



KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, February 17, 2022
Keizer City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair DeBlasi called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Attendance follows:

Present:

Michael DeBlasi, Vice Chair
Hersch Sangster
Steven Wolf
Rick Kuehn

Council Liaison/Staff Present:

Councilor Kohler for Councilor Smith
David LeDay, Police
Mike Griffin, Streets & Stormwater
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

Absent:

Jamie Davis, Chair
David Dempster
One Position Vacant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Hersch Sangster moved for approval of the January 2022 Minutes. Mike DeBlasi seconded. Motion passed as follows: DeBlasi and Sangster in favor with Wolf and Kuehn abstaining, one position vacant and Davis and Dempster absent.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS:

Rhonda Rich, representing the West Keizer Neighborhood Association, reported that Chief Teague had come to their last meeting and endorsed the installation of a stop sign at the Dearborn/Shoreline intersection for north/south bound traffic and installation of a speed table on Cummings and Delight. She noted that Chief Teague had indicated that Cummings is a known 'cut-through' street. Discussion followed regarding the price of speed tables, asphalt vs. rubber ones, working with the School District since they are planning on putting sidewalks around the school and solutions other than stop signs.

Ms. Rich also noted that the neighborhood association is requesting no parking signs on 5th Avenue by the pool and temporary speed bumps during 'pool season'.

Carolyn Holman, also representing West Keizer Neighborhood Association, requested that the committee focus on safety of pedestrians and cyclists and advocate for sidewalks on Willamette Drive around Wallace House Park, Rivercrest and Sunset to Keizer Rapids Park and requested that more bike/pedestrian safety information postings be put on the City website. Discussion followed regarding testing the option of marking pavement to indicate parking spaces distanced from the edge of the street to allow for pedestrians and cyclists to walk on the edge of the street.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM APPLICATION: Mike Griffin explained that Bill Lawyer is submitting the 'pre-application' and when it is scored he will be notified as to whether or not the City can move forward to the next round. He is working on the Kennedy

area. He also submitted to SKATS but the project did not rank high enough. Discussion followed regarding who would be submitting letters of support. Committee indicated that they wanted Hersch Sangster to submit a letter of support to Bill Lawyer for use as needed.

LED FLASHING LIGHT PROJECT MEMO TO COUNCIL 2/22: Committee discussed possible streets, cost, support of neighborhood associations, installing them on one street and monitoring to see if they make a difference, the possibility of the flashing lights being an annoyance to residents living nearby, and checking with other cities that have these. Sgt. LeDay suggested that they could be placed on streets that already have streetlights so the flashing lights would not be intrusive. Committee decided that possible streets would be Shoreline, Dearborn and McLeod. Committee members indicated that they would attend Neighborhood Association meetings to get their feedback.

STREET PAINTING: Mike DeBlasi reported that he was working with Corrie at the Chamber. She has delegated a lot of work to him. He will be calling potential sponsors and sources of paint. Currently the Chamber has not determined the location but it will be held in August. It was suggested that perhaps a 40th Anniversary theme could be promoted for the painting and that perhaps it could be made into a contest.

SPEED STUDY: Committee reviewed the spreadsheet. Mr. DeBlasi pointed out that there does not appear to be a speeding problem and that frequently speeding is a matter of perception. He suggested speed taming methods be used in designing streets so that 85% of the people drive at or under the speed limit, not 50%. Discussion followed regarding speed zone investigations, radar anomalies, visible speed monitors, traffic calming measures and timing the monitoring of trouble spots.

BIKE SKILLS REPORT: Hersch Sangster reported that the fair is planned for May 14, 1 p.m. at the Community Center. He shared details and indicated that he would have more information at the March meeting. He indicated that he would like to get an adult training class in place as well.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Staff reported that the Planning Commission continues to focus on the impacts of House Bill 2001 and Senate Bill 458.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT:

Steve Wolf shared information regarding a PSU traffic webinar he had attended noting the following takaways: (1) The usual way for cities to deal with traffic congestion is to add lanes, but this induces more traffic so within 10 years the area has reached the same level of congestion. (2) Projects should not impact lower income/minority neighborhoods disproportionately to other neighborhoods. He also reminded committee members to include city staff in their email transmittals to ensure that they are in the City's server and comply with public records laws.

Mike DeBlasi suggested that every month a committee member attend a neighborhood association meeting and share pertinent information with the Committee.

Hersch Sangster. Reported that his neighborhood is in the process of forming a neighborhood association.

STAFF REPORT: Mike Griffin reported that GELCO was awarded the ADA ramp project, the preconstruction meeting is Thursday and they will start work after that. The next phase is resurfacing. Bids will go out at the end of the month with paving to start after July 1. Stormwater is busy doing storm repairs.

POLICE REPORT: Sgt. LeDay reported that the department is busy doing follow-up on the double fatality last month.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Kohler expressed excitement about the Bike Fair, thanked Sgt. LeDay for the traffic study information, reported that he had done Chair Training with Jamie Davis and that the City has been interviewing potential City Managers and should have an announcement in the next few days.

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Commission/Council Report: Steven Wolf will report to Council in April and monitor the April Planning Commission meeting.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ March 17, 2022, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: 03-17-22