



**CITY OF KEIZER
TRAFFIC SAFETY/BIKEWAYS/PEDESTRIAN
COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**Thursday, March 8, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.
Keizer City Council Chambers**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 2018**
- 3. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS**
- 4. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT ~ *Kim Freeman***
- 5. HOUSE BILL 2017 PROJECT**
- 6. COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT**
- 7. STAFF REPORT ~ *Mike Griffin***
- 8. POLICE LIAISON REPORT ~ *Trevor Wenning***
- 9. YOUTH COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORT: Status of Bike Rack at McNary HS
~ *Isaac Matthews***
- 10. ADJOURN**

Next meeting: April 12, 2018

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**KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**Thursday, February 8, 2018
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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Frey called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The following were present:

Present:

Wayne Frey, Chair
Pat Fisher, Vice Chair (6:02)
Hersch Sangster
David Dempster
Joe Tilman
Kathy Lincoln
Michael DeBlasi

Council Liaison:

Marlene Parsons for Kim Freeman

Staff Present:

Mike Griffin, Public Works
Trevor Wenning, Police Department
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Hersch Sangster moved to approve the January 2018 Minutes. David Dempster seconded. Motion passed as follows: Frey, Sangster, Tilman and Dempster in favor with Lincoln and DeBlasi abstaining and Fisher absent at time of vote.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: None

HOUSE BILL 2017 PROJECT: Chair Frey explained that there is money available for various projects throughout the state. He urged that the committee continue discussion on finding ideas such as 'safe walks to parks' which might be combined with 'safe routes to school', or perhaps a project for city/neighborhood interconnectivity. He suggested that the committee become familiar with the contents of the City's Transportation System Plan since it has 'shelf-ready' projects that might be eligible for the HB2017 funds and that the committee work closely with Public Works to get suggestions/recommendations. Kathy Lincoln indicated that she would keep the committee informed regarding the Salem-Keizer Area Transportation Study and the revision of the Regional Plan. Pat Fisher urged that when reviewing the rules everyone look for matching fund amounts, types of matches allowed, and how many times other cities have been awarded funds – do they get priority or would a new applicant get preference. David Dempster suggested that sidewalks in the Cummings and/or Kennedy area be considered; perhaps a plan could be developed to do a few streets in each area. Hersch Sangster noted that sidewalk improvements near Cummings are on the school bond levy and perhaps the City could piggy back on that. He noted that Kennedy is a Title 1 school which would likely give it priority. It was suggested that since Keizer Elementary is Title 1 as well it might be a candidate for sidewalks also. It was noted that the application process would start in the fall of 2018.

Mike Griffin, Public Works, interjected that Delight is on top of the list but until the rules for funding have been established the committee should not spend a lot of time working on the list; focus should be on projects in the current Transportation System Plan. He explained that Public Works Director Bill Lawyer is working with the School District to get a 10-foot easement to put a paved pathway at the north end of Cummings Elementary School to Dearborn inside the fence. Discussion then took place regarding putting the walkway outside the fence so that it would be available to the general public and not just school children. To avoid losing parking spaces the fence could be moved to allow both parking spaces and the pathway. Hersch Sangster suggested that the committee work with the school district to teach children how to walk safely to school.

Pat Fisher suggested that the committee also work with ODOT to find out what sort of federal and/or state grants area available through them. Michael DeBlasi suggested that a project might be to build traffic calming devices in certain areas to slow traffic.

Chair Frey asked David Dempster to write down how many streets and which ones would need sidewalks in the Cummings and Kennedy areas so that a plan could be developed.

PROJECTS/PROGRAMS PLANNING FOR SUMMER: Members discussed possible new programs that could be organized for neighborhood associations. They agreed to develop something for specific associations if they were asked.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT

Hersch Sangster reported that Monster Cookie Ride is April 29. He indicated that he was considering attending the Oregon Active Transportation Summit in Portland in March.

Pat Fisher added that the summit features regional and local governments an advocate groups. There may be a Scenic Bikeway workshop where the committee could find out what other cities are doing to help their businesses.

Kathy Lincoln reported that SKATS staff is interested in helping local jurisdictions come up with safety plans. They have been doing crash reports and perhaps when they finish, the Committee could invite them to a meeting and discuss improving safety in Keizer, specifically River Road. There is money for the study of Wheatland Road and lots of opportunities.

Wayne Frey reported that he had missed most of the January 13 meeting at ODOT so didn't have much to report regarding the rules of HB2017. He urged committee members to define projects in more detail for discussion at the next meeting.

Joe Tilman reported that portions of Portland have changed neighborhood speed limits to 20 mph. He suggested this be done in Keizer. He also suggested that the committee use on-line curriculum to teach adult bicycle classes.

STAFF REPORT: Mike Griffin reported that the Stormwater crews are doing storm repairs. The Street Department is changing out street signs to upgraded standards and replacing those vandalized and knocked down.

POLICE LIAISON REPORT: Officer Wenning provided information about the DUII/seatbelt/speed grants, reported that new officers have been hired and will be going to academy. The plan is to have them in place in one year.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Parsons reported that the school district did a presentation at the last Council meeting explaining the proposed bond measure and upgrades that would take place in Keizer if the measure passes. The Chamber will hold a community presentation at the Community Center in March to highlight everything about the measure and how it will affect the schools and citizens. She also listed numerous new businesses opening in Keizer.

YOUTH COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORT: Isaac Matthews reported that he had suggested to a scout master that a new bike rack for McNary would be a good Eagle Scout project. He has been unable to connect with the school board about it yet but will keep trying.

OTHER BUSINESS: Hersch Sangster reported that the director of Straub Environmental Center has been contacted to do a project with local high school students to promote 'bike to school day' in May. One of the projects being considered is a bike rack parking inventory in all high schools in the district. He suggested Isaac contact Mr. Jesperson and the Career and Technical Education Center because they built the one for South Salem High School. Pat Fisher volunteered to attend any meeting Isaac sets up with Jesperson. She also questioned if there was an evaluation/rating system for bike parking at schools such as (1) is it covered, lit, visible? And that perhaps the Straub people could use that tool to evaluate the racks. She also suggested that the evaluation include all schools, not just high schools.

ADJOURN ~ Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ March 8, 2018, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: _____