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Newport Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Members Present: Ken Dennis (chair), Lisa Kern, Bob Hein and Dave Teem

Absent: Chuck Forinash, Elliott Crowder and Lon Brusselback – Chuck Norman hasn't responded to phone calls or emails

Staff: Tim Gross

Meeting called to order at 5:35 P.M. The July and August minutes were accepted as written.

Staff Report:

The ODOT contract and USCG agreement haven't been signed yet. Tim is currently working on some high priority projects but will continue pursuing these items.

The cost of the sharrow template is still estimated at \$466 and will be verified.

Eads St. is closed during school hours and pedestrian crossings are being improved which should include 3 handicap ramps.

The City is working on another grant application for pedestrian crossings on Highway 101.

Old Business:

Dave mentioned the need for sidewalks on NW 3rd and 6th Streets. Tim commented that there is a plan in the works to complete sidewalks in Newport. Dave also mentioned that the parkway between NW Nye St. and the skate park needs lighting and other improvements to make it more secure for walkers and bicyclists.

There was a discussion about improving the walking area on NW Nye St. next to the ball parks behind the fire station.

The new sidewalk on Naterlin Drive could use some benches. We need some cost estimates.

There still haven't been any return calls from Chuck Norman as to his status on the committee.

New Business:

Ken reported that Wendy Engler spoke at a City Council meeting about an interest in getting some walking routes. There are already maps available that the committee worked on several years ago.

Ken will try to get the time line and Tim will see if he can find the file with these maps.

Bob brought in a copy of City Ordinance # 2016 that was an emergency change to where bicyclists, skateboarders and rollerbladers couldn't use certain city streets. It appeared like bicyclists wouldn't be able to ride on Bay Blvd. and Naterlin Drive. Ken will review the ordinance and get a clarification about its content and intent.



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Ken will pass on a picture of a pedestrian crossing sign that he saw in Minnesota. He noted that it is highly visible and appears to be portable (can be reused on an as needed basis).



MUTCD Sign #'s: R1-6 & R1-6a

Ken will see if the next three meetings can be changed to Monday's from Tuesday's.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Next meeting: Monday - October 10, 2011 at 5:30 PM.