



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

**Thursday, August 19, 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
David Dempster
Rick Kuehn
Hersch Sangster

Absent:

Steven Wolf
Jamie Davis

Council Liaison/Staff Present:

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

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

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

Tammy Kunz asked that sidewalks be installed on Keizer Road between Chemawa and Verda so that children have a safe route to school, complained that the sidewalk on the south side of Lockhaven from Verda to River is in need of repair and unsafe for wheelchair use and asked that speed limits be enforced. Chair DeBlasi indicated that the committee is working on identifying sidewalk gaps and insufficiencies. David Dempster explained that property owners are responsible for the sidewalks adjacent to their property and urged Ms. Kunz to contact Code Enforcement with the specific sidewalk complaint to have it remedied. Sgt. LeDay urged Ms. Kunz to report the location, time of day and days of the week that have the most excessive speeding traffic so that he can assign someone to the area.

DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION FOR RED LIGHT CAMERAS

Carolyn Holman voiced support for installation on red light cameras and shared details about an accident she experienced on Sunset and River Road when a driver ran the red light.

Carolyn Doerfler read written testimony from *Martin Doerfler* which requested red light cameras and suggested that the Police use decibel meters to check noise levels and give citations for loud vehicles.

Carolyn Doerfler noted that Salem, Portland, Beaverton and Woodburn use red light cameras.

Sgt. LeDay explained that he has tried to get red light cameras in the past. It is a private enterprise called RedFlex and they get 25% of the revenue from the citations. The company has, however, determined that there are not enough violations in Keizer to make it worth their while to install the cameras. He explained that there have been a total of 22 crashes in the past 5 years at signal lights. Only 5 of those have been related to speed. Other cities using RedFlex have indicated that the majority of the violations are drivers not stopping for a right turn.

Lengthy discussion followed regarding options for alleviating speeding and running red lights such as putting out signs that show the cost of a citation, placing reader boards to caution drivers, offering free or low-cost educational programs at City Hall or neighborhood association meetings to re-educate drivers, postings on the City website and Facebook pages and in the newspaper. Sgt. LeDay noted that there are educational postings on the Police website.

Councilor Day suggested that the committee do some research into the cost and efficiency of these ideas before going to Council with any suggestions. Chair DeBlasi indicated that he would research the cost and programmability of renting a reader board and the cost of printing/installing signs.

SIDEWALK CONNECTIVITY – Priorities after review of GIS Maps

Chair DeBlasi announced that Safe Routes to School has Project Identification grants available. He noted that perhaps if the City applied for the grant and was successful they would be more likely to receive a construction grant. Committee members indicated that they wanted to learn more about this and suggested that perhaps the SRTS coordinator, McRea Carmichael, and Heidi Manlove with ODOT would be willing to attend a meeting and provide additional information.

MONSTER COOKIE BICYCLE SAFETY/HELMET GIVEAWAY BOOTH

David Dempster volunteered to serve in the booth to give out safety information and fit helmets. Hersch Sangster provided additional details.

PROJECT REPORTS:

Hersch Sangster – *Bicycle Friendly Designation/Helmet Program*: Deadline missed. Will try again next year.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Meeting focused on Code changes. No traffic issues discussed.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT:

Rick Kuehn suggested that a map of Traffic System Plan projects (Tables 5.1 and 5.2) that are planned but have not been completed be superimposed on the GIS maps that were given to the committee last month.

STAFF REPORT: No Report

POLICE REPORT: No report.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: No report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Commission/Council Report: Hersch Sangster will report to Council on September 7. September Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ September 16, 2021, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 09-16-21