



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

**Thursday, June 14, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.
Keizer City Council Chambers**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 2018**
- 3. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS**
- 4. HOUSE BILL 2017 PROJECT**
- 5. COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT**
- 6. STAFF REPORT ~ *Mike Griffin***
- 7. POLICE LIAISON REPORT ~ *Trevor Wenning***
- 8. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT ~ *Marlene Parsons***
- 9. ADJOURN**

Next meeting: July 12, 2018

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**KEIZER TRAFFIC SAFETY, BIKEWAYS & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Thursday, April 12, 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
David Dempster
Joe Tilman
Michael DeBlasi

Council Liaison:

Marlene Parsons

Youth Committee Liaison:

Isaac Matthews

Staff Present:

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

Absent:

Kathy Lincoln
Hersch Sangster

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: David Dempster moved to approve the March 2018 Minutes. Joe Tilman seconded. Motion passed as follows: Frey, Tilman, Dempster, DeBlasi and Fisher in favor with Sangster and Lincoln absent.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: Carol Doerfler and Rhonda Rich, representing the West Keizer Neighborhood Association urged that the committee HB2017 efforts be focused on providing safety to children walking to and from school in the Cummings area rather than the pedestrian needs of Kennedy Elementary School. They explained that they have been asking for this since 2014 but, although the need has been acknowledged, action has been postponed several times.

HOUSE BILL 2017 PROJECT: Committee members responded that the Kennedy needs have not been given priority over those of Cummings but that Kennedy is a Title 1 school and Title 1 schools will receive priority in the award of HB2017 funding. However, Cummings and Verda Lane are mentioned in the Transportation System Plan (TSP) and the area around Kennedy is not and that would have an impact on award of HB2017 funds. Chair Frey added that he has asked the committee to come up with two projects to refine and submit. Possible suggestions could be Delight/Cummings or Kennedy area roadway/sidewalk improvements, enhancing crosswalks throughout the city, connection of Kennedy to the Parkway multi-use path, and making access to Keizer Little League and Northview Terrace Park easier for the Kennedy area through Safe Routes to Parks funding from the federal government. David Dempster noted that as an advisory committee they would simply make a recommendation to Public Works who would forward that to Council if they felt it appropriate.

Lengthy discussion followed regarding doing improvements in tandem with those that will be done through the school bond measure if it passes, alternatives to sidewalks, Safe Routes to School and Safe Routes to Parks funding, application deadlines and award timelines.

Chair Frey reported that he had attended the Oregon Transportation Commission meeting where they approved the draft rules presented by the Advisory Committee. The process is moving forward on how to submit a project. He asked committee members to provide further definition of the ideas they had suggested at the last meeting.

David Dempster reported that he had looked at the TSP for ideas and suggested that (1) Verda be upgraded to include sidewalks on both sides, painted crosswalks to bus stops and lighting at the Dearborn intersection, and (2) more access to Keizer from the Parkway multi-use path.

Pat Fisher noted that sidewalks around Kennedy are in bad shape but they are on school property so the City would need to partner with the school to improve them. She suggested widening the streets around the school to give more shoulder room for pedestrians and noted that painted crosswalks and striping would organize the way the children walk to school and provide some safety. She also suggested that city interconnectivity would need to be approached as a planning project in the TSP. She would like to know where cut-throughs are in the city and develop others and add them to the TSP. Regarding matching funds, if the committee found a project that is in the TSP then they could approach Public Works about matching funds from the Street Fund. She noted that she has been trying to reach Heidi Manlove with ODOT about getting funds to hire a coordinator for the SRTS action planning effort. She has also been trying to reach LeeAnne Ferguson to find out about Project Identification Grants through SRTS. This would help the committee get through the refining of ideas stage and put the ideas into a project that could be packaged to compete for funding.

Michael DeBlasi suggested that perhaps a project would be to create a cache of traffic calming devices that schools could apply to use around their schools as pilot projects. Possibilities would be curbs bolted into the asphalt, bollards, and various types of separators. He suggested that Lockhaven be repainted to narrow the lanes and put a buffer on the bike lanes from McLeod to Verda.

COMMITTEE MEMBER INPUT

Wayne Frey shared information from the Wheatland Road Study noting that the grant submittal form asks for a lot of information and is 9 to 24 pages long.

David Dempster urged that the committee keep in mind the population of Keizer that walks because it is their only means of transportation. The people who live in south Keizer walk to go shopping, to school and to the catch buses. This area should be focused on for improving pedestrian access.

Pat Fisher reported that she had attended one of the SRTS Rulemaking Committee meetings and staff there encouraged her to ask the City to write a letter to the League of Oregon Cities urging them to fight the high match requirement which will make it difficult for many smaller cities to apply for a grant. The Rules Committee has turned its

attention to the program rules, criteria and scoring system. It looks like being a Title 1 school will be a requirement in the first round. Another part of the SRTS funding has to do with a safety corridor which will be a high priority in scoring. The next meeting is June 15 from 3 to 4:30. Someone from the committee should attend.

Additionally Ms. Fisher reported that she had met with John Sullivan at the Mid Valley Garbage and Recycling Association regarding trash receptacles blocking sidewalks and bike lanes on trash pickup days. He suggested that some committee members meet with him and provide input on what sort of policy they would like to see.

Mike DeBlasi referred to his trip to Disneyland and noted that people will walk if they have something to walk to. He urged the committee to keep that in mind.

STAFF REPORT: Mike Griffin reported that Dearborn bridge work will begin May 1. Dearborn will be closed from Verda to 13th until September 15. The park will remain open with vehicle access during construction.

POLICE LIAISON REPORT: Officer Wenning reported that 4 officers are in the police academy with one more going on Monday. When they are done the Traffic Team will be reactivated. The Department is ready for the Monster Cookie Ride and the Diabuddies Run at Keizer Rapids Park. In the next two weeks they will ramp up plans for a safe and enjoyable Iris Festival.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Parsons reported on the recent Council meeting and noted that Council is gearing up for Budget meetings on May 1, 3 and 10.

YOUTH COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORT: Isaac Matthews reported that he has talked to C-TEC to see what it would take to manufacture bike racks and a plan has been developed. When funding is secured the project can move forward. He indicated that he was planning on approaching the Salem Bike Club for funding.

ADJOURN ~ Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting ~ May 10, 2018, 6 p.m.

Minutes Approved: _____