

March 10, 2015  
5:45 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, Marsha Eckelman, and Geri Kern. Also in attendance was Council Liaison Mark Saelens, and Peggy Hawker, City Recorder/Special Projects Director.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JANUARY 13, 2015**

MOTION was made by Eckelman, seconded by Bozza, to approve the minutes of December 9, 2014 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 EXISTING PROJECTS AND NEW PRIORITIES**

A discussion ensued regarding funding the three priority projects from the 2014/2015 fiscal year: Trail - NW Nye Street to Oceanview Drive; Trail - Connecting the Agate Beach Wayside Trail to the sidewalk on the west side of Highway 101; and Sidewalks from the Bayfront to the hospital. The Committee requested a written report on the preliminary plans and cost estimates for these three projects with the thought that the Committee may develop alternate funding plans to accomplish these three projects.

MOTION was made by Bozza, seconded by Eckelman, to request, from the City Manager, a written analysis of each of the three priority projects as was offered by the City Manager to be available by February of 2015. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

It was reiterated that having this information would provide an opportunity for the Committee look for additional funding opportunities.

The Committee reiterated the 2015/2016 priorities established at the previous meeting which include: (1) fund the three priority projects from the 2014/2015 fiscal year (above); (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.

It was recommended that the city obtain the total number of volunteer hours committed to the city annually, including members of all committees.

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

The Committee reviewed the Community Development Department report. It was noted that the Public Works Department report as unavailable at this time.

A discussion ensued regarding the potential of a Highway 101 couplet in the city, and particularly the impact on the hospital campus. It was asked whether the couplet was a “done deal.”

A discussion ensued regarding the Safe Haven Hill tsunami evacuation improvements, and the potential connection with the Coho/Brant neighborhood.

It was suggested that a bike rack be installed with the Agate Beach street and recreation enhancements.

It was noted that a crosswalk near Georgy’s is in process.

### **SCENIC BIKE ROUTES - DISCUSSION**

It was noted that the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Scenic Bikeway applications for new routes are due by March 31, 2015.

It was agreed to keep this topic on future agendas.

### **REPORT ON BICYCLE AND/OR PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS DURING FEBRUARY**

It was reported that there were no bicycle and/or pedestrian accidents during February.

### **COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

Bozza reported that she is ready to pass the Committee chair position to another member.

Saelens reported that the Wayfinding Committee had suggested a joint meeting with this Committee to discuss signage and “getting around.” Hogg inquired as to whether the large wayfinding signs are ADA compliant for vision impaired persons (for example).

### **DEVELOP NEXT AGENDA**

In addition to the usual agenda items, the next agenda will include:

1. The first fifteen minutes of the meeting will be dedicated to a review of Table 3-3 of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan;

2. Update on priority projects;
3. Discussion on setting a date for a joint meeting with the Wayfinding Committee;
4. Review of existing projects;
5. Review of 2015/2016 priority projects;
6. Review of staff reports from the Community Development and Public Works Departments;
7. Report on bicycle and/or pedestrian accidents during March;
8. Scenic Bike Routes.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 P.M.