO 'COMMITTEE PURPOSE':** Moved to January agenda.

**COMMITTEE UPDATE TO NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM:**

Tammy Saldivar submitted several questions related to the program in order to clarify areas of confusion. Discussion took place on the role of the committee relative to the program, neighborhood association impact, the process for getting changes, fronting

properties and changing 75% to a measurement rather than a percentage. Tammy will continue working on the program and coordinate input received from committee members.

**SKATS REPORT:** Tammy Saldivar volunteered to attend these meetings and give a report to the committee.

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL:** Chair Davis summarized the committee report to Council. There were no additions or corrections.

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

*Mike DeBlasi* reported that he had not attended the Gubser Neighborhood Association meeting, suggested that the Public Works Annual Report include statistics on existing/planned bike racks in the city, and that the speed limit on Chemawa be lowered because it fronts the library. He also reported that he had presented the Tree City idea to the Parks Advisory Board and they were generally in favor of it. The City Manager is looking into some of the criteria. The Board indicated that they would review the matter further and focus on the 2023 deadline.

*Jamie Davis* reported that because she has received two complaints about speed on Chemawa, she was planning on talking to Bill Lawyer and then responding to Matt Meyers (one of the complainants) via phone. Sgt. LeDay explained that there are very few crashes on that stretch of Chemawa – mostly just DUII - crashes hitting islands. Ms. Davis added that perhaps the committee needs to educate the neighborhood associations on how to navigate the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program.

*David Dempster* noted that the committee is supposed to represent traffic as well as pedestrians and cyclists and there is more auto traffic than pedestrians and cyclists so 30 mph is slow enough.

*Hersch Sangster* noted that there is already a flashing crosswalk scheduled for the crosswalk in front of the library and that will likely increase safety and slow traffic. He suggested that people with complaints go through their neighborhood associations first.

He noted that the ODOT micro grants discussed at a previous meeting had to be connected to an event so he did not apply for one but that citizens and businesses in Keizer have always been generous with their support of the helmet program. He will continue to solicit donations.

Regarding bike racks, he reported that CTEC has 15 racks available at \$80. A grant application has been completed for these and will be submitted. Public Works Director Bill Lawyer has indicated that if the City does not get the grant, he will find another way to pay for them. It is anticipated that they will be used all around Keizer Rapids Park and that perhaps Eagle Scouts or McNary Building Program students will install them.

May 13 or 20 are tentative dates for the next Bike Skills Fair. Salem Refugee Center is planning one for some time in June.

*Tammy Saldivar* reported on the Northwest Keizer Neighborhood Association meeting noting that Eric Jespersen, McNary Principal, attended and discussed how to get

students involved in opportunities in the city. Discussion took place regarding placing art in neighborhoods to serve as traffic calming devices. More to follow.

**STAFF REPORT:** Mike Griffin reported that catch basin cleaning is almost done, stormwater repair was done on Chemawa Road and the Holiday Lights Parade would be on December 10.

**POLICE REPORT:** Officer LeDay reminded everyone that River Road would be closed at 6:00 p.m. on December 10.

**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:** Councilor Kohler reminded everyone of upcoming holiday events.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Committee members agreed by consensus to cancel the December meeting.

**Planning Commission/Council Report:** Jamie Davis will report to Council and monitor Planning Commission in December.

**ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

***Next Scheduled Meeting ~ January 19, 2023, 6 p.m.***

*Minutes Approved:* 01-19-23