

New River Road plan adopted

Triggering conditions debated by council

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The city will be changing the way it fosters development on River Road North with the adoption of the Keizer Revitalization Plan by the Keizer City Council.

Councilors adopted the plan – with some changes – in a 6-0 vote Monday, Oct. 7. Councilor Elizabeth Smith was absent.

The revitalization plan charts the course of changes the council hopes to see in the coming years and decades. It is the culmination of almost two years of study, planning and public engagement on issues of commercial development.

As the council reviewed changes to the plan before adopting it, the topic that received the most discussion was when property owners would have to consolidate entrances. The city hopes to reduce the number of driveways on River Road for the purposes of improving traffic flow and increasing pedestrian safety.

“Many [businesses] have multiple entrances that we are trying to control for a better safety and pedestrian experience,” added Community Development Director Nate Brown.

Consultants suggested triggering driveway consolidation when site changes increase off-street parking by more than 10 percent, when overall parking increases by more than 15 percent or when more than 20 percent of a site is repaved or resurfaced.

City staff weren't ecstatic about the piecemeal nature of those standards and asked the council to strike the first two parameters and trigger the driveway merges only when more than 20 percent of a parking lot is reconstructed. “Reconstruction, or digging up portions, triggers other potential impacts and this would come along with those,” said Shane Witham, the city's senior planner.

Councilor Laura Reid asked if the effort to close driveways could dis-incentivize redevelopment for some property owners.

Brown replied that any regulatory shift will deter some owners from making changes to their property, but that nothing will change without a mechanism to provoke it.

“This is about where is it appropriate to set the thermostat for the how you want River Road to change. This is not an onerous level to expect change to occur,” Brown said.

Mayor Cathy Clark suggested that it might be a matter of how the city promotes the changes to property owners when they consider redevelopment.

“If they are redoing their parking lot, we approach them with a way to re-work parking with a city planner to maximize use of space and increase safety,” Clark said. She added that changes to a shared parking lot at Keizer Martial Arts at 4790 River Road North achieved both goals.

Other changes in the plan will be triggered when redevelopment is equal to or more than 25 percent the total value of the structure and the property.

Contact the reporter at editor@keizertimes.com.

Shredding event at WVB

Community members are invited to have their paper documents securely destroyed and recycled by a mobile shredding truck at Willamette Valley Bank in Keizer, 5130 River Road N., on Friday, Oct. 25 from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

To celebrate Oregon

Community Bank Week, an annual observance proclaimed by Oregon's Governor, members of Community Banks of Oregon are joining forces to help Oregonians combat identity theft by hosting free document shredding events across the state.

With identity fraud affecting 16.7 million U.S. Consumers last year alone, securely destroying documents that contain personal information is one of the best ways consumers can protect themselves from identity thieves.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

7 a.m. - Identity theft, computer crime felony and fraud use of credit card in the 4000 block of Crater Avenue N.
8:04 a.m. - Criminal mischief and burglary in the 5000 block of Inland Shores Way N.
4:22 p.m. - Physical harassment in the 4000 block of Noon Avenue NE.
4:49 p.m. - Criminal trespassing in the 6000 block of Ulali Drive NE.
4:52 p.m. - Driving uninsured at the intersection of Lockhaven Drive NE and Crestwood
4:53 p.m. - Traffic accident at the intersection of River Road N. and Lockhaven Drive N.
5:18 p.m. - Theft from motor vehicle in the 6000 block of Keizer Station Boulevard NE.
7:16 p.m. - Arrest for warrant served, criminal trespassing, shoplifting and littering in the 4000 block of River Road N.
11:05 p.m. - Arrest for warrant served in the 3000 block of Cherry Avenue NE.
11:53 p.m. - Arrest for harassment and criminal trespassing in the 4000 block of River Road N.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:24 a.m. - Physical harassment in the 1000 block of Lockhaven Drive NE.
8:54 a.m. - Motor vehicle theft in the 5000 block of Robindale Drive N.
11:18 a.m. - Disorderly conduct in the 1000 block of

Lockhaven Drive NE.
4:30 p.m. - Assault in the 3000 block of 5th Avenue N.
8 p.m. - Arrest for bench warrant in the 4000 block of River Road N.
8:03 p.m. - Traffic accident at the intersection of Alder Drive NE and Pleasant View Drive NE.
9:17 p.m. - Physical harassment and criminal trespassing in the 5000 block of Robindale Drive N.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

4:45 a.m. - Criminal mischief in the 1000 block of Country Glen Avenue NE.
1:27 p.m. - Arrest for restraining order violation in the 1000 block of Country Glen Avenue NE.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:40 a.m. - Theft by deception in the 700 block of Evans Street N.
5:40 p.m. - Criminal mischief in the 4000 block of Delight Street N.
6:11 p.m. - Menacing use or display of weapons in the 2000 block of Kennedy Circle NE.
6:40 p.m. - Traffic accident in the 5000 block of Elizabeth Street N.
8:22 p.m. - Failure to perform duties of driver when property was damaged in the 6000 block of Ulali Drive NE.
8:45 p.m. - Arrest for warrant served in the 6000 block of Ulali Drive NE.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

2:43 a.m. - Arrest for warrant served and interference with a police officer at the intersection of Shangri La Avenue NE and River Road N.
9:20 a.m. - Criminal trespassing in the 500 block of Greenwood Drive NE.
2 p.m. - Residence burglary in the 4000 block of Thorman Avenue NE.
9:25 p.m. - Theft in the 4000 block of 15th Avenue N.
12:26 p.m. - Theft in the 4000 block of Gary Street NE.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

10:59 a.m. - Physical harassment in the 3000 block of River Road N.
12 p.m. - Backyard burning in the 6000 block of Lopez Court N.
8:29 p.m. - Criminal trespassing in the 5000 block of River Road N.
10:15 p.m. - Probation violation in the 1000 block of McGee Court NE.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

2 a.m. - Criminal mischief, motor vehicle theft and unlawful entry to vehicle at the intersection of St. Croix Way NE and McLeod Lane NE.
7:30 a.m. - Theft in the 700 block of Weeks Drive NE.
10:01 p.m. - Arrest for warrant served in the 4000 block of River Road N.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

2 a.m. - Motor vehicle theft in the 800 block of Manbrin Drive NE.



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