



KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, February 13, 2020
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
Steven Wolf
Hersch Sangster
Wayne Frey
Jamie Davis
David Dempster

Absent:

Pat Fisher, Vice Chair

Staff & Liaison Present:

Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder
David LeDay, Police Department
Councilor Dan Kohler

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Hersch Sangster moved to approve the January 2020 Minutes. Steven Wolf seconded. Motion passed as follows: DeBlasi, Sangster, Wolf and Frey in favor with Dempster and Davis abstaining and Fisher absent.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: *Carol Doerfler, John Maurice and Cindy Thompson*, Keizer residents, expressed concern about speeding drivers throughout the city. Discussion followed regarding the need to educate people so that they are aware of neighborhood speed limits even when they are not posted and possibly to begin putting in sidewalks to make the streets appear narrower and thereby reduce speeds. Ms. Doerfler suggested that perhaps public forums could be held to educate drivers.

Martin Giovannini, Keizer, speaking on behalf of the Southeast Keizer Neighborhood Association, reported that residents living on Clearview are concerned about people parking in the pedestrian/bike lanes. He explained that when cars block the lanes, children have to go into the street because there are no sidewalks and urged that no parking signs be placed there and that people be informed that it is illegal to park in bike lanes. Officer LeDay responded that the abandoned vehicles in that area have been removed and that should help.

Ken Gierloff, Keizer, explained that the parking problem is usually at night. He used to relay the license plate numbers to the Police Department, get the address of the vehicle owners and send them letters which would usually alleviate the problem. Regarding the speeding problems, he suggested that volunteers be given radar guns to clock the speeding vehicles, get the license numbers and then the addresses and write letters to the owners. He also noted that limited visibility is caused by people parking in the Arnold/Sieberg intersection and requested no parking signs there, suggested that speed bumps be placed on Alder by the schools near the crosswalks, and complained about basketball hoops in the streets and on the sidewalks.

Braeda Libby, Keizer, complained about speeding vehicles on Shoreline and vehicles that do not stop at the stop sign at Espana and Shoreline noting that vehicles are going so fast that they take the corner on two wheels. She also suggested that a traffic circle be put in at Shoreline and Chemawa.

Wes Jackson, Keizer, complained about speeding traffic on 5th Avenue N which is exacerbated by the lack of sidewalks and requested ADA access to the park.

Mike Jaffe, Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments explained the ODOT is stepping up on safety projects especially around schools. He reviewed several federally funded past projects and noted that the newest ones are for sidewalks on Verda from Dearborn to Alder and a study of Wheatland Road design.

McRae Carmichael, Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Coordinator, shared her plans for SRTS noting that she has met with the principals of two Keizer schools and is getting to know the parents by attending meetings. She and Mr. Jaffe then fielded questions regarding the program and available grants.

PROJECT REPORTS:

Pat Fisher - Parkway Path Signage & Public Outreach/Trash Receptacles: No report.

Steven Wolf – City-wide Missing Link/Neighborhood Connectivity project. He met with Kathy Lincoln and she gave him her materials and suggestions. He has been studying what she provided. He noted the importance of identifying areas where there are missing connections.

Michael DeBlasi – NACTO Discussion & Street Trees (Salem Program): No report.

Hersch Sangster – McNary Upgrade Status: No update since last month. Additional Bike Repair Station: Project is moving ahead. The station is now in his garage waiting to be installed. It might not be installed until the planned remodel is complete.

Wayne Frey – ODOT Community Path Program: Helping communities create and maintain neighborhood connection plans: New project.

Jamie Davis – Safe Routes to School Grant: New project

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT:

Hersch Sangster: Asked that the committee be given fatality data from the last few years for planning purposes and announced that the Monster Cookie Ride is April 26. Registration is open at www.bikereq.com

Jamie Davis noted that the intersection of Manbrin and Brooks is dangerous and questioned what could be done to improve the safety. Mike Griffin responded that a speed monitor could be placed in the area but that would be temporary. Education would be a more long-term remedy.

David Dempster suggested that the committee make a budget request for a fixed amount of money to install sidewalks (connecting existing sidewalks) throughout the city. The committee agreed by consensus to support Mr. Dempster attending the Long Range Planning Task Force meeting and making this request.

STAFF REPORT: Mike Griffin reported that

- Installation of two no parking signs at Willow Lake on the north side from the corner of Wheatland Road 175 feet to the west will be considered by Council on Tuesday.
- The Delight street 10-foot asphalt pathway bid opening is Tuesday at 2 p.m. Water staff has been moving meters out of the way; Salem Electric has two poles to move, Century Link has one. The contractor should start April 6 with project completion June 15.

POLICE LIAISON REPORT: Officer LeDay shared the statistics on fatal accidents in the city noting that none of them were due to speeding traffic and that people get a false sense of security in crosswalks and need to be educated that in a confrontation with an automobile, pedestrians never win. He added that safety at intersections is a complicated issue because more lights also create more glare. He also provided information about the Celebration of Life event planned for Officer Dan Carroll.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Kohler referred to a request the committee had received for bike path maps. Hersch Sangster interjected that he had already delivered a box of them. Councilor Kohler noted that there are no short-term answers to reducing speed on neighborhood streets; speed bumps on neighborhood streets will just send traffic to the arterials and clog them up.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ March 12, 2020, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 03-12-20