



TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, April 20, 2023

Keizer City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Saldivar called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present:

Jamie Davis, Chair (6:07)
Tammy Saldivar, Vice Chair
Michael DeBlasi
David Dempster
Hersch Sangster
Brenda Lamb
Rick Kuehn

Council Liaison/Staff Present:

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

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION: Larry Jackson representing the Volunteer Coordinating Committee, thanked the Committee members for their continued dedication to the City and distributed cookies as a token of appreciation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A correction was made to the Minutes. David Dempster moved for approval of the March 2023. Michael DeBlasi seconded. Motion passed as follows: Saldivar, DeBlasi, Dempster, Lamb, Sangster and Kuehn in favor, with Davis absent at time of vote.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS:

Rick and Katie Brady, Keizer, complained that because traffic moves so fast on Chemawa as cars exit the roundabout, it is extremely difficult to pull out onto Chemawa from side streets and speeding traffic is missing the curve and ending up in peoples' yards. They asked that a speed display device be placed near the curve so that drivers are made aware that they are speeding or that the speed limit be lowered to 25 miles per hour. They also noted that with the new apartments going in on Verda, traffic and speeding would likely increase. Chair Davis explained the steps necessary to get something done, urged the Bradys to work with their neighborhood association and introduced them to Tammy Kunz, President of the Greater Northeast Keizer Neighborhood Association. Sgt. LeDay confirmed that this is a dangerous location and added that speed is an issue sometimes, but most are impaired drivers or stolen vehicles.

Tammy Kunz, Keizer, echoed the complaints above and pointed out sidewalks in need of repair and graffiti. Chair Davis responded that those complaints should be directed to

the appropriate department (Code Enforcement and Police). Staff indicated that they would send Ms. Kunz the links for reporting. Ms. Kunz also reported that she attended the SKATS Metropolitan Safety Plan meeting and that they want to get input from committees on reports of serious injuries and suggestions for anything that can be done to make sidewalks/bikeways safer. Hersch Sangster shared additional information. All committee members indicated that they had already submitted their safety suggestions.

Robb Witters, West Keizer Neighborhood Association, explained that data had been collected to determine the effectiveness of the flashing signs installed on Shoreline and the feedback was mostly positive.

Rhonda Rich, Keizer, suggested some changes to the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan. Committee members indicated that they wanted to look more closely at the edits and get additional input from neighborhood associations.

BROOKS/ALDER CROSSWALK: Hersch Sangster noted that he is on the Budget Committee and volunteered to get details from Ken Gierloff and make the request. He noted that he also has concerns about the Verda/Alder crosswalk.

COMMITTEE UPDATE TO 'COMMITTEE PURPOSE': Hersch Sangster moved to send the updated Committee Purpose to legal for review. Tammy Saldivar seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows: Davis, Saldivar, DeBlasi, Dempster, Lamb, Sangster and Kuehn in favor.

UPDATE TO NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: Tammy Saldivar noted that the committee had received the updates. Chair Davis asked committee members to work with their specific neighborhood association to get input and to provide the suggestions to City staff by May 4 so that Tammy could incorporate them in time for the May meeting.

SKATS REPORT: Tammy Saldivar reported that there is a hybrid meeting on April 25 for the Policy Committee. This year they are addressing urban boundaries. They are also working on planning the Transportation Improvement Program through 2029 and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan through 2050.

PEDESTRIAN FLAG REPORT: Brenda Lamb shared details about the program including websites she had checked and other cities that have the program in place. She noted that Kirkland Washington had a lot of information on their website and noted that they make their own holders and buy and store the flags. Volunteers adopt an intersection, buy the flags from the City and replace any that are lost. They are also responsible for finding substitute volunteers if they are unavailable at any time. Councilor Husseman recommended that the committee do more research, and when they are ready, vote to recommend a specific intersection to Council. As liaison, he could share this with City Manager Adam Brown and Public Works Director Bill Lawyer.

