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TRAFFIC SAFETY/BIKEWAYS/PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE AGENDA Thursday, January 14, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR
3. WELCOME TO RICK KUEHN
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 2020
5. REVIEW/UPDATE OF ROSTER
6. COMMITTEE CITIZEN TRANSPORTATION SURVEY – Does Committee want to pursue this? https://www.strongtowns.org/journal/2020/12/10/best-of-2020-stop-asking-the-public-what-they-want?utm_campaign=121620+Wednesday+Jab+-+General+List&utm_medium=email&utm_source=autopilot
<https://www.strongtowns.org/journal/most-public-engagement-is-worse-than-worthless>
7. INDEPENDENCE SIDEWALK PROGRAM
8. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS
9. PROJECT REPORTS
 - **Wayne Frey:** ODOT Community Path Program
 - **Steven Wolf:** Citywide Missing Links/Neighborhood Connectivity
 - **Mike DeBlasi:** ODOT Sidewalk Inventory | NACTO Discussion
 - **Hersch Sangster:** Bicycle Friendly Designation
 - **Jamie Davis:** Safe Routes to School and Other Grants
 - **David Dempster:** Sidewalk Grant Research
 - **Rick Kuehn:** Sidewalk Grant Research
10. COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT
11. STAFF REPORT ~ *Mike Griffin*
12. POLICE LIAISON REPORT ~ *David LeDay*
13. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT – *Ross Day*
14. OTHER BUSINESS
 - Ratification by Motion of Chair Decision for Tonight's In-Person meeting
 - **NEXT MEETING:** February 11, 2021 **Virtual or In-Person?**
15. ADJOURN

Reporting to Council: Steven Wolf, Tuesday January 19 (Monday is a holiday)

Attending Planning Commission: Hersch Sangster, Monday, February 8
(Joint work session with Council on Housing Needs)



**KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Thursday, November 12, 2020
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
Hersch Sangster
Jamie Davis

Council Liaison/Staff Present:

Councilor Dan Kohler
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

Absent:

One position vacant
Sgt. David LeDay, Police Department
Mike Griffin, Public Works - Streets

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: David Dempster moved for approval of the October 2020 Minutes. Hersch Sangster seconded. Motion passed as follows: DeBlasi, Frey, Dempster, Sangster and Wolf in favor with Davis abstaining and one position vacant.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: None

CANCELLATION OF DECEMBER MEETING: Members agreed by consensus to cancel the December meeting.

PROJECT REPORTS:

Wayne Frey – *ODOT Community Path Program*: Met with Public Works Director Bill Lawyer before the Council meeting and was informed that neither project would be a good candidate for the grant. Mentioned the other projects to Council for informational purposes only but did not request permission to submit a letter of intent. Possible alternative plan would be connecting the Keizer Station Bikeway and the Salem Bikeway. Lengthy discussion followed on the process of applying and the location of the proposed connection path.

Chair DeBlasi suggested that the committee consider a pathway to Weddle Middle School near Alder as a possible grant project. He volunteered to check with the Corps of Engineers on this since they have an interest in the property.

Steven Wolf – *City-wide Missing Link/Neighborhood Connectivity*: Referred to handouts and reviewed. Asked committee members to consider if they wanted to develop a timeline or plan on how to move forward. Councilor Kohler interjected that the City is focusing on sidewalks and streetlights.

Mike DeBlasi – Chair DeBlasi suggested that sidewalks incorporate some type of street crossing/narrowing to make them safer for pedestrians and that perhaps NACTO standards could be incorporated. He suggested perhaps ‘Safe Routes to Parks’ and ‘Parks/Activating Communities’ grants could be explored as well. Perhaps one of those grants could fund the pathway from Weddle Elementary School through Northridge Park to the apartments behind Waremart. He indicated that he would get a copy of the application and begin working on it so that it would be ready for the next round.

Following discussion on how to be included in street/sidewalk decisions Committee members agreed to take turns attending pertinent Planning Commission meetings, depending on what was on the agenda. They also agreed that they would take turns reporting to Council. Assignments will be placed on the agenda each month.

Jamie Davis – Will be in contact with McRae Carmichael on January 7 to see if she has anything on the horizon for Keizer that might be combined with other grant opportunities. Hersch Sangster interjected that there will be a Zoom meeting on November 17. He will send Jamie the links.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT:

David Dempster reported that he had filled out the ODOT Transportation Safety Survey but that nowhere on it was a way suggesting the reduction of motorists and encouraging the use of public transportation.

Hersch Sangster reported that he had filled out the survey as well and would be attending the Safe Routes to School zoom meeting. He will go back to Council for permission to re-apply for the ‘Bicycle Friendly City’ designation. Forms are supposed to be available after the first of the year with deadline for submission in August. Monster Cookie Ride will be held in June instead of April. Salem-Keizer Transit is in negotiations with Albany to begin a Salem-Albany route.

Wayne Frey shared information of virtual bike rides.

