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CITY OF KEIZER
TRAFFIC SAFETY/BIKEWAYS/PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE AGENDA
Thursday, March 17, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.
Keizer City Council Chambers

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 2022**
3. **APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS**
4. **SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM APPLICATION – Update**
5. **LED FLASHING LIGHT PROJECT – Update (NA Input?)**
6. **STREET PAINTING – Keizerfest – Update (Davis/DeBlasi/Sangster)**
7. **BIKE SKILLS FAIR REPORT – Hersch Sangster**
8. **REVIEW OF COMMITTEE PURPOSE**
9. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**
10. **COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT / NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REPORTS**
11. **STAFF REPORT ~ *Mike Griffin***
12. **POLICE LIAISON REPORT ~ *David LeDay***
13. **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT ~ *Elizabeth Smith***
14. **ADJOURN**

Next meeting: April 21, 2022

Reporting to Council and Attending/Monitoring Planning Commission:

Steven Wolf

April 4, 2022 – Council | April 13, 2022 – Planning Commission



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: _____

Kennedy Meadows Neighborhood Watch Newsletters

My Name is Tammy Kunz; I live at 2001 Kennedy Circle NE. We have not been keeping up with the Neighborhood watch. Most of you know Jim Jones he my husband. I believe it is time to pick up where we left off and make this the best neighborhood ever. My mission is as follows **Neighborhood watch empowers citizens and communities to become active in emergency preparedness, as well as the fight against crime and community disasters.**

Benefits of Neighborhood Watch

- Reduce / prevent local crime and disorder.
- Reduce fear of crime.
- Address issues relating to anti-social behavior.
- Create safer neighborhoods.
- Build community spirit and cohesion.
- Reassure members of the public.
- Enhance partnership working with other community groups.

I will create a nextdoor.com page for this group. This is free and I have been using this online community for a number of years. This is a great way for people to know what is going on around town as well as in our neighborhood and community. This is where we can share information and concerns.

Here is a list of complaints cars speedy in the park. Dogs running around the park without a leash; In light of this if you see your neighbor's dog, please try to return it. If assistants are needed please see Jim or Tammy in lot # 2001; if you see questionable behavior or people looking around please take a photo and send it to Tammy 971-701-3008. The house phone number is (971) 600- 3108. We have set up police portals at different times of the day. It will be our responsibility to notify Jessica and keep her apprised of what is going on and any police case numbers.

Just as a reminder here is some of what you need to look for; Specific location, time of day, license plate number, make and model of car, any special markings and the date for physical location, ask yourself these questions; how often do I see this? How are they acting? What do they look like? I would like to know what you vision for this community looks like, and any special needs there may be.

I would like to add a phone tree this time; it will help spread the word as a problem arises. In order to do this I would like to have three different people to head this up. This can include prayer request, or needs for example food box support. This is just one way we can keep looking out for those in our neighborhood. I would like to know what day of the week is best and the time. This just gives me a time and day that works best for quick meetings. Some meeting may run longer if we have a guest speaker. I know we all have busy lives and families to care for so I will keep this in mind as well.

Added New;

I would like to share some of what I have been doing, with you all I have been attending the city council meeting and the traffic –Bikeways – Pedestrian, committee meetings. I also have been neighborhood Association meetings throughout our surrounding neighborhoods. In this doing this we have decided to make an association for the Kennedy Elementary School Zone.

A neighborhood association is formed based on the needs and desires of its residents. Here is some of the reason this is important for me to start this group.

- Develop a cleaner, safer, healthier neighborhood and improve the quality of life for residents.
- Empower residents to have a voice and work toward, and achieve common neighborhood goals, a unified vision of who we are as a neighborhood.
- Work toward a safer neighborhood by reducing and preventing crime through block watch groups.
- Promote friendship, reduce conflict, and foster a sense of concern and caring among people in the neighborhood.
- Provide a means of communicating with neighbors.
- Encourage the discussion of ideas which affect the neighborhood and promote cooperative action.
- Organize neighborhood improvement projects, help the older residents with yard work, and assist those unable to clean up their property by themselves.

