

July 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, Marsha Eckelman, Maryann Bozza, and Amanda Capri. Also in attendance was Mark Saelens, City Council Liaison, and Peggy Hawker, City Recorder/Special Projects Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JUNE 10, 2014

MOTION was made by Kern, seconded by Bozza to accept the minutes of the meeting of June 10, 2014 with the addition of a request for a smaller version of the maps. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

REVIEW OLD AND BEGIN SETTING NEW PROJECTS

Bozza reported that she has Ken Dennis' paper files regarding the Oceanview grant.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE IN PROMOTIGN ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION

Bozza asked the Committee what topics it would like to focus on. Capri suggested identifying items that would improve transit, but noted that preliminary work should be done with Lincoln County first. Saelens suggested having meetings with the transit district throughout the year. Bozza asked what transportation issues need to be resolved. Saelens noted that this Committee can advise the city. Capri suggested visioning to determine what the transit service should look like. It was suggested that an upcoming agenda item should be, "where do we see alternate transportation issues synchronizing with bicycle and pedestrian issues." A discussion ensued regarding the coordination of transit services, and it was noted that there is some of that occurring presently.

Bozza noted that she likes the idea of going through the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan. Other issues include: transit; sharrows; sidewalks near the hospital; monitoring the crosswalk project; updating the bicycle maps; and ask that a GIS layer be put on maps to indicate bicycle and pedestrian ways. Kern noted that the walking map does not contain street names. It was noted that interactive maps on line would be useful.

Further discussion included the four priorities established earlier this year by the Committee, including: 1. Sharrows on city streets; 2. Trail - NW Nye Street to Oceanview Drive; 3. Trail connecting Agate Beach Wayside Trail to sidewalk on Highway 101 west; and 4. Sidewalks from the Bayfront to the hospital.

It was suggested that the Committee be actively involved in the Safe Routes to School Program.

It was suggested that a trail could be built on the old railroad bed in South Beach (Stocker property).

It was asked that the four established priorities, and the crosswalk project, be included on every agenda for an update.

The Committee agreed that it would like information on the city's plan for the intersection of 11th Street and Harbor Drive, and whether the city would consider the 11th Street and Harbor Drive sidewalk as part of the 9th and Abbey Streets project.

The Committee agreed to consider alternate transportation in conjunction with its review of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan.

The Committee agreed that new projects include the review of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan; maps with a GIS layer indicating walking trails; becoming more involved with Safe Routes to Schools; the Stoker trail in South Beach; and staying abreast of improvements at Moore Drive and Bay Boulevard.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE COMMITTEE'S MISSION STATEMENT

The Committee discussed its' mission statement, and revised it to read as follows:

"The Committee advises the City Council relating to the safety, recreation, and education of bicyclists, pedestrians, and users of alternate transportation. The Committee acts as a resource to provide additional information related to the unique problems associated with alternate transportation."

Hawker agreed to bring the revision to the next meeting.

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

Hawker reported that the current staff reports are not due until next week.

REVIEW OF MAPS

The Committee requested smaller versions of the city maps.

REPORT ON BICYCLE AND/OR PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS DURING MAY

Hawker reported that there were no bicycle or pedestrian accidents during May.

REVIEW LIST OF QUESTIONS FOR CITY STAFF

The Committee reviewed the list of questions for city staff, and the following questions remain:

1. Does the city have an inventory of bike paths/trails/sidewalks?
2. There is a disconnect on the 40th Street trail to OCCC - can sharrows be considered for enhanced connectivity?
3. What is the status of recommendations for Bay Boulevard and Moore Drive? Has a design been completed and are there bike lanes included?
4. Can the bike lane, previously on Bay Boulevard, be restored?
5. Would the city consider installing dog waste containers on the Big Creek Trail?
6. Is there a plan to include signage at both ends of the Big Creek Trail?
7. Would the city consider installation of a bike rack at the Nye Beach turnaround on the north side by the picnic tables?

DEVELOP NEXT AGENDA

It was agreed that the next agenda should include a review of Table 3.3 of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan to determine which projects on this list have been completed.

It was agreed that future agendas should include updates from Kern on her bicycle trip.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.