



**KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Thursday, February 18, 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
Steven Wolf
Hersch Sangster
Rick Kuehn
Jamie Davis

Council Liaison/Staff Present:

Mike Griffin, Public Works - Streets
Tracy Davis, City Recorder

Absent:

Wayne Frey, Vice Chair
David Dempster
Councilor Ross Day
Sgt. David LeDay, Police Department

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Steven Wolf moved for approval of the January 2021 Minutes. Hersch Sangster seconded. Motion passed as follows: DeBlasi, Wolf, Sangster, and Kuehn in favor with Davis abstaining and Dempster and Frey absent.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS - Hidden Creek Estates Parking Complaint: Mike Griffin reported that Monday night Council had approved a no parking zone for this area. Markings will be placed as soon as possible.

COMMITTEE CITIZEN TRANSPORTATION SURVEY: Chair DeBlasi reported that he had talked to Bill Lawyer who indicated that when the committee develops a survey staff can put it on the website. He added that the Wheatland Road Corridor survey is on the website now. Mr. Sangster noted that Council was supportive as long as it was budget neutral. Following discussion on the importance of developing a survey that would result in action being taken, using a survey to gather information and funding, and who would develop the questions for the survey, committee agreed to wait for the results from the Wheatland survey to proceed.

INDEPENDENCE SIDEWALK PROGRAM: Chair DeBlasi shared information he had learned about the Willamette Workforce Partnership noting that the first step for the committee would be to get approval from Council to participate in a youth-related sidewalk program. Discussion followed regarding similar programs at C-TECH, liability and supervision.

PROJECT REPORTS:

Steven Wolf – City-wide Missing Link/Neighborhood Connectivity: Working on outreach to the community.

Mike DeBlasi – ODOT Sidewalk Inventory: Reported that he had received a response from the Corps of Engineers regarding the wetlands near Claggett Creek indicating that it might be possible to mitigate the wetlands there if there was a safety hazard. He will look into it further and come up with a conceptual plan to show them. It was suggested that he contact the Claggett Creek Watershed Council about this before proceeding further.

Hersch Sangster – Bicycle Friendly Designation: Application availability has been delayed until April. Submissions will be due in late August.

Jamie Davis: Safe Routes to School and Other Grants: Program is on 'Pause' pending opening of in-person schooling. Hersch Sangster reported on the Safe Routes to School webinar he had attended noting that plans are being made for when the children come back to in-person schooling such as a helmet event, a bicycle swap meet, etc. It is still too early to make definite plans.

Discussion took place regarding opportunities for improvements to bike lanes and areas around schools and having a committee member attend school district or PTA meetings.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Hersch Sangster provided a summary of the meeting noting that it consisted of a presentation by a consultant for a 20-year estimate of available buildable land in Keizer and housing needs. Steven Wolf and Chair DeBlasi provided additional information.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT:

Jamie Davis questioned who was in charge of maintaining electrical lines, particularly where trees might damage them. Mike Griffin explained that the utility companies evaluate and trim trees annually and that most new electric lines are under ground.

Hersch Sangster shared information regarding the Monster Cookie Ride and thanked Loren's Sanitation for their \$150 donation to the bicycle helmet fund.

Mike DeBlasi reported that the Cherriotts webinar for the Salem-Albany bus route was postponed to March 3 at 6 p.m. He urged everyone to help neighbors in need during the power outage and to replant trees that may have been cut down due to ice damage.

Steven Wolf urged everyone to be prepared for emergencies like the recent ice storm and commended everyone for their timely response and getting things up and running.

STAFF REPORT: Mike Griffin reported that the Keizer Little League fields are open to all Keizer residents to drop off yard debris and Public Works has been busy cleaning up the streets. He thanked Loren's for their assistance with this and Salem Electric for loaning crews their chipper and urged the public to contact the City to report dangerous limbs.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Next Meeting: March 18, 2021 *Virtual or In-Person?*** Committee agreed by consensus to hold the March meeting in person.
- **Planning Commission/Council Report:** Michael DeBlasi will report to Council and monitor the March 10 Planning Commission meeting.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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

Minutes Approved: 03-18-21