

Act now to shape Keizer's future

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The list of vacancies on city advisory committees has reached new lengths.

There are 12 seats currently vacant or expected to be vacated in the coming months. It's a list as long as Debbie Lockhart, the deputy city recorder, has ever seen it in her lengthy stint at city hall.

"We've had several term expiration dates pass, but we've also got some committees that have had vacancies for an extended period of time," said Lockhart.

While recent efforts to solicit volunteers have drummed up about a half-dozen interested parties there are few new faces, and that still leaves six holes.

Seats needing filling on

committees range from public art to the city's planning commission. A full list of needs, meeting times and other information is available at keizer.org.

While all positions are volunteer, Hersch Sangster, who has held a handful of roles on both city and regional task forces, said opportunities have stretched him in ways he never expected.

"You get to make some hard decisions, like the planning commission recently did on marijuana. Most places have just turned all of the rules over to the state, but we wanted to have some control and say in protecting the community and schools," Sangster said.

Sangster had a voice in the decision because he joined the Keizer Planning Commission, which makes recommendations on community development that are forwarded to the city council. He was also part of lengthy discussions that paved the way for the food trucks to operate in Keizer on a regular basis. But, he's also been part of other projects in other committees.

Fifteen years ago, he was a member of the Bikeways Committee, which is now known as the Traffic Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrian Committee. In that initial foray into Keizer civic life, Sangster helped institute a bike helmet program that is still operating today.

"That's had a lasting effect, and we're the only city with a program like that still going," Sangster said. More recently, he and another commit-

volunteer openings

The City of Keizer is seeking volunteers for numerous roles on city commissions and committees.

- Openings include:
- Two vacancies on the **Keizer Points of Interest Committee**.
 - One vacancy on the **Budget Committee**.
 - One vacancy on the **Festival Advisory Board**.
 - Three vacancies on the **Keizer Economic Development Commission**.
 - Two vacancies on the **Planning Commission**.
 - One vacancy on the **Public Art Committee**.
 - Two vacancies on the **Stormwater Advisory Committee**.
 - Youth councilor/page/liaison openings on various committees.

More information on each committee, as well as meeting times and days, is available at keizer.org.

tee member helped the city apply for a "bike-friendly" designation with the League of American Bicyclists that might help tap into private funding for continued improvements.

Sangster said his path to volunteering at the city level opened up primarily because someone, former mayor and city councilor Dennis Koho, asked him to get involved.

"I think that's the way it happens for most people, but the city makes it very easy to get involved because we have good support staff," he said.

There are times Lockhart is scrambling to simply meet quorum minimums, but she said most volunteers rapidly find themselves engrossed.

"For most committees, there's not a lot required. We want them to come to the meetings and be engaged, but then they are around passionate people and their enthusi-

asm grows," she said.

The longer standing vacancies include the Keizer Points of Interest Committee, which identifies local spots of historical and/or unique interest. It's the one committee that usually requires homework.

"On that committee, they are out doing research on things on their own time and then bringing it back to the

Officer injured in crash

The Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Traffic Safety Team is investigating a crash involving a Keizer Police Department motorcycle officer that occurred about 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9.

According to MCSO deputies, Officer Tyler Wampler was driving his marked police motorcycle east on Chemawa Road Northeast near Safeway.

The vehicle Wampler was traveling behind turned into the Safeway parking lot and, as Wampler negotiated around the turning vehicle, a black Mercedes being driven by Tellif McClyde, 39, exited the Safeway and struck Wampler.

Wampler was taken to Salem Hospital with non-life threatening injuries, McClyde was not injured in the crash and cooperated with investigators. No citations were issued.

MCSO is investigating the incident at the request of Keizer Police Department.

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