KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, November 7, 2019
Keizer City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER
Chair DeBlasi called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Roll call follows:

Present:
Michael DeBlasi, Chair
Pat Fisher, Vice Chair
Kathy Lincoln
Hersch Sangster
Wayne Frey

Staff Present:
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder
Mike Griffin, PW Division Manager
Mayor Clark for Councilor Kohler

Absent:
David Dempster
Sgt. David LeDay – Police Liaison
One Position Vacant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Kathy Lincoln moved to approve the October 2019 Minutes. Hersch Sangster seconded. Motion passed as follows: DeBlasi, Sangster, Lincoln and Fisher in favor with Frey abstaining, Dempster absent and one position vacant.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: None

WHEATLAND ROAD BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN STUDY: Chair DeBlasi explained that Public Works Director Bill Lawyer had indicated that he wanted a member of the committee to participate in this study. Hersch Sangster volunteered. Kathy Lincoln and Pat Fisher indicated that they were interested as well. Kathy Lincoln suggested that sidewalk gaps throughout the city be filled prior to building new roads.

SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMITS: Members noted that they had scanned the 'Guide to School Safety' sent to them from Weldon Ryan with ODOT. Mike Griffin pointed out that an engineering study would need to be done in order to determine the need for increased coverage but since neighborhoods have not grown, it was unlikely that a new study would find different statistics. It was pointed out that one area the committee felt there was a need was around the high school because high schoolers don't pay attention to traffic. Pat Fisher suggested that committee members visit sites to see if a change in physical infrastructure is warranted to increase pedestrian protection. Hersch Sangster quoted from the Guide noting that a school zone would be based on an engineering study and school authority so the school district would need to partner on this. Mayor Clark added that the new Safe Routes to School Coordinator would be helpful on this project. Committee indicated that they will invite the SRTS Coordinator to a meeting after they are hired.

PROJECT REPORTS:

Wayne Frey **–** Bike Parking Facilities in Schools and Parks: Has not checked racks in parks. Hersch suggested that the ones at Keizer Rapids Park be replaced with the ones made by C-TEC.

Pat Fisher - Parkway Path Signage & Public Outreach/Trash Receptacles: No report. Hersch Sangster added that trash receptacles on Chemawa had been positioned back against the curb to allow safe travel in the bike lane. He noted that he thought Loren's had urged customers to do this.

Kathy Lincoln – City-wide Missing Link/Neighborhood Connectivity: Has marked spots on a map that could benefit from sidewalks or better separation from the street. Is going to check the Traffic System Plan next and will try to put the two together as a suggestion to improve the TSP when it is updated.

Hersch Sangster –McNary Upgrade Status: Work is continuing. He has been assured that once the building is complete and traffic flow has been established, they will focus on the bike rack. Additional Bike Repair Station: Permission has not been granted yet for placement between Kennedy Elementary School and the Boys & Girls Club. If this location does not work out, he suggested that it be placed at Keizer Rapids Park.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT:

Kathy Lincoln referred to a website by 'Making an Impact' which is an organization that encourages safe teen driving. This week they sent out some information about pedestrian safety from STEP (Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian) which listed statistics for pedestrian accidents and lists four steps/features to implement safety. She suggested that the emails be forwarded to Public works to get them more engaged in pedestrian safety.

Mike DeBlasi reported that he had read that 'slip streams' (similar to the right turn lane feature at River Road and Lockhaven) are unsafe for pedestrians.

Hersch Sangster voiced concern about the recent pedestrian accident on River Road and suggested that the committee consider recommendations for Police or Public Works that might help prevent something like this in the future.

Pat Fisher questioned the status of the Keizer Elementary bike lane and the Mandarin speeding complaint. Committee members reiterated information in the previous month's minutes. Pat suggested that perhaps the Safe Routes to School Coordinator would be able to help with this. Regarding Mandarin, staff informed the committee that the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan had been sent to the complainants. Mike Griffin indicated that he would be in touch with them to see if they needed any assistance filling out the forms.

Wayne Frey announced that he had recently attended a presentation put on by the Salem Bike Club. He also invited everyone to the tree planting at Champoeg Park.

STAFF REPORT: Street Division Manager Mike Griffin reported that:

- A meeting was held to unveil the conceptual plan for the 10-foot asphalt pedestrian pathway along Delight Street. It will go to bid in early February and be completed by

mid-June. AKS is doing the design. The City will tie into the school's project when they complete it. Pat Fisher indicated that she would like to provide comments to Bill Lawyer regarding the path. It was suggested that a different color paint be used so that it is clearly marked as a pedestrian walkway.

- Stormwater vac-con just finished cleaning out all the catch basins. Loren's has been great about cleaning up the leaves in the street.

POLICE LIAISON REPORT: No report.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Mayor Clark reported on

- Safe Routes to School Coordinator recruitment
- Delight Street improvements
- The City Sidewalk Local Improvement District program for neighborhoods who wish to upgrade or repair their sidewalks
- The upcoming tree planting at Keizer Rapids Park

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ December 12, 2019, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 12-12-19