



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

**Thursday, October 21, 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  
Hersch Sangster  
Jamie Davis

**Council Liaison/Staff Present:**

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

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

**APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS**

**SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT IDENTIFICATION GRANT - McRea**

**Carmichael:** Postponed to November meeting.

**ODOT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS - Mike Jaffe:** Postponed to November meeting.

**CUMMINGS LANE – Sidewalks & Zero Right of Way Discussion:** Committee members discussed the safety of children on the walkway and parked cars. Carol Doerfler reported that area residents are monitoring the area now that children are going to in-person school. She indicated that there might be a car or two parked there but the children are getting around them safely and even McNary students are using the pathway. She indicated that at the present time there does not appear to be a need to post No Parking signs and that the West Keizer Neighborhood Association will continue to monitor the area.

**SKATS PROJECT SOLICITATION –** Committee members reviewed the information in the packet and discussed deadlines and priorities. Sgt. LeDay shared the top five areas that might benefit from speed signs with LED flashing lights: Dearborn NE, Alder Drive NE, McLeod Lane NE, Cummings Lane N, Verda Lane NE between Chemawa and Lockhaven and possibly Dearborn N and Mandarin Street NE. Jamie Davis suggested that sidewalk connectivity be included in the request as well. She volunteered to contact Mayor Clark to learn more about the possibility of applying for SKATS grants and if

appropriate to draft a memo sharing the committee safety concerns. David Dempster suggested that sidewalk improvements on the east side of Verda between Dearborn and Chemawa be added to the priority list since it is a route to school and should be made safer than it currently is. Additional discussion took place regarding grant application timing, the need to have priorities in final form for use in applying for grants, and the need to share these priorities with Council and to inform them that the committee will be looking for funding sources.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Jamie Davis reported that the Planning Commission discussed House Bill 2001 and its impact on the Keizer Development Code, development of the property on the west side of Verda between Dearborn and Chemawa, construction status of Chick-Fil-A and the opening of 7-11.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT:**

**Steven Wolf** noted that one of the responsibilities of the committee is to develop and maintain a Master Bikeway Plan and questioned if this had been done. Hersch Sangster responded that it had been done.

**Mike DeBlasi** expressed the desire that the committee be informed of new projects and allowed to provide recommendations and questioned if the committee wanted to pursue the possibility of installation of pedestrian islands on the city's arterials. Committee members were reluctant to support these due to the cost of purchasing right of way and the potential of hindering emergency vehicle traffic. Sgt. LeDay added that pedestrian fatalities in Keizer have almost all been DUI related and there are not many long areas on River Road that would benefit by the pedestrian islands. Chair DeBlasi disagreed noting that he felt that River, Lockhaven, Cherry, Chemawa and Dearborn would benefit from pedestrian islands. Several committee members suggested that serving the majority (i.e. cars) is the priority on River Road ~~and other arterials~~<sup>1</sup>.

**David Dempster** complained that cars cutting corners at intersections and drifting into bike lanes are wearing off the paint on the pavement. He suggested that flexible bollards be placed on corners to prevent cars from cutting through bike lanes.

**Hersch Sangster** announced that the committee should plan more bike helmet fittings and a bike skills fair this spring and suggested that a crosswalk be put on Lockhaven at the McNary High School entrance because students are crossing there and it is dangerous. Sgt. LeDay suggested that this would be an appropriate place for a pedestrian safety island. Rick Kuehn suggested that the crosswalk be placed between McNary and Keizer Elementary.

**STAFF REPORT:** Mike Griffin reported that Knife River had completed the project on Windsor Island Road in preparation for paving this summer.

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<sup>1</sup> Correction made at 11/18/21 meeting.

**POLICE REPORT:** Sgt. LeDay reported that the Department had received four grants for overtime for enforcement of seatbelt, DUI, speed and distracted driving to be done October 1 through December 30.

**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:** Councilor Day reported that Chick-Fil-A is getting close to groundbreaking, Monday Council will have a work session with the Long Range Planning Task Force to discuss possible uses for the ARPA funds, and he expects to offer volunteer training to all City committees in March or April.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Planning Commission/Council Report:** Wayne Frey will report to Council on November 1 and monitor the November 10 Planning Commission meeting.

**ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

***Next Scheduled Meeting ~ November 18, 2021, 6 p.m.***

*Minutes Approved: 11-18-21*