



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

**Thursday, January 14, 2021
Keizer City Council Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER

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

Present:

Michael DeBlasi, Chair
Wayne Frey, Vice Chair
Steven Wolf
David Dempster
Hersch Sangster
Rick Kuehn

Council Liaison/Staff Present:

Councilor Ross Day
Sgt. David LeDay, Police Department
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

Absent:

Jamie Davis
Mike Griffin, Public Works - Streets

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR: Mike DeBlasi and Hersch Sangster were elected by unanimous consent as Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

WELCOME TO RICK KUEHN: Mr. Kuehn introduced himself, highlighting his qualifications to be on the Committee. Chair DeBlasi also welcomed the new Council Liaison, Ross Day.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Hersch Sangster moved for approval of the November 2020 Minutes. Steven Wolf seconded. Motion passed as follows: DeBlasi, Frey, Dempster, Sangster and Wolf in favor with Kuehn abstaining and Davis absent.

REVIEW/UPDATE OF ROSTER: Changes/corrections were made.

COMMITTEE CITIZEN TRANSPORTATION SURVEY: Chair DeBlasi provided information about survey methods and results. Committee questioned the purpose of a survey, the possibility of other surveys being available to use, and formation of a subgroup to develop a survey. Chair DeBlasi indicated that the survey would be to determine if there was something the public desires that Public Works is not aware of. Committee suggested that he contact Public Works Director Bill Lawyer to see what he would like on a survey and if he would support this.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: None

INDEPENDENCE SIDEWALK PROGRAM: Chair DeBlasi reported that he had reached out to the Willamette Resource Partners to see if there is something similar in Marion County. Willamette Workforce Partnership and C-TEC were suggested by committee

members. Discussion followed regarding the program and approaching C-TEC to see if they have a program that would fit. Chair DeBlasi indicated the he would follow up with this and report back at the next meeting.

PROJECT REPORTS:

Wayne Frey – ODOT Community Path Program: It will be another 18 months before the cycle opens. A possible plan would be connecting the Keizer Station Bikeway and the Salem Bikeway.

Chair DeBlasi indicated that he had not heard back from the Corps of Engineers regarding putting in a boardwalk behind Weddle Middle School.

Steven Wolf – City-wide Missing Link/Neighborhood Connectivity: Reminded committee members that he had shared an inventory of sidewalks at the last meeting and suggested that he might go to individual neighborhood associations to solicit input and get their view on what they see the priorities to be.

Mike DeBlasi – ODOT Sidewalk Inventory: Suggested that a Sidewalk Condition Inventory be done. David Dempster volunteered to work on this.

Hersch Sangster – Bicycle Friendly Designation: Provided history for the benefit of new members. Will go to next Council meeting to get permission to reapply and hope for a higher designation. Application should be out in late March and Steven Wolf has agreed to help with it.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT:

Steven Wolf praised Public Works for their speedy response to flooding on Tepper Lane and reported on the recent Planning Commission meeting.

David Dempster reported that e-scooter accidents happen over 5 times more than bicycle accidents.

Hersch Sangster reported that he hoped to have more events with children when school starts again, he would be attending the ODOT Traffic Safety Annual meeting as the cycling representative, and shared information about the Monster Cookie Ride. He noted that the pedestrian island at the end of Cherry has been removed so now pedestrians are rerouted to Sam Orcutt to cross the street. His inquiries about this have not been responded to. Salem suggested that he use 'Ask ODOT' on the internet.

Mike DeBlasi noted that several people from ODOT have indicated that they would be willing to attend a Traffic Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrian Committee meeting. He suggested they be invited.

Wayne Frey announced that he had ridden his bike over 6,000 miles in 2020.

STAFF REPORT/ POLICE LIAISON REPORT: None

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Day reported that Council decided to leave the decision on whether to meet virtually or in person up to the individual committees.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Change of Meeting Day to Third Thursday.** Staff explained that this would allow the Volunteer Coordinating Committee to meet on the second Thursday so that all their members could attend. David Dempster moved that the Traffic Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrian Committee move its meeting day to the third Thursday of each month. Hersch Sangster seconded. Motion passed as follows: DeBlasi, Frey, Dempster, Sangster, Kuehn and Wolf in favor with Davis absent.
- **Ratification by Motion of Chair Decision for Tonight's In-Person meeting.** David Dempster moved to ratify the Chair's decision to meet in person for tonight's meeting. Hersch Sangster seconded. Motion passed as follows: DeBlasi, Frey, Dempster, Sangster, Kuehn and Wolf in favor with Davis absent.
- **Next Meeting: February 18, 2021 *Virtual or In-Person?*** Hersch Sangster moved to hold the February meeting in person barring any regulation to the contrary. David Dempster seconded. Motion passed as follows: DeBlasi, Frey, Dempster, Sangster, Kuehn and Wolf in favor with Davis absent.
- **Planning Commission/Council Report:** Hersch Sangster volunteered to report to Council and monitor the February 8 Planning Commission meeting.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ February 18, 2021, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 02-18-21