



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

**Thursday, September 16, 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
Jamie Davis

Absent:

Steven Wolf

Council Liaison/Staff Present:

David LeDay, Police
Mike Griffin, Streets & Stormwater
Ross Day, Councilor
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

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

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

Carol Doerfler, Keizer, requested that some of the ARPA funds be used for safety improvements such as pedestrian islands and lights, radar trailers that can issue tickets, signage at city entrances and neighborhoods saying that speed limits are radar enforced, connecting sidewalks especially near and around schools, and decibel meters to enforce noise ordinances.

Carolyn Holman, Keizer, echoed Ms. Doerfler's testimony, asked that crumbling sidewalks be repaired and suggested that a matching grant program be set up with some of the ARPA funds to assist homeowners in the repair of their sidewalks. She also suggested purchasing signs that remind people to slow down.

Councilor Day explained that ARPA funds need to be allocated by 12/24 and spent by 12/26; Council supports exploring use of matching funds or partnering with other communities to get the greatest impact of the funds and public input will be solicited.

DEVELOPMENT OF REPORT TO COUNCIL – Public Education/Reader

Board/Signage: Chair DeBlasi reported that Highway Specialties rents reader board signs for \$130/day or \$1300/month. Sgt. LeDay added that purchase price is \$18,000-\$25,000. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of getting speed limit signs with solar powered panels that measure and display speed of oncoming traffic with Sgt. LeDay indicating that these are effective. Committee members discussed the need for planning a presentation to the Budget Committee in order to have funds set aside for these, possible locations, the need for two in each location (both traffic directions), and the cost. Additional discussion took place regarding bus pullouts, narrower streets and

wider sidewalks, buses as traffic calming devices, grants, Safe Routes to School signs around schools, and school crossings.

Chair DeBlasi volunteered to send a letter to the City Manager from the Committee asking for a list of the top five streets with speeding violations over the past 3 years so that the Committee could request speed limit signs with solar powered panels that measure and display speed of oncoming traffic for these streets.

Hersch Sangster volunteered to invite Safe Routes to School Coordinator, McRea Carmichael and ODOT Program Manager Heidi Manlove to the October committee meeting.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT IDENTIFICATION GRANT - McRea Carmichael and Heidi Manlove: Postponed to October meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: September meeting cancelled.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT:

Hersch Sangster reported on the Monster Cookie and Mini-Monster Cookie Rides, thanked the Keizer Police and Public Works for their assistance, and asked David Dempster to submit a donation request to the Salem Bike Club for \$200 for the Helmet Program. Councilor Day volunteered to match the \$200 for the Helmet Program as well. Committee members then discussed the possibility of partnering with neighborhood associations to organize more short, safe rides for less experienced riders.

Rick Kuehn suggested that yellow/black chevron signs be placed on the westbound curve on Chemawa that is experiencing cars running onto private property noting that they would be better than the pile of rocks presently in place. He also reported that he had visited the projects on the Traffic¹ System Plan and only three have been completed. He explained that he had compiled a list and asked staff to share it with the committee via email.

David Dempster reported that following a complaint about speeding traffic on Tepper, he visited the site and did not see a single car on the road for the time he was there. He suggested walkers who experienced speeding traffic get the license numbers and report them to the police. Sgt. LeDay indicated that the Police would then chat with the offenders. He added that Tepper is now an area of concentration for the Police. Complaints have not been made in the past, but with the increased development, it looks like there is a need to patrol the area.

STAFF REPORT: Mike Griffin reported that catch basins and manholes have been checked and the ones in need will be cleaned out; Windsor Island Road from Chemawa to Lockhaven is in bad shape so some digouts will be done starting Thursday in preparation for paving next summer. This work should be completed by October 10-11.

POLICE REPORT: No report.

¹ Corrected to 'Transportation' prior to approval

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Day expressed appreciation for the Monster Cookie Ride and voiced the hope that it would happen from Keizer Rapids Park again next year.

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Commission/Council Report: Mike DeBlasi will report to Council on October 4. Jamie Davis will monitor the October 13 Planning Commission meeting.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ October 21, 2021, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 10-21-21