



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

**Thursday, March 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
Wayne Frey, Vice Chair (6:06)
Steven Wolf
Hersch Sangster
Rick Kuehn
Jamie Davis

Council Liaison/Staff Present:

Mike Griffin, Public Works – Streets
Sgt. David LeDay, Police Department
Ross Day, Councilor
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

Absent:

David Dempster

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

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS - None

COMMITTEE CITIZEN TRANSPORTATION SURVEY: Hersch Sangster reported that the Wheatland Road Multi-Modal Corridor survey is still open; 40 responses have been received. There will be another more specific one when the information is compiled from this survey. The consultant has received input via phone contacts, door-to-door contacts and business, church and school contacts.

INDEPENDENCE SIDEWALK PROGRAM: Chair DeBlasi reported that had not heard back from Dean regarding paperwork and liability but hoped to have that information for the next meeting.

PROJECT REPORTS:

Steven Wolf – City-wide Missing Link/Neighborhood Connectivity. Will be attending West Keizer Neighborhood Association and South East Keizer Neighborhood Association meetings to find out what sort of projects they would like to see and perhaps access any resources they might have. He will share the list of projects that the committee has developed along with projects included in the existing Transportation System Plan. Committee discussed the GIS map received from Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments. Staff was asked to print one out and mount it on poster board for use at the neighborhood association meetings.

Mike DeBlasi – ODOT Sidewalk Inventory: Reported that the sidewalk inventory will be postponed pending information received at the neighborhood association meetings.

Hersch Sangster – Bicycle Friendly Designation: Application availability delayed until April. Submissions will be due in late August. **Helmet Program:** Valley Recycling donated \$200. There are several small size helmets in the inventory but larger sizes should be purchased.

Jamie Davis: Safe Routes to School and Other Grants: Program is on 'Pause' pending opening of in-person school.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Jamie Davis reported that the Commission had discussed their work plan for the coming year.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT:

Mike DeBlasi:

- Reported that he had watched some AARP webinars on Community Engagement and Engineer Solutions and Strategies for Safe Routes to School and thought they were very relevant. He will forward links to committee members.
- Urged committee members to open a link he had sent out regarding why speed and safety are not compatible.
- Brought attention to the Safe Routes to School poster contest.

Hersch Sangster reported that

- The Safe Routes to School Coordinator would like to hold a Bike Skills Fair or similar event in in the fall at the Community Center in partnership with the Police Department.
- The bike repair station received from Salem Transit is still in his garage awaiting installation at Kennedy Elementary School, but, since that hasn't happened he would like to have it put at Keizer Rapids Park which was the Committee's second choice when discussed last year. If the school district indicates that they would like one at Kennedy in the future, the committee can fundraise to buy another. Committee supported this.
- Monster Cookie Ride is August 29 and will begin and end at Keizer Rapids Park. It is 62 miles long. A 'Mini-Cookie' Ride will take place as well for younger/less experienced riders. It will be 6.2 miles long – to Wallace House Park and back.
- Family bike rides start up in April on Thursdays starting at Cummings Elementary School.

STAFF REPORT: Mike Griffin reported that ice storm damage repair is almost complete. The Keizer Little League fields dump site is now closed.

POLICE REPORT: Sgt. LeDay reported the following national statistics for 2020:

- 42,060 people died in vehicle crashes in 2020, an 8% increase over 2019 and the first jump in four years.
- The fatality rate per 100 million miles driven spiked 24%, the largest annual percentage increase since the council began collecting data in 1923.
- Last year's deaths were the most since 2007 when 43,945 people were killed in vehicle crashes.

- The safety council estimates that 4.8 million people were injured in crashes last year.
- Federal data shows that Americans drove 13% fewer miles last year, or roughly 2.8 trillion miles yet still the increase.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Next Meeting: April 15, 2021 *In-Person***
- **Planning Commission/Council Report:** Wayne Frey will report to Council and monitor the April 14 Planning Commission meeting.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ April 15, 2021, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 04-15-21