



KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, May 19, 2022
Keizer City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present:

Jamie Davis, Chair
Michael DeBlasi, Vice Chair
Steven Wolf
Rick Kuehn
Tammy Saldivar

Council Liaison/Staff Present:

Elizabeth Smith, Councilor
Mike Griffin, Public Works
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

Absent:

David Dempster
Hersch Sangster

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Rick Kuehn made a correction to the minutes and moved for approval of the April 2022 Minutes as corrected. Mike DeBlasi seconded. Motion passed as follows: DeBlasi, Kuehn, Davis, Saldivar and Wolf in favor with Dempster and Sangster absent.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS:

Rhonda Rich, representing the West Keizer Neighborhood Association (WKNA), questioned the status of the requested Speed Table on Cummings and Stop sign at Dearborn and Shoreline, introduced WKNA Board members attending the meeting and offered to help with updating the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan.

Mike Griffin from Public Works responded that a traffic volume and speed study had been done on Shoreline and would be done on Cummings next. That data will be compiled and given to Council so that an informed decision can be made on the requested stop sign and speed table.

Chair Davis urged Ms. Rich to follow the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan steps and get buy-in from 70% of the people living on the streets in question. Ms. Rich indicated that she wanted to wait for results from the studies and see what the city does because only one person who lives on Cummings comes to the neighborhood association meetings.

Ms. Rich then asked how the flashing crosswalk light on Chemawa was approved when it was not requested by a neighborhood association. Chair Davis explained that it has to do with the volume of pedestrian and automobile traffic and the fact that that crosswalk goes to the library, splash fountain, skate park and City Hall.

Rob Witters, WKNA, introduced himself and echoed the requests of Ms. Rich.

CHAIR REPORT - LED Speed Sign, Speed Table, Stop Sign, Pedestrian Crossing (Lockhaven near McNary and Chemawa Road) Meeting with Public Works Director:

Chair Davis noted that she had been holding off because she wanted to see what would be funded in the budget. She reminded everyone of the SKATS Board meetings and suggested that the committee review the agendas and minutes because they talk about guidelines and requirements for grant applications. Mike DeBlasi suggested that one person monitor the information and share it with the committee. Chair Davis suggested that Ms. Saldivar and Mr. Kuehn do this.

BIKE SKILLS FAIR REPORT: Hersch Sangster's written report was reviewed. Chair Davis suggested that these events be scheduled more often so that children are educated.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT: Hersch Sangster's written report was as follows: For this next fiscal year Public Works will have funding for the crossings that were recommended by the Committee first one being the Chemawa Road by the Library. Some ARPA money was set aside for limited sidewalk/lighting projects.

Mike Griffin made the following correction: For this next fiscal year Public Works will have funding to add the Rapid Flashing Beacon (recommended by the committee) at the existing crosswalk on Chemawa NE near the Library. No other funding identified for any other projects. No ARPA funds were set aside, there was discussion about possible uses of ARPA funds but no commitment or specific projects identified.

REVIEW OF COMMITTEE PURPOSE: Chair Davis reported that she had reviewed the purpose and saw nothing that needed to be changed. She suggested, however, that projects should be prioritized, clarified and discussed with Bill Lawyer and Council. Steven Wolf suggested that Item 2 referring to the Bikeways System Plan be revised as follows: To develop recommendations for inclusion in the Bicycle System component of the Keizer Transportation System Plan, including an assessment of the need for bikeways, recommended routes with costs and priorities, proposed funding sources, and implementation program.

Mike DeBlasi suggested that the committee be included in review of street projects when they are still in the conceptual stage (before they go to engineering) to provide input¹ and that the committee be made aware of accidents and speeding complaints so that they could accompany police to do after action review. Chair Davis suggested that this was beyond the scope of the committee and that many committee members were not qualified for that. She suggested that perhaps an annual report from PD in December would be appropriate so that the committee could review it and suggest safety improvements in time to be considered at the Budget meetings. Rick Kuehn noted that regarding providing input on street projects, not all committee members were qualified.

Chair Davis noted that the purpose of the committee is to listen to the community, keep track of concerns and share those with Council.

¹ Amended to include: (Some members of the committee supported this suggestion.)

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT / NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REPORTS:

Tammy Saldivar reported that the Northwest Neighborhood Association had their first meeting last night.

Steven Wolf strongly recommended that the committee do something about the weather to make it more bike friendly. ☺

Michael DeBlasi reported that the police at the Bike Skills Fair had E-Bikes, suggested that committee members review the new PBOT Pedestrian Design Guide, and announced that the DLCDC is working on Climate and Equitable Communities and ODOT has no problem with cities using NACTO standards even on ODOT facilities so the city could incorporate those instead of using ASHTO.

Rick Kuehn reported that he would give a presentation about the bike trail along the historic Columbia River Highway at the next meeting. Information is also available on the internet.

STAFF REPORT: Mike Griffin reported that the contractor just finished putting reflective markers down on area arterials and the Stormwater crew annual catch basin check to clean them out for next year's rainy season has been delayed due to the current rainy conditions.

POLICE REPORT: None

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Smith reported that Council had discussed the library issue and decided to put it on the ballot for voters to decide. She urged everyone to volunteer to promote this issue.

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Commission/Council Report: Rick Kuehn will report to Council and monitor Planning Commission in June.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ June 16, 2022, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: _____ 06-17-22