

January 13, 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 Maryann Bozza, Susan Hogg, Chuck Forinash, Amanda Capri, and Alisha Kern. Also in attendance was Council Liaison Mark Saelens, and Peggy Hawker, City Recorder/Special Projects Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - DECEMBER 9, 2014

MOTION was made by Hogg, seconded by Kern, to approve the minutes of December 9, 2014 meeting, as amended. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Hogg noted that the crosswalk previously discussed as being near Georgy's is near Building C of the Shilo.

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

The staff reports from the Community Development and Public Works Departments were unavailable at the time of this meeting.

REVIEW LIST OF QUESTIONS FOR CITY STAFF AND PREVIOUSLY MADE MOTIONS

It was agreed to leave the current questions and receive updates from city staff on the status of each question. The questions are:

1. Would the city consider installation of a bike rack at the Nye Beach Turnaround?

Public Works Director Gross submitted the following written response to this question:

I have inquired with Jim Guenther, Park Maintenance Supervisor, if the City has a bicycle rack in stock that could be installed at the turn around.

The Committee agreed to resend this motion as a bike rack has yet to be installed.

2. Can the bike lane, previously on Bay Boulevard, be restored?

MOTION was made by Kern, seconded by Capri, that when discussions regarding the bike lanes and markings on the Bay Boulevard project, that the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee be involved in those discussions. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

3. MOTION was made by Hogg, seconded by Bozza, to request that the crosswalk at Fifth/Fall/Elizabeth Streets be repainted. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.
4. MOTION was made by Forinash, seconded by Bozza, to request that a bike lane be installed on the uphill side of 40th Street, beginning at Ash Street to the mixed use path on Chestnut Street to facilitate bicycle travel to the Oregon Coast Community College. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Bozza asked whether there should be a bike lane on Ash Street or whether a mixed-use path is workable. She noted that Jeff Bertuleit had asked whether the lack of a bike lane was an accidental omission. Forinash stated that Gross' position is that when the area is developed, the multi-use path will be extended down the hill.

5. MOTION was made by Hein, seconded by Bozza, that the city lower the speed limit on Oceanview Drive from 35 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote. Gross' response was read into the record. Bozza noted that only one straight stretch of Oceanview Drive is 35 miles per hour. Hogg added that there are a lot of blind exits and the road is unsafe. Saelens reported that he will ask the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee about the speed limit issue. Hogg noted that it would be helpful if the Oregon State Parks would install a bridge over the creek. Bozza asked who has jurisdiction over Oceanview Drive and what could be done to lower the speed limit and work on the underpass. Saelens noted that Protiva could check with State Parks regarding its overall plan. Hogg reiterated that the tunnel, under Oceanview Drive, to the beach is causing problems.
6. Would the city consider installing dog waste containers on the Big Creek Trail? Saelens will check with Protiva on this request.

ESTABLISH PRIORITIES FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION FOR THE 2015/2016 FISCAL YEAR

The Committee established the following priorities for the City Council to consider as a part of its 2015/2016 goal setting session:

1. Fund the three priority projects from last year which include:
 - A. Trail - NW Nye Street to Oceanview Drive
 - B. Trail connecting the Agate Beach Wayside Trail to the sidewalk on Highway 101 on the west side
 - C. Sidewalks from the Bayfront to the hospital.
2. Continue to fund the installation of sharrows annually.

3. Update the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan to support the long-term transportation master plan with the goal of making Newport a bike/pedestrian friendly city.
4. Work with the city's grant consultant to obtain grants through Oregon Connect, Oregon Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and other sources.
5. Procedural review to allow the city's Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee to participate in 30% review of projects.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS

It was the consensus of the Committee to continue to track Safe Routes to Schools, and to report back to the Committee if any Committee member is able to attend Safe Routes to Schools meetings. If no one is able to attend meetings, it was agreed to invite someone from Safe Routes to Schools to attend a Committee meeting once annually. The Committee supported Kern attending these meetings on behalf of this Committee.

REPORT ON BICYCLE AND/OR PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS DURING DECEMBER

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

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Forinash reported on the recent workshop on Ferry Slip Road improvements. He reviewed the planned improvements and recommended that a bike lane, rather than a multi-use path, be installed on the loop from the Rogue Brewery past Flashbacks. He noted that a multi-use path would work in the short-term, but in the future, there should be dedicated bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides. It was also suggested that the multi-use path could be changed to a sidewalk, next to a planting strip, and a dedicated bike lane in the street. Forinash will research the issue and presented it to the Committee for review.

It was asked whether the bike maps are on-line. Hawker will check.

Kern reminded Hawker that the Committee is still waiting for smaller maps.

DEVELOP NEXT AGENDA

In addition to the usual agenda items, the next agenda will include a report on the multi-use path issue in urbanized areas, and scenic bike routes.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.