STAFF REPORT/ POLICE LIAISON REPORT: None

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Kohler reported that the committee will have a new liaison in January, voiced support for committee members reporting in person to Council, shared information about parking lot improvements at Claggett Creek Park and announced that the State has agreed to fund signage on the Salem Parkway Bike Trail.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ January 14, 2021, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: _____

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 9th, 2020

RE: Community Services Consortium, Polk Youth Program

Media contact: Karla Garrett | kgarrett@communityservices.us | 541-704-7650

CSC Youth Project with Local Partners Reconstructs Residential Sidewalks in Independence

Independence, OR - This week, a team of **youth** from the [Community Services Consortium \(CSC\)](#) Polk County **Workforce & Education** program finished reconstructing a 75' x 5' strip of residential sidewalk, under the supervision of experienced staff and owners from [Allied Concrete and Drilling](#). This is the first in an on-going series of reduced-cost sidewalk projects for Independence homeowners as part of a collaborative initiative between CSC, the [City of Independence](#), [Willamette Workforce Partnership](#) and Allied Concrete and Drilling.

The sidewalk project is not only **valuable work and educational experience for the CSC** program students, and support of a local business, Allied Concrete and Drilling, but is also an opportunity for City of Independence homeowners to have their broken sidewalk fixed for a fraction of the cost, as they only have to pay for the concrete and avoid the highest expense, labor. As a win, win, win, this project has been celebrated by many and is already in plans to be mirrored in other nearby towns and counties.

The youth involved in the project, **Damion** Dritchas, Jamaika Quiring and Peter Orozco were lead by CSC Crew Leader, Nichole Rose, and worked long hours for multiple days with the owners and staff from Allied Concrete and Drilling. During this time, they were trained in the steps of removing, framing, pouring and finishing sidewalk.

The CSC Polk County Youth Program has provided hundreds of local students with opportunities to learn a wide breadth of skills through hands-on alternative education. Some of the topics of focus include **GED test preparation, career path trainings, like this project, gardening, culinary skills, 3D printing, laser cutting, entrepreneurship & marketing training, college preparation, financial literacy, resume' development and more.**

“[These] students are walking away with the first step in job skills to go out and get a family wage and meet a workforce need”, said John McArdle, Mayor of the City of Independence, regarding this collaborative project. “This is a victory, not just for us, but for other places throughout the region that will benefit from programs like this.” McArdle concluded.

With the successful completion of this first project in the series, **CSC will** proceed to provide this service for **more youth** and families across **Polk County.**

For more information about Community Services Consortium and their youth programs, visit the [CSC website](#). For more information about Allied Concrete and Drilling, visit their [website](#) or call (503) 623-7911.

From: Shawn Irvine <irvine.shawn@ci.independence.or.us>
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 10:07 AM
To: John McArdle <mcardle.john@ci.independence.or.us>
Cc: Tom Pessemier <tpessemier@ci.independence.or.us>
Subject: RE: Info on sidewalk program

Hi Mayor,

I don't really have a formal write-up for the sidewalk program. It's something we did with stimulus funds in the last recession and were finally able to bring back. We (the City) budgeted \$10k for sidewalk repair this year and contracted with Community Services Consortium - our youth workforce development provider - to do the work. They hire a contractor/teacher to supervise a crew of youth to do the work, identify the youth participants and (I think) provide a stipend and equipment for the youth. In earlier versions we had an open call for homeowners who wanted their sidewalk repaired. In the current program Public Works is identifying locations based on our complaint/enforcement list. The homeowner pays for the cement but the labor is free so it's a reduced cost to them. Public Works hauls off the old broken concrete after the kids demo it, and then the kids frame and pour the new sidewalk.

It's one of those things that seems really simple but is strangely difficult to pull off for a variety of reasons. It's also not going to happen as quickly as people would like. Dean Craig from Willamette Workforce Partners helped put all the pieces together. I assume there was more funding involved beyond our \$10k but he would know more about it than I would.

Hope this helps. Let me know if you have any questions.

Shawn

-----Original Message-----

From: John McArdle <mcardle.john@ci.independence.or.us>
Sent: Sunday, October 18, 2020 4:08 PM
To: Shawn Irvine <irvine.shawn@ci.independence.or.us>
Cc: Tom Pessemier <tpessemier@ci.independence.or.us>
Subject: Info on sidewalk program

Shawn,

I am meeting with the Mayor of Keizer on Thursday evening. she asked that I provide her information on the CSC sidewalk program. Can you provide me info that I can take/forward to her. They would like to duplicate our efforts in their community.

Thanks
John

Sent from my iPad

MEETING: January 14, 2021

TO: TRAFFIC SAFETY/BIKEWAYS/PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MEMBERS

FROM: MIKE GRIFFIN, STAFF LIAISON

SUBJECT: CONDUCT OF UPCOMING MEETING

At the January 4, 2021 City Council meeting, the City Council adopted the Fourth Declaration of Local State of Emergency (COVID-19) Ordinance which contains the following language for City Committees, Boards, and Commission:

All standing and ad hoc committee/board/commission meetings and activities will be held either virtually via electronic platform, or in-person at the initial direction of the chair with ratification of the committee/board/commission. For in-person meetings, state-required mask protocols and social distancing requirements are required for both participants and audience members.

The chair gave direction to hold tonight's meeting in person. Therefore, the Committee should ratify that decision by minute motion.

Following that motion, the Committee should determine by minute motion whether they wish to meet virtually or in-person for the next meeting.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.