



MINUTES
KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY/BIKEWAYS/PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 21, 2023
Robert L. Simon Council Chambers
Keizer, Oregon

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Attendance was noted as follows:
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| Present:
Jamie Davis, Chair
Michael DeBlasi
Rick Kuehn
Brenda Lamb | Council Liaison/Staff Present:
Councilor Robert Husseman (6:30)
Mike Griffin, Storm Ops & Streets
Trevor Wenning, Police Liaison
Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder |
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- Absent:**
Tammy Saldivar, Vice Chair
David Dempster
Hersch Sangster
- a. Agenda Packet**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 2023** Rick Kuehn moved for approval of the July 2023 Minutes with correction to put a slash after "property owners" and add "City responsibility" under the Committee Member Input for Michael DeBlasi Michael DeBlasi seconded. Motion passed as follows: Davis, DeBlasi and Kuehn in favor with Dempster, Sangster and Saldivar absent and Lamb abstained.
- a. Approval of Minutes**
- 3. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS** *Matt Myers*, Keizer, concerned about increased traffic and speed on Verda Lane NE. He requests speed humps be installed on Chemawa and Lafayette (North of the roundabout). He has about 50% of the required signatures and asked the committee to waive the remaining number of required signatures. Chair Davis said that we need Bill Lawyer to be involved. Mike Griffin said that we're working on the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program.
- Bill White*, Keizer, provided a handout on the Verda Lane Project. Two major portions of sidewalks and bikelanes, along with the rearranging of Claxter Road. He would like to see the sidewalks done first for the children

to use. He asked about safe funds for construction for students and would like to see an application for that fund. Michael DeBlasi agreed that a safe route is needed for the children. Mike Griffin responded that this is an ODOT design and project, which is at the beginning phases.

Tammy Kunz, Keizer, representing Greater Northeast Neighborhood Association, reported on traffic issue. The association talked about applying for grant funding on street art projects. Kingwood Avenue in Salem has a mural. Chair Davis would like to see grant information. Tammy Kunz would like a slow down sign in her neighborhood's school zone. Sidewalks are in poor shape on 12th and 14th off of Dearborn.

Robb Witters, Keizer, member of West Keizer Neighborhood Association (WKNA), reported that the neighborhood association would like to be invited into the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program. The City will send the program to Rhonda Rich, president of WKNA for comments. He asked about waiving the signature requirement. The speed hump on Cummings has been effective and it slows down cars.

Ken Gierloff, West Keizer, traffic issue on Northside of Beebee and Westside of Arnold where cars stack for the kids. The corner is near impossible to maneuver. Mike Griffin said that rocks have been added and will check it out during school release hours. Michale DeBlasi suggested painted slash marks. Councilor Husseman suggested a paved path with trash cans going thru the park.

4. PROJECT SPREADSHEET REVIEW

No updates.

a. Project List

5. UPDATE TO NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ~ Tammy Saldivar

Chair Davis report that Tammy Saldivar is running this program for the committee and will bring it to the Community Diversity Engagement Committee and then to Council for their review.

a. Program

6. SKATS REPORT ~ Rick Kuehn, Hersch Sangster, Tammy Saldivar

Chair Davis would like the committee to know where they can help with SKATS Report. She's unsure if ODOT needs any help from SKATS in that area. She will pull together a short-list of possible SKATS projects when it's time to start applying. Michael DeBlasi said that if we want to apply for grants, Keizer would benefit most from a planning grant and then tier off of it for construction grants to achieve safe routes for children. The committee would like to review the scope for a grant.

a. SKATS Report

7. SPEEDING ON CLAGGETT ~ Mike Griffin Mike Griffin reported that staff did a speed and volume study, which resulted in no speeding issues on Clagget. Bill Lawyer will present the results to Council.

8. VERDA CROSSING & KEIZER ROAD SAFETY DISCUSSION ~ Mike Griffin Chair Davis reported that the cars are parked too close to the roundabout, the crosswalk isn't visible, and she doesn't think there's an issue. She doesn't think there's anything the City can do.

9. VERDA LANE SAFETY DISCUSSION Duplicate to Item 8.

10. COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT / NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REPORTS Michael DeBlasi wants to see engineer reports before corrections are made for the committee's discussion.

Brenda Lamb reported that she attended the City Council meeting on September 5th. The Alder-Brooks crossing has progressed with the purchase of speed-calming signs. Chair Davis expressed concern for the children crossing and will monitor this area to ensure volunteers are helping.

Councilor Husseman invited a member from all committees to go to Council meetings to report on issues and make requests. He will work on learning when the planning timing would be best for committee members to confer with the Council. He wants facilitation with Planning staff at the next meeting to talk about new development processes and when committee members participate.

Chair Davis reported on KeizerFEST in that the neighborhood associations did a lot of work and expressed her appreciation. With SKATS, Mayor Clark is chair for that committee. Chair Davis will ask Mayor Clark for the next steps to apply for a grant and ask her to visit the committee's meeting in November to give the Committee a better understanding of SKATS.

**a. Gubser – DeBlasi
NWKNA –
Sangster/Saldivar
SEKNA – Davis
WKNA
GNEKNA**

11. STAFF REPORT ~ Mike Griffin Mike Griffin reported that the Cherry Avenue construction is coming to a close with the ADA ramps and raised manholes. Rain is coming so staff is cleaning out catch basins as part of annual maintenance.

- 12. POLICE LIAISON REPORT ~ City Manager to Appoint** Lieutenant Trevor Wenning reported on the Police Chief leaving, and the City chose Lieutenant Copeland to be the new Police Chief. They will be looking at the new organizational chart to see where the traffic team will be operating with this Committee. City Manager Brown will be appointing a new police liaison.
- 13. OTHER BUSINESS** Chair Davis said that with it being the last few months of the year, she will make a list of citizens' concerns for 2023 and provide it to the Council.
- a. Reporting to Council/Monitoring Planning Commission: Michael DeBlasi Council: October 2 | Planning Commission: October 11** Michael DeBlasi will report to Council on October 2nd.
- 14. ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.
- 15. NEXT MEETING** *Next Scheduled Meeting ~ October 19, 2023, 6 p.m.*

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