



**KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**Thursday, October 8, 2020
Keizer City Council Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Wayne Frey called the meeting to order at 5:59 pm. Attendance follows:

Present:

Michael DeBlasi, Chair (left at 6:45)
Wayne Frey, Vice Chair
Steven Wolf
David Dempster
Hersch Sangster

Council Liaison/Staff Present:

Councilor Dan Kohler
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder
Sgt. David LeDay, Police Department
Mike Griffin, Public Works - Streets

Absent:

Jamie Davis
One position vacant

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

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: None

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES/INFORMATION: Committee members reviewed possible areas that could be considered for grant requests. Information was provided to each. Seven possibilities were discussed:

- 1) *River Road North at Lockhaven to High Street Northeast, Salem.*
- 2) *River Road North at Lockhaven to Salem Parkway Bike Path* – Using Dearborn, Noren, and Keizer Road as access. Discussion: Might also qualify for Safe Routes to School funding. No improvement would be necessary for Dearborn west of Verda. Route would be Dearborn to Noren, past Keizer elementary School, onto Keizer Road to the Parkway.
- 3) *Salem Parkway to C-TEC on Portland Road in Salem (Connecting Keizer to education facilities)* Discussion: Most of the project is in Salem and Salem has just done major upgrading on Portland Road.
- 4) *Salem Parkway to Chemeketa Community College (Connecting Keizer to education facilities)* Discussion: Most of the project is in Salem. There is a conflict with the railroad tunnel.

- 5) *Salem Parkway to Center 50+ (Critical link to services for seniors)* Discussion: Most of the project is in Salem. The Parkway bike path is under ODOT jurisdiction.
- 6) *Claggett Middle School to Dearborn by bike (Critical link)*. Discussion: Possible boardwalk in wetland area, would provide access to 3 parks and 2 schools. Sidewalks needed. Possible Safe Routes to School project. High pedestrian traffic but no pedestrian crashes in the area. Partner with Southeast Keizer Neighborhood Association.
- 7) *Tepper Lane Northeast to Keizer Station Boulevard by bike*. Discussion: This would connect Gubser neighborhood at Tepper Lane. Short project, very little traffic, safe for cyclists and pedestrians but pedestrian crossings are needed in that area. Project would involve signage, crossings, and/or warning devices. This project would provide connection to Salem and ultimately to Monmouth and beyond. Gubser neighborhood might want to provide input.

Letters of intent are due October 31. Discussion followed regarding the city match for the grant, funding sources and timing.

David Dempster moved to request permission from Council to submit a letter of intent for Project #2: River Road North at Lockhaven to Salem Parkway Bike Path (Dearborn to Noren, past Keizer Elementary School, onto Keizer Road to the Parkway). Steven Wolf seconded. Motion passed as follows: Frey, Dempster, Sangster and Wolf in favor with Davis and DeBlasi absent and one position vacant.

David Dempster moved to request permission from Council to submit a letter of intent for Project #7: Tepper Lane Northeast to Keizer Station Boulevard (signage, crossings and/or warning devices). Steven Wolf seconded. Motion passed as follows: Frey, Dempster, Sangster and Wolf in favor with Davis and DeBlasi absent and one position vacant.

Wayne Frey and David Dempster will take these requests to Council. Steve Wolf and Hersch Sangster will contact the Greater Gubser and Southeast Keizer Neighborhood Associations respectively for input.

PROJECT REPORTS:

Michael DeBlasi – No report.

Wayne Frey – ODOT Community Path Program: Discussed under ‘Grant Opportunities/Information’.

Jamie Davis – No report.

Steven Wolf – *City-wide Missing Link/Neighborhood Connectivity*: Public Works provided him with a comprehensive sidewalk inventory for Keizer and he will be studying that and have a report for the next meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT: None

STAFF REPORT: Mike Griffin reported that the County is out striping streets before the winter rains begin. This is being done twice a year now. Stormwater is cleaning trouble spots around town.

POLICE LIAISON REPORT: Sgt. LeDay reported that the Police Department was awarded \$20,000 in grants for overtime for Distracted Driving, Seatbelt, DUI and Speed enforcement. Explanation provided on use of hand held devices while operating a vehicle.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Kohler reported that the Order of the Arrow had helped with the Wallace House Park cleanup. Hersch Sangster thanked him for his donation to the helmet fund.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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

Minutes Approved: 11-12-20