



## **KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Thursday, January 19, 2023**

**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  
David Dempster  
Hersch Sangster  
Brenda Lamb

#### **Absent:**

Rick Kuehn  
Tammy Saldivar  
Sgt. David LeDay, Police

#### **Council Liaison/Staff Present:**

Councilor Robert Husseman (via phone)  
Mike Griffin, Storm Ops & Streets  
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER:** Brenda Lamb was welcomed to the committee by Chair Davis

**ELECTION OF CHAIR/VICE CHAIR:** Jamie Davis and Tammy Saldivar were elected by unanimous consent to serve as Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Discussion took place regarding the request of Mr. DeBlasi for regular reports from Public Works regarding sidewalk, pedestrian and cycling improvements done throughout the city and their cost. Mike Griffin pointed out that the information is available on the City website in the budget document (summary of accomplishments). Chair Davis indicated that this information is in her annual report as well. Mr. DeBlasi requested that the list be revisited quarterly.

David Dempster moved for approval of the November 2022 Minutes. Hersch Sangster seconded. Motion passed as follows: Davis, DeBlasi, Dempster and Sangster in favor, with Lamb abstaining, and Kuehn and Saldivar absent.

### **APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS:**

*Ken Gierloff*, Keizer, reiterated his request from the November meeting for a 'table top' (raised) crosswalk and/or a pedestrian activated flasher at the Alder/Brooks crosswalk. Chair Davis noted that she would like to find out what Bill Lawyer would suggest and would continue to keep this issue on the committee vision. Hersch Sangster suggested that they contact the school principal at Weddle to see if they can provide volunteers from the Middle School to serve as crossing guards or if a representative could come to the neighborhood association meetings.

*Marlene Parsons*, Keizer, distributed photographs of the Windsor Island Road/Lockhaven area noting that it is an accident-prone area. She noted that there are numerous businesses there with incoming traffic and shrubs next to the street block driver vision. She suggested that the speed limit be lowered since it is currently 45 mph. Mike Griffin indicated that staff

would take care of trimming the shrubs but the speed limit adjustment would have to go to Council for approval.

**OREGON BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** Hersch Sangster indicated that this committee does not meet regularly. He indicated that he would ask to have it on the agenda when there was something to report.

**COMMITTEE UPDATE TO 'COMMITTEE PURPOSE' AND NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM:** Chair Davis indicated that this has been completed but would be addressed by the committee at the same time they review the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program so that both could be submitted simultaneously to the City Attorney.

**SKATS REPORT:** Tammy Saldivar was absent. No report.

**CITIES TO SET SPEED LIMITS DISCUSSION:** Mr. DeBlasi indicated that the State of Oregon is now going to allow cities to designate their own speed limits and suggested that the committee should consider streets that should have lower speed limits. Discussion followed on the importance of being consistent with Salem. Ms. Davis suggested that the committee research what other cities are doing before proceeding.

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

*Mike DeBlasi* reported that there is an Oregon bill that might give ~~the city~~<sup>1</sup> a subsidy for e-bikes.

*David Dempster* encouraged people to go with the flow of traffic when riding a bicycle or scooter and reminded everyone that the bike lane is not a pedestrian walkway. He urged riders/drivers/pedestrians to exercise caution at intersections and watch for turning traffic.

*Hersch Sangster* noted that the ODOT mini-grant was approved for \$2500, which will buy 15 bike racks from C-Tech. Bill Lawyer, has indicated that he is hoping to buy more. He added that a bike skills fair will be held in June and that the Committee might be invited to hold a bike rodeo or bike skills fair at the city 40<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. He noted that he plans to ask for permission to solicit donations for the helmet program at the next Council meeting.

**STAFF REPORT:** Mike Griffin reported that Cherry will be paved this summer and will have upgraded ADA sidewalks. The bid for rapid flashing beacon on Chemawa is set to go out soon; the solar speed display lights have been installed on Shoreline and the speed table on Cummings at the light is still being designed.

**POLICE REPORT:** No Report.

**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:** Councilor Husseman thanked the committee for their work and noted that he was excited to hear about work being done in the city.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

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

**ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

***Next Scheduled Meeting ~ February 16, 2023, 6 p.m.***

*Minutes Approved:* 02-16-23

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<sup>1</sup> Corrected at February meeting. Subsidy is for all of Oregon.