- Promote and celebrate diversity in the neighborhood.
- Preserve the unique historical heritage of the neighborhood by improving planning methods.
- Create open communication networks with government officials, businesses, and other groups. Make them partners in your neighborhood, all working towards a strong neighborhood.
- Protect youth, and support and strengthen neighborhood schools.
- Develop better awareness and access to the services and agencies of the school, city, and county governments.
- Seek citywide recognition (including realtors') of the strengths, needs and accomplishments of the neighborhood.
- Fully utilize all the resources available to the neighborhood.
- Solve problems which exist/arise within the neighborhood.

The purpose of neighborhood associations is to advocate for your neighborhood with local government, improve neighborhood amenities, and organize activities. It is also a place to meet friends, exchange information, create projects and priorities, propose solutions, and have fun. We have a number of reasons I have listed above and below, we all live in this area and it part of our responsibility to keep it safe and work with one another.

We are in the search for 5 people who are willing to join the board; a person to be the secretary and finance manager this is the person in charge of controlling the budget, as well as a person represents the youth age bracket. I would also like a parent who has a child in Kennedy Elementary School and I have a person for a translator I would like a backup to have available.

We are going to be more involved in going to meeting around Keizer. This will add some support with police driving through and doing security checks. We have started a list of concerns to share with the city council and other meeting around town. If you have information we can share please let me know by phone, email, or text messages I would prefer in writing so I don't forget if it is done by phone. If anyone has a barrel or Box we can use for collecting food for the foodbank.

Items we have on the list is as follows; Side walk repairs up and done Keizer road, Speeding cars, adding sidewalk from the black berry bush to the end of the left hand road and work on the walk path on the parkway. If you know or are concerned please let me know and

I can get these added to the right departments. We are also looking for someone to build 3 take a book and leave a book box. This is something we will need to check on every so often. I will like to see bilingual books. I have a box of books already set to start filling them once they are built and placed around our area. We have had some work done at Claggett Creek Park the playground has been remodeled and looks great check it out.

Other items going on around town are Distracted Driving campaign coming up. This is the 20th year and it time to celebrate more information as I get it. Keizer is hiring in a few positions as well as other opening in county positions. As I get information I will pass it along, and if you could all do the same with activities, or events around Keizer. If you have a business and need support we can help with that. I will be putting a monthly newsletter together each month. If you have information to add to the newsletter please turn it in to Tammy or Jim at 2001 Kennedy Cir. NE, by the 20th of each month.

If you would like to join a walk group let me know, I am looking for groups to walk and in different shifts. It would be nice to have at least 4 groups of people walking around the neighborhood. In this process I would like to you to keep an eye out for things that may need work; we are also going to be looking to partner with businesses and other community partners.

Old Business;

I know we have had many concerns about the speeding on Keizer road Ne and By Keizer little league Ball Park. We have taken this information to several sources and we are working with City council of Keizer, as well as with the Traffic Safety/Bikeways/ Pedestrian Committee to help get this problem taken care of. I have noted the times you are most concerned with are morning for school, as well as after school for the walk home, the last time I have been made aware of is the 4 to 8 pm for speeding, I am also aware that 3 families were almost hit by cars. I have gotten a new phone strictly for city and community businesses please do not hesitate to call 503-999-5468, if I do not answer use the contact information from the top, and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Remember name and phone number and reason for calling helps me make sure I have the right information to share.

Thank you, Tammy Kunz

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Mr. LeDay

Sergeant, Hello I am sorry it took me a few days to look through my records and get out into the community. As President of the neighborhood watch, I have gathered some information to share with you. The first thing is I support 100 families within Kennedy Meadows. The numbers of in the area across the road is about 300 families' total. Some of these families are bilingual, so I would need some educational materials for both.

Now to the matters of which I spoke, the best times vary but if you can keep an eye out around 7-9 am and 4-10 pm I am sure you will find distracted drivers and speeders. I would like to have some focus groups the folks I spoke to said if we can make sure we have a translator available would attend. Meeting regarding ways to make it safer for our children to get to and from school; As well as supporting the education of distracted driving information. The main point is not everyone understands English and this is a factor in to this, and we do have about 10 new learner's permits in this area as well as across the road.

If you can make sure I have the information I have 10 families who are willing to help get the material out, into the community. The group is working on some ways to help reach other communities to share the knowledge. I hope to have some other ideas to share with the group at the next meeting. I would like to have some signs made, either by ourselves or people who have some artistic talent, as part of community outreach.

Thank you for your time and the service you provide,

Tammy Kunz