

April 14, 2015
5:30 P.M.
Newport, Oregon

The City of Newport Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee met on the above date in Conference Room A of the Newport City Hall. In attendance were Susan Hogg, Marsha Eckelman, Chuck Forinash, and Geri Kern. Also in attendance was Council Liaison Mark Saelens, and Peggy Hawker, City Recorder/Special Projects Director.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Saelens suggested adding a discussion of scenic bike routes and tie this into a discussion of the designation of historic trees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MARCH 10, 2015

MOTION was made by Eckelman, seconded by Forinash, to approve the minutes of March 10, 2015 meeting, as presented. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

A discussion ensued regarding the location of the recommended Big Creek Trail dog waste container. Saelens agreed to inquire at the upcoming Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.

REVIEW TABLE 3-3 OF THE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE PLAN TO IDENTIFY COMPLETED PROJECTS

The Committee began its review of Table 3-3 of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan as follows:

1. NW 68th Street Undercrossing - ***Not going to happen;***
2. Mid-Block, between 16th and 17th Streets - Add median, raised stop bars, appropriate signage, and striped continental crosswalk - ***Completed;***
3. 13th Street - Add median, raised stop bars, appropriate signage, and striped continental crosswalk - ***Not going to happen;***
4. 10th Street - Add median, raised stop bars, appropriate signage, and striped continental crosswalk - ***Completed;***
5. 8th Street - Add median, raised stop bars, appropriate signage, and striped continental crosswalk - ***Incomplete;***
6. 3rd Street/4th Street - Add median, raised stop bars, appropriate signage, and striped continental crosswalk - ***Completed;***
7. 2nd Street (outside City Hall) - Add median, raised stop bars, appropriate signage, and striped continental crosswalk - ***Not going to happen;***
8. SW Angle Street - Add curb extensions - ***Completed;***
9. SW Lee Street - Add curb extensions - ***Completed;***

10. SW Hurbert Street - Add curb extensions - *This is already a signalized intersection;*
11. SW Alder Street - Add curb extensions - *Completed;*
12. SW Neff Way - Add median, raised stop bars, appropriate signage, and striped continental crosswalk - *Incomplete;*
13. SW Abbey Street - Tighten the turning radius for vehicles, add marked crosswalks - *Completed;*
14. SW Bay Street - Tighten the turning radius for vehicles, add marked crosswalks - *Incomplete;*
15. Mid-block between S Bayley Street and SW Minnie Street - Add median, raised stop bars, appropriate signage, striped continental crosswalk, and curb extensions - *Completed.*

It was the consensus of the Committee to bypass the sidewalk projects at this time and begin the reviewing of bike lanes, beginning on 3-32, at the next meeting.

A discussion ensued regarding whether bike lanes were being discouraged in favor of sharrows. Kern noted that bike lanes aggravate motorists. Forinash suggested the possibility of removing parking on one side of a street to allow for bike lanes. Kern suggested encouraging the use of Nye Street rather than Highway 101. MOTION was made by Forinash, seconded by Hogg, to request the city's Public Works staff to develop a conceptual layout of a bike lane on Nye Street. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

UPDATE ON PRIORITY PROJECTS 2014/2015 FISCAL YEAR

Hawker distributed copies of the preliminary design and cost estimates for the Agate Beach State Park to Highway 101 trail connector; NW Oceanview Drive to NW Nye Street multiuse path; and sidewalk and improvements on SW Harbor Way between Nye Street and the hospital on Abbey Street.

Forinash reported that the Bayfront Parking District had tentatively agreed to participate, at the \$40,000 level, in the construction of the sidewalk on SW Harbor Way. MOTION was made by Forinash, seconded by Hogg, to request city staff to engage in discussions with state parks staff regarding collaborative financing for the Agate Beach State Park to Highway 101 trail connector project. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

It was noted that the City Council, at its next meeting, will be considering an intergovernmental agreement with ODOT to place sharrows on the Yaquina Bay Bridge.

It was noted that the MindMixer opportunity regarding the Ferry Slip Road and Coho/Brant projects is not on the city's website.

SCENIC BIKE ROUTES - DISCUSSION

A brief discussion ensued regarding the possibility of having a state scenic bike route designation in Newport. It was noted that this is an involved process and if the Committee wishes to proceed with this issue, planning must begin well in advance of the deadline. A

further, but brief, discussion ensued regarding the possibility of having a local scenic bike route designation. Information regarding the process of state designation of scenic bike routes will be provided to the Committee at an upcoming meeting.

HISTORIC/UNIQUE TREE DESIGNATION

It was noted that there is a Monterey Cypress tree at the Aquarium, and that there are possibly other historic/unique trees in the community. A brief discussion ensued designating the trees for viewing by tourists and locals. Forinash reported that Steve Wyatt, Executive Director of the Lincoln County Historical Society, had written an article about the history of the Monterey Cypress. It was reported that Tina, at the Oregon Coast Aquarium, would have time, in June, to work on interpretative signage for the tree.

DISCUSSION REGARDING SETTING A JOINT MEETING WITH THE WAYFINDING COMMITTEE

A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of setting a joint meeting with the Wayfinding Committee to discuss topics of mutual interest. Forinash suggested that one topic could be the installation of sharrows on the jetty road, and Kern suggested including walking routes on the wayfinding map. It was agreed to add this item to the next agenda to develop a list of discussion items on which to talk with the Wayfinding Committee.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Saelens noted that there is an ever-increasing population of citizens over the age of 65, and suggested that the plan of the future might incorporate motorized electric bikes, Segways, and motorized skateboards (for example).

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.