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CITY OF KEIZER
TRAFFIC SAFETY/BIKEWAYS/PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE AGENDA
Thursday, September 15, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.
Keizer City Council Chambers

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 2022**
3. **APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS**
4. **IS COMMITTEE FINISHED UPDATING ‘COMMITTEE PURPOSE’?**
5. **COMMITTEE UPDATE TO NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**
6. **TREE CITY**
7. **COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT / NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REPORTS**
8. **STAFF REPORT ~ *Mike Griffin***
9. **POLICE LIAISON REPORT ~ *David LeDay***
10. **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT ~ *Elizabeth Smith***
11. **ADJOURN**

Next meeting: October 20, 2022

Reporting to Council and Attending/Monitoring Planning Commission:

Michael DeBlasi

Tuesday, October 3, 2022 – Council | October 12, 2022 – Planning Commission



KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES
Thursday, July 21, 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 (by phone)
David Dempster
Hersch Sangster

Council Liaison/Staff Present:

Dan Kohler for Elizabeth Smith
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Michael DeBlasi moved for approval of the June 2022 Minutes. David Dempster seconded. Motion passed as follows: DeBlasi, Kuehn, Saldivar, Dempster, Sangster and Wolf in favor with Davis abstaining.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS:

Gary Blake, representing the West Keizer Neighborhood Association (WKNA), questioned the status of the requested speed table on Cummings near Shoreline. Chair Davis responded that the City is doing traffic studies on that area. When the studies are completed, traffic engineers will review them and determine if there is a need. She encouraged the WKNA to have residents sign a petition to support their request and asked them to be patient as these things take time. She also suggested that they invite someone from Cummings Elementary School to attend their meetings and join in advocating for a traffic-calming device.

Rob Witters, also representing the West Keizer Neighborhood Association, shared complaints received via Facebook about cut through traffic and requested that the area be signed to prohibit trucks. He also reiterated the WKNA request for a stop sign on Shoreline and Dearborn.

CONSIDER CHANGE TO COMMITTEE PURPOSE: Hersch Sangster moved to recommend that Council change Item #2 on the Committee Purpose to read: "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." Steven Wolf seconded.

Mike DeBlasi suggested that the committee be included in determining locations of bike racks at businesses. Hersch Sangster suggested that the Committee continue monitoring Planning Commission meetings and provide input at that level. Chair Davis urged committee members to review the committee purpose for discussion at another meeting.

Motion passed unanimously as follows: Davis, DeBlasi, Kuehn, Saldivar, Dempster, Sangster and Wolf in favor.

COMMITTEE UPDATE TO NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM:

Chair Davis asked committee members to review the printed program and submit suggested edits by the August meeting. Davis, DeBlasi and Saldivar will work together to combine the notes for discussion at the September meeting. Members agreed that the program is a good tool but needs updating, clarification and perhaps a flow chart to indicate who does what when.

SCHEDULE VOLUNTEER SLOTS FOR KEIZERFEST BOOTH: Staff reported that a booth would be available at KeizerFEST. Committee members expressed support for participating and indicated that they would contact staff with times they were available to staff the booth.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT / NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REPORTS:

Micheal DeBlasi indicated that he had talked to the City Manager about Keizer becoming a 'Tree City' and that the City Manager had asked that the committee bring the suggestion in the form of a motion. Hersch Sangster suggested that this would be more appropriate for the Stormwater Committee, Parks Board or Planning Commission. Rick Kuehn noted that this is not in the Committee Purpose. Steven Wolf suggested that DeBlasi develop a motion and share what the proposal would be.

Jamie Davis reported that she had been monitoring Next Door and noticed road closures for construction at Windsor Island Road, Chemawa and Lockhaven. She announced Safe Routes to School Summit November 15-17.

Rick Kuehn reported that he had attended the meeting for the Brooks Interchange and explained two alternatives: the tight diamond and the dog bone. He distributed images of the proposed dog bone option noting that it would cost \$59 million and that this is a planning study with no construction or funding planned. The purpose is to get a picture of what the interchange will look like in the future so that if development occurs there is a plan in place.

Hersch Sangster announced dates for a Bike Skills event for refugees, ServFest and the Fire Department open house. He shared details of the neighborhood impact of the Windsor Island Road construction and road closures and suggested that reader boards warning drivers of the future closure would have been appropriate.

STAFF REPORT: None

POLICE REPORT: None.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Kohler thanked the committee for their work and extended condolences to Hersch Sangster for the death of his son-in-law.

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning Commission/Council Report: Steven Wolf will report to Council and monitor Planning Commission in August.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ August 18, 2022, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: _____

Keizer City Council – August 1, 2020

1. I reported on three matters:
 - a. WKNA’s continuing interest in traffic calming measures on Dearborn, Shoreline, and Cummings.
 - b. Our Committee’s review of Neighborhood Traffic Management Program to develop recommendations for improvement.
 - c. Our Keizerfest booth. The council had no questions or comments about any of these.
2. I also reported on the motion we passed recommending amendments to our statement of purpose (item 2). Mayor Clark referred the matter to Shannon Johnson for review and development of an amendment. Councilor Herrera asked if the proposed language is a “done deal.” I responded that no, the council could adopt whatever language it sees fit.
3. Councilor Kohler asked about two items that came up during the Committee Member Input portion of our meeting.
 - a. First, he asked about Mike Deblasi’s recommendation of seeking “Tree City” status for Keizer. I said that Mike was looking further into it and would, if it appeared appropriate, develop a memo or motion for the Committee’s further consideration.
 - b. Second, he asked about our conversation regarding the Windsor Island Road project and concerns about traffic disruption. He liked the idea of reaching out to Public Works to encourage them to do more to alert affected persons about potential traffic issues arising from projects of this sort.
4. Mayor Clark wanted to make sure we are getting the SKATS packets. I assured her that Debbie is very conscientious about getting those to us. She particularly encouraged our Committee to review and provide comments on Cherriots’ long range strategic plan.

Keizer Planning Commission – August 10, 2022

The Commission held its first meeting since April. The primary order of business was a presentation by Dept of Land Conservation and Development staff on the new Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities Rules, which LCDC recently adopted and which were about to go into effect as of the date of the Planning Commission meeting. The transportation rules are located at Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 660, Division 12.

<https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/displayDivisionRules.action?selectedDivision=3062>

The presentation by Bill Holmstrom (Transportation Planner) and Evan Manvel (Land Use and Transportation Planner) was very information-rich, and the rules include a number of programs and mandates that will fall directly within our Committee’s responsibilities. I encourage everyone to just set an hour aside to watch the meeting on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3NM0Ad-6OIg>. Debbie can also provide a pdf copy of the slide show the presenters used. But here are a few of the highlights.

Salem-Keizer is one of eight metropolitan areas covered by the rules. The rules’ two principal goals are to move Oregon toward hitting the pollution reduction targets set in the statewide transportation strategy, and to reduce social inequity resulting from or perpetuated by current and past land use and transportation policies and practices. The rulemaking falls into two general categories: regional plans (including local transportation system plans) to achieve pollution reduction targets, and land use and transportation rules reducing pollution and promoting equity.

The components most likely to impact our committee are those promoting walkable climate-friendly areas, and requirements to plan for high quality pedestrian, bicycle (including required bicycle parking), and transit infrastructure. It appears that these will need to be addressed in the next Transportation System Plan. We should be diligent in ensuring we have a seat at the table for this.