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CITY OF KEIZER
TRAFFIC SAFETY/BIKEWAYS/PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE AGENDA
Thursday, November 17, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.
Keizer City Council Chambers

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 2022**
3. **APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS**
4. **COMMITTEE UPDATE TO ‘COMMITTEE PURPOSE’ ~ *Jamie Davis***
5. **COMMITTEE UPDATE TO NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ~ *Tammy Saldivar***
6. **SKATS Report ~ *Jamie Davis***
7. **ANNUAL REPORT FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL ~ *Jamie Davis***
8. **COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT / NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REPORTS**
9. **STAFF REPORT ~ *Mike Griffin***
10. **POLICE LIAISON REPORT ~ *David LeDay***
11. **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT ~ *Elizabeth Smith***
12. **ADJOURN**

Next meeting: December 15, 2022

Reporting to Council and Attending/Monitoring Planning Commission:

Jamie Davis

Monday, December 5, 2022 – Council | December 14, 2022 – Planning Commission



KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, October 20, 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
Tammy Saldivar
Michael DeBlasi, Vice Chair
Steven Wolf

Absent:

David Dempster
Hersch Sangster
Rick Kuehn

Council Liaison/Staff Present:

Mike Griffin, Storm Ops & Streets
Sgt. David LeDay, Police
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

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

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS:

Rhonda Rich, Keizer, representing the West Keizer Neighborhood Association, thanked the committee for their support in helping to accomplish the safety improvements in the Cummings Elementary School area and offered the assistance of WKNA members in updating and editing the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program. She then noted that parents are parking on Rivercrest where it comes out of Cummings and blocking vision of drivers and suggested that the curb be painted yellow to prevent this hazard. Tammy Saldivar suggested placement of cones instead. Officer LeDay agreed that those would be most effective noting that the PD does not interfere with safety measures implemented at individual schools. Committee members asked Ms. Rich to report to the committee on the effectiveness of the cones.

COMMITTEE PURPOSE: Chair Davis read the proposed changes. Discussion followed regarding the committee being included in review of construction/traffic projects during the conceptual stage. Mike Griffin explained Public Works process for those projects. Mike DeBlasi suggested that the National Highway Safety Association Program Standards (Item #5) should not be applied to local Keizer streets. Steven Wolf added that 'and emerging issues' should be highlighted since it was added to section #8. Chair Davis will follow-up on these items and bring a draft for approval at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE UPDATE TO NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM:

Tammy Saldivar reported that she is working on reformatting the language. She indicated that the process is sound but she would like to make the document more user friendly and invited anyone who has worked through this to share their thoughts on the process.

TREE CITY: Chair Davis noted that this project is not appropriate for this committee but suggested that perhaps the Parks Advisory Board would want to take it on. Mike DeBlasi indicated that he would attend the next Parks Board meeting to suggest it.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT / NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REPORTS:

Jamie Davis noted that she would attend the next SKATS meeting and bring a report to the next committee meeting. Two items on the SKATS agenda are specific to Keizer. Chair Davis also read a summary of complaints received by the committee over the past year along with responses from Mike Griffin. She will put this in report form for approval by the committee before submitting it to Council as the committee's annual report.

Tammy Saldivar reported that the Northwest Keizer Neighborhood Association in conjunction with other neighborhood associations hosted a candidate forum. Approximately 75 people attended to hear Council, Commissioner, Representative and Senate candidates.

Steven Wolf reported that he had participated in Cycle Oregon. This year it was in the John Day area and consisted of about 1,000 riders.

Mike DeBlasi reported that SKATS is spending money for a project called 'Great Streets' to help low-income households travel area streets. He noted that currently focus is on Wheatland Road in Keizer, but he felt the families would be better served if focus was put on south River Road area since that is where most of the low-income families of Keizer live. Chair Davis indicated that the meeting is on the 25th. She asked Mike for direction on what she should focus on at the meeting.

Tammie Saldivar reporting for Hersch Sangster announced that 20 helmets were fitted at the recent Fire District Open House. Attendance was lower than anticipated. She added that the Micro Grant program discussed at the last meeting needed to be tied to an event in order to qualify so the application was not submitted.

STAFF REPORT: Mike Griffin reported that 28 medium and 24 large helmets have been ordered. They are being stored at the pump house.

POLICE REPORT: Officer LeDay shared information regarding DUII, Speed, Safety Belt, and Distracted Driving overtime grants that have been received.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: None

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Commission/Council Report: Mike DeBlasi will report to Council and monitor Planning Commission in November.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ November 17, 2022, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: _____

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Update;

NEKNA has 83 Facebook friends now and for nextdoor.com we have 56 Members of the group. For this process we have done some community outreach, and talking to people we are hearing a number of items. Time for meetings with caring for families is proving hard. Can we move to online meetings to allow families to multi-task at least for the winter months and allow proper work schedules to line with after school programs? Maybe moving meetings to weekend where school is not a problem could help. We have trouble with transportation, and bring the kids for a walk in the night air is a concern. We can what happen but what can one voice really do?

