



TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, June 15, 2023

Keizer City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present:

Jamie Davis, Chair
Tammy Saldivar, Vice Chair (6:18)
Michael DeBlasi
David Dempster
Hersch Sangster
Brenda Lamb
Rick Kuehn

Council Liaison/Staff Present:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: David Dempster moved for approval of the May 2023 Minutes. Hersch Sangster seconded. Motion passed as follows: Davis, Dempster, Lamb, Sangster, DeBlasi and Kuehn in favor, with Saldivar absent at time of vote.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS:

Rhonda Rich, from West Keizer Neighborhood Association, suggested that crosswalk safety issues be added to the flow chart in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan. Chair Davis explained that because of the urgent nature of crosswalk safety, it should be brought to the attention of the Committee and addressed there so that it is handled quickly rather than going through the NTMP process.

Bill White, Keizer, questioned if there was a plan for traffic control on Verda between Dearborn and Chemawa after the apartments are complete and occupied. Chair Davis explained that the Committee is watching the development closely. Mayor Clark suggested that the committee work with the school district to ensure there are crossing guards at nearby intersections. Discussion followed regarding how to alleviate traffic backup at the roundabout and providing a safe route to school for children with sidewalks on the east side of Verda and on May and Keizer Roads, lowering the speed limit to 25 on Verda between Dearborn and Chemawa, and installing a pedestrian activated flashing beacon on Verda.

Tammy Kunz, Keizer, voiced concern about speeding traffic on Keizer roadways and expressed support for the safety features discussed. She suggested that the city apply for a Safe Routes to School grant to fund the improvements, and asked to share the City booth at Keizerfest. Brenda Lamb volunteered to fill out the application with the Chamber.

UPDATE TO NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: Tammy Saldivar reported that she is stuck on the public outreach part of the plan and requested suggestions from committee members.

SKATS REPORT: Hersch Sangster and Rick Kuehn volunteered to assist Tammy in monitoring and reporting on SKATS meetings.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT / NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Brenda Lamb reported that Aurora has a successful pedestrian flag program. She noted the need to continue checking with other cities. Chair Davis urged her to check on cities with population similar to Keizer. Ms. Lamb suggested that a neighborhood association could volunteer to sponsor an intersection.

David Dempster reported that he had attended the Council and Planning Commission meetings and had shared information on current committee projects.

Jamie Davis announced the upcoming 40th Birthday of Keizer celebration.

Tammy Saldivar referred to the project list she had compiled and asked that it be put on the agenda for discussion every month.

Mike DeBlasi asked about the impact of pedestrian buttons on signal lights. Sgt. LeDay explained that intersections are all different. Mr. DeBlasi then requested that the bike lane picture forwarded to the committee in May be included in the ongoing project list.

Hersch Sangster announced that the June 10 Bike Skills Fair was successful, announced upcoming ones and shared information about the Northwest Keizer Neighborhood Association.

POLICE LIAISON REPORT: Sgt. LeDay shared crash statistics for all of May and part of June and announced that the Keizerfest parade will be on August 12.

STAFF REPORT: Mike Griffin invited everyone to Keizer's 40th birthday celebration, announced the upcoming Public Works Fair, and reported that staff has been busy with catch basin inspections and manhole repairs.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Mayor Clark shared information about the Mid-Willamette Area Commission on Transportation, SKATS expansion, Brooklake interchange conceptual improvements and the Verda Lane project. She urged everyone to participate in the Strategic Plan community survey and announced that the Rickman/Chemawa pedestrian activated flashing beacon will be installed soon.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chair Davis asked Mayor Clark if the flashing beacon request (May meeting) in the Candlewood/Brooks area was due to a concern voiced by a resident. Mayor Clark confirmed and provided details.

- **Reporting to Council/Monitoring Planning Commission:** Rick Kuehn
 - Council: July 3/Planning Commission: July 12

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ July 20, 2023, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 07/20/2023