



TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, July 20, 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
Michael DeBlasi
David Dempster
Hersch Sangster
Rick Kuehn

Council Liaison/Staff Present:

Councilor Husseman (6:57)
Dawn Wilson, Deputy City Recorder

Council Liaison/Staff Absent:

Mike Griffin, Storm Ops & Streets
Sgt. David LeDay, Police

Absent:

Brenda Lamb

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

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS:

Bill White, Keizer, questioned a project that he keeps hearing about on Verda Lane between Dearborn and the express lane. Chair Davis said it's still in the design phase for the installation of a bike lane and shoulder with separated sidewalks, left turn lane onto Alder, and realignment to match Alder for safety purposes. Mailbox locations were also discussed for safety purposes of not having to cross the road.

Tammy Kunz, Keizer, she received about 250 concerns about three different driveways for Verda Crossings on Keizer Road. She questioned the emergency only and believes that the two driveways for May & Dickson not setup as emergency only. Discussion reasoned that this is due to a four-way stop. Tammy Saldivar said there's a rule that access has to match to a road. David Dempster provided some history on the safety and pedestrian activated deacon for the school's safety. Chair Davis thinks we need to raise awareness with the neighborhood associations and said they'll bring this up at the next meeting after Public Works (Mike Griffin) looks at the yellow flashing light to be on Keizer Road on each side before the school.

VERDA LANE SAFETY DISCUSSION: *Taken out of order.* Tammy Salvidar reminded everyone they always have a standing agenda item for Verda Lane.

Naomi Rodriguez, Keizer, has concern for speeding traffic from Chemawa to River Road. There aren't enough speed signs and bumps. Speed signs needs to be in the middle of Claggett. Chair Davis is asking to monitor this area via Minutes, and the police liaison to

monitor the traffic down to the circle. Hersch Sangster suggested art and murals be painted along Claggett to slow traffic. Michael DeBlasi suggested adding street trees.

Sheba Woodell, Keizer and with NTSI, here as an observer and stated that education, engineering and enforcement are main components for traffic safety.

Ken Gerloff, Keizer, expressed concern for upcoming school year. School district keeps moving boundaries year to year. Child safety walking is main concern. He worked with Bill Lawyer on Beebe Street's and Arnold Street safety issue. Would like a no parking sign. People park at the end of the street, so it's difficult to drive around the corner.

Richard Moore, Keizer, expressed concerns about cars passing on 10th and Claggett Street is a safety issue for pedestrians. He would like to see 10th be a dead-end street since it actually is and drivers have to turn onto Claggett. Eliminating the access to Claggett Street should resolve the issue. Chair Davis said that we have to have 75% buy-in within neighborhood for concern to be considered by the City. Rick Kuehn suggests that this could be an enforcement issue.

Danaya McGanty, Keizer, expressed concern on speeding problem on Claggett Street. She talked with neighbors and obtained names. Everyone agreed that there is a big speeding problem and have all lived on Claggett for 10 years. They are fearful of children and pets getting hit. She would like to see speed bumps. Chair Davis needs the Public Works (Mike Griffin) to assess the situation and revisit this at the next meeting. She suggested that we ask Bill Lawyer to review his budget to help this issue. Hersch Sangster sees this as an enforcement issue. Michael DeBlasi recognized the fact that she has already collected names of neighbors to support a solution. Cars can be parked on street instead of driveway to create a sense of friction for cars to slow-down. Chair Davis said that they are supportive of getting speed bumps.

COMMITTEE PURPOSE: "I [Hersch Sangster] move the committee recommend the city council adopt the Resolution changing the Purpose of the Traffic Bikeway Pedestrian section as presented." David Dempster seconded. Motion passes.

PROJECT SPREADSHEET REVIEW: Members discussed updating the spreadsheet and noted several items that need to remain on the list. Chair Davis asked members and neighborhood associations to review the list and participate in an email survey to prioritize them. Chair Davis will send a prioritized spreadsheet to the City Council to be fair and equal to all citizens.

UPDATE TO NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: Tammy Saldivar reported on the safety concern and looked at possible solutions. She decided to add language saying that if unable to obtain signatures due to disability or safety reason to talk with Bill Lawyer. She will update the flow charts, let neighborhood associations review it, and will take it to the Community Diversity Committee and then to Council. Committee would like to see tenants instead of the owner be able to sign petitions because they should have the freedom to vote for solutions.

SKATS REPORT: Materials were submitted by *Tammy Kunz*. Hersch Sangster talked about the school helping in West Salem and everything is on hold until school starts. Michael DeBlasi said the manual has flexibility for standards. The Skats model isn't quite complete with questions. There is latitude but we have to go thru ODOT.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT / NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REPORTS:

Chair Davis provided requested to take information back to committees. Chair Davis will email the Gubser Neighborhood Association to encourage representation from all neighborhood associations.

Rick Kuehn reported on a traffic management program with most concerns on Verda with speed, sidewalks, and with the apartment complex.

Tammy Saldivar didn't have any updates.

David Dempster reported on the bike helmet budget. They have money in the budget for bike helmets \$667 donated for bike helmets. We have about 100 helmets of all sizes and pamphlets. They're short on lights for kids bikes. They're fine money wise. City of Keizer hasn't had a concerted effort to fix sidewalks for the old developments. He would like an agenda item for Planning Commission to restrict driveways on the main streets. There shouldn't be left turns allowed.

Hersch Sangster reported on speeding and graffiti. They've been tagged on Willow Lake and Chemawa. Code enforcement recommended getting pictures.

Michael DeBlasi would like to see sidewalk obligations for property owners/City responsibility.

Chair Davis reported on using KeizerFest as a communication tool and asked members to attend these events. Hersch Sangster will attend and David Dempster may also attend. Discussion on which representatives of the neighborhood association will attend, and they will email Chair Davis.

STAFF REPORT: Mike Griffin – absent

POLICE LIAISON REPORT: Sgt. LeDay – absent – may have retired. Councilor Husseman will ask for new liaison.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Husseman reported on the City Council who agreed that sidewalk repair is a main priority. They want to find a solution that fits with all neighborhoods. The Planning Commission is under-impressed with how transportation issues are being handled. New developments are causing issues with traffic control. Planning Commission has not been an asset and has not been working with this committee. David Dempster said that the Planning Commission members don't know that they can recommend development policies. Chair Davis said we need to guide the Planning Commission and Council on their decisions.

Councilor Husseman met with ODOT, Salem Public Work person, and a Salem Councilor on the Salem-Parkway path. He told them we want the Parkway path smoothly paved, lights, and clearer signage to and from path. ODOT agreed to look at path from Verda to Keizer Station. A bike sweeper could be used on path, which Salem is considering. He also talked with Bill Lawyer and Mike Griffin.

Councilor Husseman said City has entered into a tentative agreement for an electrical bike initiative to include a potential purchase of e-bikes for City staff, except for the police, to conduct business. There was discussion as to why we're not using a vendor in Keizer instead of Portland, especially when maintenance is needed. Councilor Husseman submitted info to board on Colorado's program for e-bikes to be rent-free, along with safety materials. The Portland vendor has the ability to offer the same program. Michael DeBlasi suggests that the City have a carrot for staff to actually use the bikes. Hersch Sangster said that the Northwest Hub is really good at managing this low-income program, and we should partnership with them rather than compete with them.

OTHER BUSINESS: Chair Davis CANCELLED the August 17, 2023 meeting.

- **Reporting to Council/Monitoring Planning Commission:** Brenda Lamb
 - Council: August 7/Planning Commission: August 9

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Next Scheduled meeting ~ September 21, 2023, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 09/21/2023