In this process we have been talking to others and seeking advice. People really want to be involved and care what going on. I think we need to find a way to share how important one voice is and this can impact not only our Association but others who are struggling as well. We are considering changing the time and day to weekends or a Friday. As the Friday calendars seem to be more open. I (Tammy) and Jacqueline are involved with other areas in the community as well let me share some of this with you.

NEKNA is working hard to make changes within the community and help bridge the gap with items going on in our community. From the Schools to the resources for families to help make it through the holidays; in the month Of October we help provide meals for 25 families in our community. We have worked with some community members to help get the Northeast Keizer Neighborhood Watch program moving by getting 22 block captains and doing outreach to see some of the barriers with coming to meetings.

The main items we are focusing on for the winter month is being prepared for an emergency and knowing what to have on hand. We have done outreach for this and know some of the needs we cannot fill but can direct people to the right places for that support. We have started gathering food for food boxes to assist about 30 families for November and December and are working with community resources to assist with this need.

We have already received donations of food to supplies 7 Thanksgiving baskets. We just need to have the meat donations to make these 7 complete. We have been blessed with a community of givers. For this we are working with Kennedy Elementary School as well. We represent NEKNA as well as KNFC. (Northeast Keizer Neighborhood Association) and (Kennedy Neighborhood Family Council)

We have been working on getting the word out about Emergency Kits; some of the items we have included are as follows 2 weeks' worth of these items for each person in the home. Water, First aid kit Supplies, Medications Can Opener, extra clothes and shoes, Battery operated Radio to be kept in the loop on what may be happening. Batteries, Flash lights, Money, in cash power is out and people are not taking credit cards, Tools if needed, pet care supplies for our furry friends, Copies of important documents, Toilet paper, Fire extinguishers and food items, glasses teeth care items and any medical equipment we may need ,extra blankets. We thought this was a good idea since the ice storm of 2021.

We (Jacqueline and I) have attended the MCRI that took place on October 27th of 2022. As we both have experience with doing peer support as well as working as a recovery mentors, Wellness peer support Specialists. Having heard the stories of the impact of the work we have done in this field I felt very honored and blessed in the role of those lives we have personally been on this journey with. Until this point we have considered not keeping this role in what we do now. However Jacqueline Green and I (Tammy Kunz) are now going to look and make sure we are still current as with Covid it may have lapsed. If this is the case we will seek funding to renew and continue our service in this as well.

Another part of what we are working on is the Fall Harvest Carnival with Church on the Hill and we represent both NEKNA and KNFC. This is the right thing for us to do as working within the community. This event Takes place on October 31st from 5:30 pm to 7; 30 pm and is going to move inside if it is raining.

Learning more about the LEAD Program and the impact on so many lives in going to provide hope for those whom are living this experience as we have not worked to close to this kind of program, but have worked and provided support for people who have dealt with Bridgeway and the many services they have offered. So in case you are like many of us and just don't know here is some of the information we learned about this program.

Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) is a community-based diversion approach with two main goals: improving public safety and public order, and reducing unnecessary justice system involvement of people who participate in the program. Which may consist of law enforcement arrest diversion when encountered during their patrol duties, instead of making an arrest, or social referral based on history of behavior and conditions vetted by an informed group. The care Marion County is a special place that believes in giving second chances to those folks and this second chance changes lives. If you would like to learn more please visit this [website; https://www.co.marion.or.us/SO/Enforcement/Pages/LEAD.aspx](https://www.co.marion.or.us/SO/Enforcement/Pages/LEAD.aspx)

The Association is also started a new partnership with Church on the Hill. Working with the Afterschool program called the Summit along with support for being able to host meetings. It great to build those new partner ships as we have done in the past with Kennedy Elementary, working with Miranda the school principle has been fun and learning more and more to her goals for the school and students.

As our work in the community continues we have been talking to folks to understand the changes Covid has brought on and public places seem to still be a concern. The involved time wise is looking to change for the community, we have made some connections and hope to use those in the summer while putting on a fun day or evening in the parks with bring resources to the communities. We hope to host 2 as the Northeast Keizer neighborhood Association. Places like fostering hope, Salem Library, Marion and Polk food share, Community Action, Keizer community Library will partner with us to help put together these events. This is just a couple places we have talked to already. A couple of themes we are working are Safety based with Health and Dental; Science and reading; and back to school event with early learning.

Things we want is science activities for the whole family; tutoring information made available for both students and parent to help them be able to assist with the education of the kids. Resources for DHS with health care signup and food-stamp sign ups and after school care programs to provide additional support to families. We have a partnership with Church on the Hill and the Summit program. Boys and Girls club has a 2 to 3 year wait list. We are looking for places to be able to fill in the gaps and provide that additional Family support.

