

June 11, 2013
5:30 P.M.
Newport, Oregon

The City of Newport Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee met on the above date in Conference Room A of the Newport City Hall. In attendance were Ken Dennis, Maryann Bozza, Chuck Forinash, Bob Hein, Alisha Kern, and Dave Teem. Also in attendance was Mark Saelens, City Council liaison, and Peggy Hawker, City Recorder/Special Projects Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - APRIL 13, 2013

MOTION was made by Hein, seconded by Teem to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2013 meeting. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

AGENDA DISCUSSION

Dennis reported that the approval of minutes was not included on the agenda. Saelens noted that the agenda sent by Dennis was not the official agenda. Dennis reported that he had distributed an agenda. Saelens noted that at the close of the April meeting, the Committee agreed to changes to the proposed Ordinance No. 2051, and established the agenda for this meeting. Hein suggested that the new agenda format be utilized, and that the agenda be developed with input from Dennis (as Committee chair) and city staff. Saelens noted that there is an undercurrent of resistance to changing how the Committee operates. Bozza noted that there is not a struggle, and Teem stated that there is a struggle. Saelens reported that the Committee had agreed on the ordinance criteria at the last meeting, and less than 24 hours later, the Committee and staff received an e-mail from Dennis wanting to fall back on the by-laws rather than the ordinance. MOTION was made by Hein, seconded by Forinash to use the City of Newport agenda format in the future, and that the agenda be developed in conjunction with the Committee chair and staff. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Dennis stated that he would like staff reports on four items.

Saelens noted that he hoped to have information to share with the Committee regarding the Highway 101 crosswalk project, but that there was not a current update from staff. He stated that he would have an update at an upcoming meeting.

Saelens reported that the Police Department had indicated that there were no bicycle or pedestrian accidents, in Newport, during the month of May.

Hein suggested alerting the Police Department to skateboarders on Bay Boulevard.

Forinash noted that he had talked with the Derrick Tokos, the city's Community Development Director, who had reported that a public meeting will be held regarding the Highway 101 crosswalk project. Forinash added that Tokos was in favor of a Highway 101 viewshed improvement. Hawker agreed to provide notice to the Committee when the date of the public meeting was established. Forinash noted that there is a huge budget issue regarding landscaping. Hein reported that volunteers maintain the islands in Philomath.

CHESTNUT STREET - COMMUNITY/URBAN PATH AND LANDSCAPING

Saelens reported that he had visited with Forinash regarding the intersection of Chestnut Street and Ferry Slip Road. Forinash reported that the city had changed the traffic flow on Chestnut Street. He added that Tim Hastings approached Tim Gross, the city's Public Works Director, who had looked at the intersection; deemed it a good idea to install barricades; and had barricades installed. Saelens suggested that this area could be designated an urban path with a volunteer group maintaining the landscaping. Hein suggested that the city enable Committees or groups to maintain spaces such as this. Saelens suggested that the area be adopted using the city's "Adopt-A-Park" program. Saelens added that if there is consensus among the Committee to adopt that space, he would bring the matter to Gross' attention. MOTION was made by Forinash, seconded by Hein that Forinash work with Saelens and Gross on a Chestnut Street plan. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote. Teem added that it needed to be ascertained whether this files with the role of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Saelens reported that he would alert the Parks and Recreation Committee of this process and ask them to review the plans.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Kern stated that all the Committee wants is to be informed of bike and pedestrian issues. Hein noted that not everything can be run past the Committee due to the timing of meetings.

A discussion ensued regarding the Park Street Trail and the waterline project, as well as the trail from Agate Beach to Nye Street. Dennis reported that the city is considering the installation of a new waterline, and asked that staff provide a status report on this project at an upcoming meeting.

Dennis reviewed Committee requests from the April meeting:

He reported that the recently installed sharrows look good.

He reported that the discussion regarding specific costing of a sidewalk from the west end of the Bayfront to the hospital, and the potential for participation of the Bayfront Parking District in this project had not been completed.

It was noted that there is grant money available for health issues, and that perhaps the city's grant consultant could seek health related grants. Saelens noted that matching

monies are not always available. Dennis reported that Lincoln County has \$50,000 for bicycle/pedestrian improvements.

It was suggested that the bike symbol from the sharrow could be used with an arrow for the bike lanes on SE Bay Boulevard and Harney Street.

Kern reported that the city is repainting road shoulders, but not painting the bike lines back into the shoulders.

It was agreed to ask Jim Protiva, the city's Parks and Recreation Director, whether there are plans for the installation of dog waste containers on Big Creek Trail. It was suggested that where these containers are installed, the maintenance is performed by private parties rather than the city.

Forinash suggested calling the State parks regarding the placement of sharrows in South Beach State Park if the city provides paint. It was also suggested that sharrows be placed on the Jetty Road.

A discussion ensued regarding the Installation of riprap to stabilize the bank in the slide area from the stairway on 31st Street to Harney Street to provide room for pedestrians. Teem noted that a Community Services Consortium group might be able to assist in this effort.

A discussion ensued regarding the installation of paths and walkways in Forest Park. It was reported that Protiva is coordinating with the Oregon Coast Community Forest Association. Saelens noted that wheel chair access into Forest Park would be a community asset.

Kern noted that the walking map needs to be updated to include street names. Hawker agreed to ask whether an electronic copy of the walking map is available, and send it to Bozza, if one exists.

Hein noted that he would like to invite Laura Svengaard to a meeting in September or October to discuss trail development, grant opportunities, and volunteer recruitment for trail development.

The Committee thanked the city's Public Works Department for properly placing the sharrows pursuant to the MUTCD.

Hein noted that the Committee could work on an overlay showing the city's inventory of all paths, trails, bike routes, etc. Saelens reported that he would check with staff to determine what, if anything, currently exists.

It was reported that there is no update regarding whether the city is planning to have the sediment tarps removed on the Big Creek Trail.

Staff was asked to talk with state parks regarding the installation of a hiking icon on Oceanview Drive at Agate Beach to denote the trail from Agate Beach to Big Creek Park.

It was suggested that restriping occur, on the uphill, in the trail connections between Ash Street and 40th Street.

REVIEW OF REVISED ORDINANCE NO. 2051

Changes to the proposed ordinance were reviewed. MOTION was made by Hein, seconded by Forinash, to approve Ordinance No. 2051, as revised, and forward it to the City Council for adoption. It was suggested that the terms of the members be included. The motion carried in a voice vote with Kern abstaining.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Dennis asked whether the city is ordering additional sharrows for other streets, and whether there is money in the Public Works budget for the sharrows.

Dennis reported that he plans to attend “Bike Safety for Kids” training in Eugene, and plans to take the information back to the schools.

It was suggested that department reports be placed at the beginning of each agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.