

April 8, 2014
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 Alisha Kern, Maryann Bozza, Chuck Forinash, Marsha Eckelman, Bob Hein, and Amanda Capri. Staff in attendance was Peggy Hawker, City Recorder/Special Projects Director. Also in attendance were Mayor Roumagoux, alternate liaison to the Committee, and Minda Stiles.

ROLL CALL

Everyone present introduced themselves.

DISCUSSION ON POTENTIAL TRAIL FROM THE AGATE BEACH WAYSIDE TO THE SIDEWALK NORTH OF WALMART

Minda Stiles noted that she was present to discuss a potential sidewalk at Agate Beach and Highway 101 crosswalks. Relative to a sidewalk in the Agate Beach area, Stiles reported that it would be nice to connect the two sidewalk networks in that area. Hein noted that people walk on the east side of Highway 101 east of the guardrail, and that this could be a viable alternative location for a sidewalk in the area. He added that a four to six foot gravel path would be safer and might be less expensive. A discussion ensued regarding where pedestrians are coming from. Bozza requested that staff look at the possible extension of a sidewalk on the east side of Highway 101.

REVIEW OLD AND NEW PROJECTS AND BEGIN SETTING NEW PRIORITIES

Forinash reported that the city's goal setting meeting included improvements on Oceanview Drive. Hein noted that he would like to see the idea of a multi-use path on Oceanview Drive, from 18th to 15th Streets revived. He suggested that an attempt be made to revive the grant that was submitted four years ago, and Forinash suggested determining how the grant application supports the City Council goal of improving Oceanview Drive. Capri suggested using the gas tax that is designated for bicycle and pedestrian improvements to make intersection improvements by using bulb-outs in certain locations including around schools. Bozza suggested that the Committee review the Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan. Roumagoux recommended that the Committee make a list of the small improvements that it would like to accomplish.

UPDATE ON HIGHWAY 101 CROSSWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Roumagoux reported that the City Council had approved the agreement with ODOT that will move this project forward. Hawker reported that crosswalk painting will be done in the interim. Kern suggested signs identifying all crosswalks.

UPDATE ON CHESTNUT STREET AND FERRY SLIP ROAD PROJECT

It was noted that a big project that will include a multi-use path is anticipated within a year. Forinash added that a micro project in this area would be nice. It was agreed that no further updates on this issue are needed.

REVIEW CURRENT STAFF REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS

It was noted that the monthly departmental reports for the month were not due until later in the month. It was asked that these reports be included in upcoming packets.

UPDATE ON JOINT MEETING WITH THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

It was reported that Bozza, Kern, and Eckelman attended this meeting. Bozza reported that Daniella Crowder is proposing a bicycle pump track. Hein explained that a bicycle pump track is a track that teaches mountain bike handling skills. He noted that this is a joint project between Bike Newport, Yaquina Wheels Bike Club, and the Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce.

A discussion ensued regarding the Parks Master Plan update, and Hein noted that a mountain bike trail on/near the reservoir property would be a tourist draw.

It was asked that the minutes of this joint meeting be available for review at the next meeting.

REPORT ON BICYCLE AND/OR PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS DURING MARCH

It was reported that there were no bicycle or pedestrian accidents during March.

COMMITTEE COMMENT

Roumagoux asked whether the Committee had considered working more closely with the Parks and Recreation Advisory since there is an overlap in certain areas. The Committee agreed that this would be beneficial.

Bozza suggested that a good way to connect would be in the master planning efforts.

Forinash asked whether the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee had the airport trail on its radar.

The Committee asked for topographical and aerial maps of the city.

Kern asked when a Committee orientation would be planned, and it was noted that this would occur for all committees based on availability of the City Attorney.

DEVELOP NEXT AGENDA

1. Update on Agate Beach Wayside
2. Review Departmental Reports from Community Development and Public Works
3. Review Minutes from the Recent Joint Meeting with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
4. Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Accidents During April
5. Approval of Minutes - April 8, 2014
6. Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Mission Statement

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 P.M.