In these events will be games, giveaways, food, and fun things to do, resources; and information resources to build a better community for those who need them. Gardening information and support to help families grow food who may want to help in this fresh food for family's needs; not yet on the list is places who can help with buying meat at bulk, or meat package to assist families We are still looking for this one.

We do have other projects in the works and have opened communications online to gain more supports and fill positions, Jacqueline and I have a couple of meetings coming up for that. We have been the number one association looked at on Nextdoor.com for the Second month in a row. We are excited about that, and have gain more support through Facebook lastly the money we spent on our website has sent people to us we have 23 request for information which we answered those this past week, the 17th through the 19th and we gain more and more each day.

Jacque and I have done some clean up at Claggett Creek Park this week. Next week with will do more clean- up and the Keizer little league field outside the fenced areas that seem to be over looked. Then we are looking to go down Keizer road for clean-up as well as Dearborn on this side of Chemawa rd. We try to do this once a month for 3 to 7 days just to do our part in keeping our community clean.

We are going to be working on Distract driving campaign for the next 3 month. This is a partnership with KPD in support of saving lives. We are working with Mr. LeDay on this effort and gather more information to assist driving safe education. We have started working on the next newsletter and at the first of the month we are going to be doing newsletter every other month. So as it looks right now, we will do January and February, March and April, May and June; July and August, September and October; and lastly November and December. To get a better newsletter and share information for both months events and meetings in a timely manner, and budget wise it may be more cost efficient.

We will also be looking for people in the community to help with this by writing articles and we are going to be seeking an article each month to represent heritages from those in our community. This may include a recipe we can include in the newsletter. If we all just share parts of our histories we can we and learn to understand the cultural differences, and change the racial differences or judgements may be a better wording to create better community for in which we serve.

We have worked with the entire Neighborhood Associations in Keizer for the Candidate forum. The attendance was good and the information we had on tables was received nicely for the each person who was part of the forum. We had, Kim Thatcher, Richard Walsh, Sondra Cross, Robert Husseman, Andrew Dennis, Mark Wigg, Collin Willis, Kevin Mannix and Ramiro Navarro Jr. Concerns heard were about CRT in schools, Working with Neighborhood Association to help build community involvement, ways to work on the Homeless population and ways to save families money not just at the pump but in the stores as well.

Northeast Keizer Neighborhood Association is also working on working with SKAT on a few areas. We are putting together information on how we can support the community by hearing there feedback. For the safe route to school and the action of needing some sidewalks in order to keep this as a safe route to school; while looking at the traffic at the same time.

This will include some if not all of this information. Average speeds over key commute hours (7-8 am, 8-9 am, 4-5 pm, and 4-6 pm): identifies segments which experience long-periods of congestion during typical commute periods. We also believe non-auto use and options need to have substantially expanded measures; these are vitally important to deliver a complete and coordinated system that addresses travel needs by all users:

- Number of employers enrolled in transportation management associations
- Number of active vanpools
- Number of active carpools
- Non-SOV (single occupancy vehicle) mode share

Report cards; For Kennedy Elementary

I have done some research on our kid's school report card. The information below cover the time before Covid and I am including some of the information from after Covid. My point here is we really need to design a program that we can use all year long. I have talked to the Keizer Library team and they are willing to help support us in this effort.

Kennedy Elementary School serves 364 students in grades Kindergarten-5.

Kennedy Elementary School placed in the **bottom 50%** of all schools in Oregon for overall test scores (math proficiency is bottom 50%, and reading proficiency is bottom 50%) for the 2018-19 school year.

The percentage of students achieving proficiency in math is **29%** (which is lower than the Oregon state average of 40%) for the 2018-19 school year. The percentage of students achieving proficiency in reading/language arts is **42%** (which is lower than the Oregon state average of 54%) for the 2018-19 school year.

The student: teacher ratio of 19:1 is higher than the Oregon state level of 17:1.

Minority enrollment is 71% of the student body (majority Hispanic), which is higher than the Oregon state average of 40% (majority Hispanic).

I ask you to think about how we can improve these numbers and provide services to the families in which we serve? We can provide all the parties but is this going to help with the main needs of these kids and their families for the long haul? I know each us have a heart for these families, I see the struggles each and every day with parents trying to assist kids understand Math skills. This does not even include reading skills; most of these kids are reading the papers to their families.

My concern is not just for the kids but families how can we create a program that will work for all the family so no-one is left behind. I know you all work hard when teaching during school, I was a homeschool parent for a number of years and making sure each child was learning the skills needed was hard. So class sizes as they are now make this job even harder for you.

We have put on a safe Halloween event at Kennedy Elementary School on Oct 27th we had a 100 plus, families. Which we provided Pizza and Cookies, As well as information sheets on Fentanyl awareness. We gave each family a sheet from KPD and a brochure we made for the KNFC all was English and Spanish.

Tammy Kunz (President of NEKNA and Chair Person of KNFC)