CALL TO ORDER
Chair DeBlasi called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The following were present:

Present:
Michael DeBlasi, Chair
Pat Fisher, Vice Chair
Wayne Frey
Joe Tilman
David Dempster
Kathy Lincoln
Hersch Sangster

Absent:
Sgt. David LeDay – Police Liaison

Council Liaison:
Dan Kohler

Staff Present:
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder
Mike Griffin, PW Division Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: David Dempster moved to approve the February 2019 Minutes. Wayne Frey seconded. Motion passed as follows: DeBlasi, Fisher, Frey, Tilman, Dempster, and Lincoln in favor with Sangster abstaining.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS ~ None

REVITALIZATION PROJECT DISCUSSION: Email received from Kathy Lincoln was read into the record. Contents summarized: Safe bike path along River Road, reduction of access points on River Road, parking behind stores and lower speed limit on River Road. The three options determined by the consultant and shared with the committee at the last meeting were reviewed and discussed at length.

Committee members agreed that their first choice was a multiuse bike/ped path on both sides of River Road. The second choice would be for a larger multi-use path on one side of the road. For either case, narrowing the traffic lanes was necessary, but all crossings should be improved to be more pedestrian safe with work gradually being done towards limiting access and moving parking away from River Road for the portion of River Road from Chemawa to south city limits. Additionally, there should be long-term development of parallel routes and increased signal light crossings for pedestrians for the entire study area.

Hersch Sangster moved to forward this recommendation on to Community Development. David Dempster seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows: DeBlasi, Fisher, Frey, Tilman, Dempster, Sangster and Lincoln in favor.

PROJECTS REPORTS:
Pat Fisher - Parkway Path Signage: Met with ODOT on site. Conversation was mainly around the improvement of access points where they have fences, bollards and sign posts. The ODOT representative was interested and plans to go back and consider what can be done within an ODOT safety project to bring the pathway up to better safety conditions. The wayfinding signage may be included in the project.

1 Changed to ‘maintenance’ before approval at 4/11/19 meeting
Hersch Sangster - Bike Friendly Businesses: Three new businesses have joined – all from Salem. EZ Orchards is doing the paperwork.

Biking/Walking Route Maps – Complete. Link is on website for routes through Salem Bike Club and other routes done by committee.

Wayne Frey – Safe Routes to School. Shared dates for non-infrastructure grants noting that if committee comes up with a non-infrastructure idea, now was the time to move forward. Hersch Sangster interjected that he has been working on this with a group from Council of Governments and a grant has been received for someone within the school district. It is a 3-year contract with funds coming from TripChoice and the School District. Cummings will be part of this. Kathy Lincoln commended Mike Jaffe who found $65,000 that they will be contributing.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT
Hersch Sangster announced that the Keizer Police Department is putting on a walk in July to benefit Special Olympics. This would be an opportunity to have a booth for bike safety and helmet fitting. Hersch, David and Kathy will work the booth. Discussion followed about the helmet program with members suggesting that they get a booth at Iris Festival and that Keizer United might help with the cost of the booth.

Wayne Frey distributed flyers on Oregon cross walk laws and sharing the road.

Michael DeBlasi announced Safe Routes to School grant writing workshops in Eugene and Portland, and noted that when turning onto Lockhaven inside the Whitaker/Lockhaven school zone there is no signage warning motorists that they have entered a school zone. He recommended another sign or larger lights on the back sides of the existing flashing lights. Mike Griffin responded that this has been discussed but it is difficult to find the right placement. Mr. DeBlasi suggested that bumps or some sort of deterrent be placed on the front of lanes at intersections to prevent motorists from cutting into the turn radius. Discussion took place regarding cars pulling out of driveways into the center lane and waiting to merge into traffic. It was noted that this was illegal and police should enforce that law.2

Joe Tilman announced the Active Transportation Summit on April 25-27.

Kathy Lincoln announced that West Keizer Neighborhood Association is going to testify at the Budget hearing in favor of a multi-use path on Delight Street similar to the one the committee requested in the Safe Routes to School Grant. She volunteered to attend as a Traffic/Bikeways/Pedestrian Committee representative as well.

STAFF REPORT: Mike Griffin reported that the River Road ADA ramp project will be starting next week from Chemawa to Plymouth Avenue. Resurfacing will take place when the ADA project is complete. Stormwater crew continues to work on repairs, Iris Festival is May 16-19 with the parade on the 18th. Monster Cookie Ride is April 28.

POLICE LIAISON REPORT: Officer LeDay was absent.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Kohler thanked the committee for their hard work.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 04-11-19

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ April 11, 2019, 6 p.m.

2 Removed prior to approval at 4/11/19 meeting