



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

**Thursday, April 15, 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
Rick Kuehn
Jamie Davis

Council Liaison/Staff Present:

Mike Griffin, Public Works – Streets
Ross Day, Councilor
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

Absent:

Hersch Sangster

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION: Larry Jackson from the Volunteer Coordinating Committee thanked committee members for their dedication and commitment to the City and distributed cookies as a token of appreciation.

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

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS - None

WHEATLAND ROAD MULTI-MODAL CORRIDOR SURVEY - No report.

INDEPENDENCE SIDEWALK PROGRAM: Chair DeBlasi reported that had not heard back from Dean regarding paperwork and liability so reached out to another person but he has not heard back from her either.

PROJECT REPORTS:

Wayne Frey – ODOT Community Path Program: Deadline for this year has passed. Possible projects for next cycle would be a boardwalk from Claggett Middle School to Claggett Creek Park or connectivity from Keizer Station to Country Glen Park. Discussion followed regarding restrictions related to wetlands. Chair DeBlasi noted that he had been in contact with the Corps of Engineers regarding using their easement. They seemed to be open for discussion.

Steven Wolf – City-wide Missing Link/Neighborhood Connectivity: Has met with Southeast Keizer Neighborhood Association and West Keizer Neighborhood Association to share committee projects and plans. SEKNA asked about street inventories that could be studied and availability of accident reports by neighborhood to

identify danger spots. Mike Griffin responded that the Pavement Condition Index document that rates the streets in the city is a useful tool. He indicated that he would forward that to the Committee. Chair DeBlasi suggested Mr. Wolf contact Mcrae Carmichael with Safe Routes to School to follow up on safe routes to school areas.

Mike DeBlasi – ODOT Sidewalk Inventory: Reported that the sidewalk inventory will be postponed pending information received from the Wheatland Corridor Study.

Hersch Sangster – Bicycle Friendly Designation: Absent. No report. **Helmet Program:** Mike Griffin reported that helmets were ordered and should be delivered soon.

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

David Dempster & Rick Kuehn - Sidewalk Grant Research: No grants available.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Wayne Frey reported that the Commission had reviewed text amendments to the Development Code related to the River-Cherry Overlay District. Amendments included deletion of the Infill Development Standards, removing restrictions to development and reducing parking requirements in the District.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT:

Rick Keuhn: Volunteered to serve on the Transportation System Plan Update Committee when that is formed. Councilor Day explained that it might be an assessment rather than an update. Staff has applied for a grant. Results will be published in October.

Mike DeBlasi: Announced the upcoming Oregon Active Transportation Summit event and shared information about the Get Check app that records traffic stops and shows documentation to police.

Steve Wolf reported that SEKNA had asked him about possible traffic calming devices at Brooks/Alder, Alder/Cherry and Manbrin/Cherry intersections. Jamie Davis noted that she had seen several cases where children crossing the street were not seen by drivers and suggested that these intersections might be good candidates for the pedestrian flag program. She volunteered to report to Council and submit a written report to Councilor Day for Council.

David Dempster noted that elderly drivers should have their driving skills 'refreshed' and suggested that perhaps newspaper articles would be appropriate. Staff interjected that AARP offers classes at the Senior Center. Participants automatically get a reduction in insurance premiums.

STAFF REPORT: Mike Griffin reported that the bike repair station has been installed in Keizer Rapids Park and that bids will be coming in on the 22nd for refreshing pavement marking legends. Another project out for bids is upgrading curb ramps in town in preparation for resurfacing local streets. Chair DeBlasi asked if bumper strips could be placed on bike lane stripes to give cyclists more 'cushion'.

POLICE REPORT: Sgt. LeDay absent – no report.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Day shared information about the upcoming Council meeting and explained that he and Councilor Kohler are working on a training program to help everyone be effective committee members and chairs. He anticipates that the first training will be in September with another in October. Staff shared information about City website committee pages that include information about each individual committee, parliamentary procedure, committee protocol and a training video done by the City Attorney in 2007.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Next Meeting: May 20, 2021 *In-Person***
- **Planning Commission/Council Report:** Michael DeBlasi will report to Council on May 3 and monitor the May 19 Planning Commission meeting.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ May 20, 2021, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 05-20-21