



KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, April 11, 2019
Keizer City Council Chambers

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
Hersch Sangster

Absent:

Kathy Lincoln

Council Liaison:

Laura Reid for Dan Kohler

Staff Present:

Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder
Mike Griffin, PW Division Manager
Sgt. David LeDay – Police Liaison

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION: Larry Jackson, representing the Volunteer Coordinating Committee, thanked the committee members for their dedication to the City as shown by their ongoing volunteer efforts and distributed cookies as a token of appreciation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Two corrections were made to the Minutes. Officer LeDay distributed a printout explaining the appropriate use of the center turn lane. Hersch Sangster moved to approve the March 2019 Minutes as corrected. David Dempster seconded. Motion passed as follows: DeBlasi, Fisher, Frey, Tilman, Dempster, and Sangster in favor with Lincoln absent.

David Dempster questioned the legality of trucks parking in the center turn lane to load and unload. Officer LeDay responded that it is not legal but, because there have been no incidents, it is considered the lesser of evils. Also discussed the use of the center lane as an “acceleration lane” for people turning onto busier streets. Officer LeDay said that a driver is allowed to turn into the lane but not drive in it.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS ~ None

PROJECTS REPORTS:

Pat Fisher - Parkway Path Signage: Contacted Jenna Berman at ODOT and asked her for an update on discussions within ODOT relating to options are available for pursuing the signing and some of the minor access improvements in conjunction with the maintenance project.

Public Outreach/Trash Receptacles: No report

Bike Parking Facilities – Assessment Tool: There are some good ideas in the Bike Parking Assessment Guide that can be pursued with Planning or that might be incorporated into the City Development Code. She suggested that the person hired by the School District look into this. Hersch Sangster added that at this point the District plans on focusing on Forest Ridge and Cummings.

Regarding the McNary High School bike rack, Hersch reported that the principal is interested but that action cannot be taken until the bond work is completed. The projected area is the

current bike rack area. He will stay on top of this and make sure it happens. Discussion followed regarding how many racks would be ideal, locations of racks and entrances, spacing requirements, and rack types. Committee members stressed the importance of staying involved with the upgrades at McNary so that the best locations for the bike racks could be implemented and the committee could provide input into how the upgrades would affect traffic flow in neighborhoods. Hersch Sangster noted that he would ask how the committee could get involved at the meeting he has on the 17th.

Councilor Reid suggested that racks be considered for scooters and skateboards as well.

David Dempster suggested that an updated rack be placed at the Big Toy at Keizer Rapids Park. He announced that, with the Committee's permission, he would go to the Keizer Little League Park Long Range Planning Task Force meeting to ask them to consider improving Ridge Road, the parking lot at the fields, and to add bike racks. Committee indicated that they supported this effort.

Wayne Frey volunteered to do an assessment of bike racks in area parks.

Wayne Frey – Safe Routes to School: Nothing new to report. Chair DeBlasi urged Mr. Frey to watch the available webinar trainings.

Joe Tilman – Additional Bike Repair Station: Southeast Keizer Neighborhood Association is interested in having one at Claggett or Weddle if the principal and school district will agree to it. Another option would be at Ben Miller Park. Discussion followed regarding how secure the station would be from vandalism if placed at a school which has little supervision outside of school hours and placing the station on public vs. private property. Mr. Tilman noted that he would follow up with the schools. Hersch Sangster added that REI might be a funding source.

Bike/Ped Infrastructure Code/Policy Review: No report

Michael DeBlasi – NACTO Discussion: Participants have not met for discussion. Joe Tilman noted that NACTO is not a standards document such as AASHTO; it is an 'add on'. He suggested that the committee could ask the City to endorse it and then contractors would know that they need to consult that supplement as well as the adopted standards. David Dempster noted that he wanted to know more about it before he asked the City to adopt it.

Hersch Sangster - Bike Friendly Businesses: Independence and Monmouth are having an event on April 25 to promote bicycle friendly businesses but he will not be able to attend because of the Monster Cookie ride. Iris Festival will be recommending this committee to work with them on a ride. Salem Bike Club bike racks will be used. Next year this committee will have a representative to assist the Chamber.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT

Michael Deblasi reported that Insurance Institute for Highway Safety just did a study of highway speeds which shows that higher speeds result in more deaths on the roadways. He suggested that this might be something the committee should look into. He then asked if a bulb out is being put in at Thorman and Dearborn. Mike Griffin explained that they are putting in a sidewalk because a new home is being built. The ADA ramp will be put back but there are no plans for a bulb out. Mr. Deblasi then pointed out that the pavement is bad on Clark and questioned when that would be fixed. Mr. Griffin explained that this year half of River Road would be paved, next year the other half and the year after that the City will focus on neighborhood roads; Clark is on the list.

Wayne Frey announced the “3 Parks, 2 Bridges, 1 Cause” Run benefiting Doernbecher Children’s Cancer program.

Hersch Sangster announced the Monster Cookie Ride (4/28), Bike Skills Rodeo at Adam Stevens Middle School (5/29), and a Bike Skills Fair at Herritt Elementary School (6/7). He also noted that he has been working with the School District on Safe Routes to Schools and that he has done the paperwork to have a booth at the 5K Foot Pursuit run in July so that the committee can have a booth to promote the committee and safety.

STAFF REPORT: Mike Griffin reported that the river will crest tomorrow so Public Works is watching for flooding. When the weather gets better Public Works is planning on moving the signage and stop bars at the intersection of Trail and Harmony to prevent people from cutting across the oncoming lane.

POLICE LIAISON REPORT: Officer LeDay had no report.

David Dempster asked him where people were supposed to stop for stop signs. Officer LeDay explained.

Hersch Sangster asked for details on the pedestrian injury/fatality accidents that happened on River Road. Officer LeDay explained that the primary cause was driver error (failure to yield and failure to stop and remain stopped). Both could have been avoided if the driver was following the rules of the road.

David Dempster voiced concern about the age of the people in accidents and asked if Officer LeDay could compile that information. Officer LeDay suggested the committee get the information from insurance foundations who have studies on that.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Reid had no report

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ May 9, 2019, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 05-09-19