TSP UPDATE – SHARE WITH SALEM REPORT: Mike DeBlasi reported that Mike Jaffe had indicated that there was no successful history of cities sharing this type of project in Oregon. Mr. DeBlasi noted that Keizer's current Traffic System Plan is old and

virtually dead as it relates to the growth of the city. Chair Davis pointed out that there are still many projects in the TSP that have not been completed. Members agreed by consensus not to pursue this idea further.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT / NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REPORTS:

Rick Kuehn reported that he filled out the Safety Plan Survey. He included all projects listed in the Traffic System Plan that have not been done and added crosswalks near McNary and on Dearborn near Claggett Creek Park.

David Dempster suggested that signatures for NTMP petitions should include residents of apartments and not just the property owner. Committee agreed to address this at the May meeting.

Jamie Davis announced that the Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is meeting on April 24 at Lloyds Center in person. A virtual version will be on Monday, May 1. Mike DeBlasi volunteered to attend.

Tammy Saldivar reported on the recent Planning Commission and Council meetings. She shared details about the Lava Dome project noting that when it is complete, traffic will likely increase significantly. She reported that the Principal from Keizer Elementary is spearheading a bi-lingual program that is the only one in Keizer, and announced that she is going to champion an effort to get a crosswalk with a flashing beacon near McNary. Committee members discussed this at length with everyone in support.

Hersch Sangster moved that the Traffic Safety-Bikeways-Pedestrian Committee recommend a pedestrian crossing with a flashing beacon on Lockhaven where the McNary baseball cages are. David Dempster seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows: Davis, Saldivar, DeBlasi, Dempster, Lamb, Sangster and Kuehn in favor.

Councilor Husseman indicated that he would give a heads up to staff and Council. He urged the committee to make sure that city staff knows as quickly and broadly as possible and specifically Bill Lawyer and Adam Brown. Tammy indicated that she would email them both.

Ms. Saldivar also noted that Mayor Clark had asked her to bring up the need for a flashing beacon crosswalk at the traffic circle, but she was not clear which road.

Mike DeBlasi suggested that the committee do studies to determine streets where bike lane buffers could be painted. Chair Davis suggested that he generate a spread sheet and get guidance from the biking community and be prepared to report at the next meeting.

Hersch Sangster shared information about the recent Northwest Keizer Neighborhood Association meeting and announced the next family bike ride and the Bike Skills Fair at Harritt Elementary School. He noted that he had attended the SKATS meeting and had a brief meeting with Mike Griffin on the signage project on the Parkway. Mike Griffin explained that the next steps will be to take the information to the Marion County sign shop and they will come up with design, layout and installation cost and that will be forwarded to ODOT.

Committee members discussed being part of the Keizer 40th birthday celebration in June. David Dempster volunteered to staff the booth all day on Saturday, June 17 and distribute safety materials provided by ODOT. Hersch Sangster indicated that he would be ordering the materials and storing them at his house.

STAFF REPORT: Mike Griffin distributed a map showing Brooks at Candlewood noting that mayor had voiced concern about pedestrian/cyclist safety at the curve. Public Works does not feel a solar speed display is necessary but a 12" flashing beacon at the curve sign would be effective. Committee members reviewed the map and indicated that there are many other more dangerous areas in the city. They agreed to visit the site and address this at the May meeting. Mr. Griffin added that the ADA ramps on Cherry are being done. Chair Davis praised the contractors for their good work.

POLICE LIAISON REPORT: Officer LeDay shared statistics on crashes that have occurred this month and announced that two new officers are certified in child safety seat installations. He noted that Marion County is #1 in losing children due to faulty seat installation.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Husseman shared a map from the Council meeting which showed the update of the Keizer Station Master Plan and provided extensive details about the project including the need for collaboration with the railroad in order to provide for multi-modal traffic from the hotel to the Little League fields.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Reporting to Council/Monitoring Planning Commission:** Jamie Davis
 - Council: May 1/Planning Commission: May 10

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ May 18, 2023, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 05-18-23