



KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, August 13, 2020 - Keizer City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Michael DeBlasi called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Attendance follows:

Present:

Michael DeBlasi, Chair
Jamie Davis
Wayne Frey
David Dempster
Hersch Sangster

Council Liaison/Staff Present:

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

Absent:

One position vacant
Steven Wolf

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Hersch Sangster moved for approval of the July 2020 Minutes. David Dempster seconded. Motion passed as follows: Frey, Sangster and Dempster in favor with Davis and DeBlasi abstaining, Wolf absent and one position vacant.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR: Wayne Frey was elected by unanimous consent to serve the remainder of the term of Vice Chair.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS:

Lisa Cejka, Keizer, reported that drivers are not stopping at the stop sign at Cummings and Shoerline and inquired as to how to report it. Sargent LeDay responded that traffic violations should be called in and he would get the Traffic Safety Unit or the Patrol Unit sent out. He added that units have monitored the area but, with the construction taking place, traffic was limited.

Elizabeth Heredia, Keizer, complained about speeding traffic and cars parking on the multi-use pathway in the Delight/Chemawa area. She indicated that most violations occur between 2:00-3:00 p.m. and 6:00-7:00 p.m. Sargent LeDay responded that knowing the times will be helpful so that he can assign someone to monitor the area.

Carol Doerfler, Keizer, President of West Keizer Neighborhood Association, complained that speeding traffic and running of stop signs has been an ongoing problem throughout the neighborhood and insisted that it be resolved. Sargent LeDay responded that the department has been concentrating on that area, it is being observed and they are doing their best. He urged everyone to call in violations when they occur.

Discussion followed regarding traffic calming devices, traffic monitors and the possibility of using Pedestrian Flags at that intersection to make drivers aware of pedestrians wishing to cross.

REVIEW OF PRIORITIZED SIDEWALK CONNECTIVITY TABLE

Chair DeBlasi asked if a cost estimate for filling the sidewalk gaps could be secured. Staff indicated that someone from the committee could ask the Public Works Director for that information. Committee agreed that the prioritized list was in the order which they had decided upon at the previous meeting. Discussion took place regarding the importance of filling gaps in sidewalks, exploring grant opportunities, and utilizing services of the Council of Governments.

Jamie Davis, Michael DeBlasi and Hersch Sangster will explore this further. David Dempster complained that new sidewalks installed with new developments are worse than no sidewalk at all because they don't connect to anything.

BIKE PARKING AT LOWES

Chair DeBlasi reported that the bike rack at Lowe's had been removed and he had asked the Planning Department about it. He then read the response received from Interim Community Development Director Shane Witham which indicated that Code Enforcement has been working with Lowe's and nothing has been done, but if they remain unresponsive they will be cited. Discussion followed regarding what was in the Development Code regarding bike racks and the desire of the committee to be allowed input regarding location of bike racks when a commercial building is going in.

PROJECT REPORTS:

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

Hersch Sangster – Bike Friendly Designation: Waiting for April application to come out. Steve Wolf has agreed to assist with this. Hopefully, with the new connection to Safe Routes to School, the city will receive a higher designation.

Wayne Frey – ODOT Community Path Program: Reviewed details of the program including matches, criteria and schedules. He noted that he planned on watching the scheduled webinars and Q&A opportunities. He indicated that he would get guidance from Bill Lawyer on possible projects that would qualify for this grant.

Jamie Davis – Safe Routes to School Grant: This 'piggy-backs' on the sidewalk connectivity project so has already been discussed to a certain degree. She will be working with other committee members to explore this grant and others and perhaps can work with Wayne on the Community Path Program.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT: Hersch Sangster reported on the recent bike repair/helmet fitting event noting that Northwest Hub repaired 12-15 bikes, Keizer United donated funds to help defray those costs, and 12 helmets were fitted. The helmet supply is getting low; donations are needed to replenish the project.

STAFF REPORT: Mike Griffin was absent but had submitted a written report which relayed the status of Marion County striping (complete), and River Road ADA ramp project, Shoreline Drive storm drain re-route and River Road resurfacing project (all complete except for punch list items).

POLICE LIAISON REPORT: Sargent LeDay reported that they are in the process of filling an opening because another officer has retired.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Kohler thanked the committee and urged everyone to stop and smell the roses.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ September 10, 2020, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 09-10-20