

Bike/Ped meeting notes
May 12, 2015
M. Bozza

1. Call to order at 5:37. All members present, + Mark Saleens (Susan arrived a bit late). No members of the public.

3. No additions to agenda.

5. Minutes approved as written.

6. Review table 3-3.

Discussion of Bike Lanes – Hein spoke in favor of bike lanes; Geri had concerns about 1) lack of repainting when they wear out and 2) problem with car doors opening on bicyclists.

Capri, Forinash and Hein all thought the car door problem is not a deterrent to promoting bike lanes. Discussion ensued on necessary widths for bike lanes.

***Motion for Public works representative to meet with the Bike/Ped committee to discuss requirements for inclusion of bike lanes on city streets.**

Motion seconded by Bozza, approved by committee.

Harney St intersection needs to be rebuilt, questions were, is a bike lane and sidewalk on the plan as a project, & how high of a priority is this?

7. 40K from Bay front parking district has been presented to Budget Committee and the hospital sidewalk is likely to be funded. Not sure if the hospital sidewalk project would be completed this fiscal year.

Agate Beach stairway is also likely to be funded. Chuck asked Olaf if he could put in a curb for walking bikes up the stairs. Spencer asked that the 1% for bikes be transferred to the Agate Beach project to supplement the room tax \$29K, since there is now a bike component to the project. Chuck suggested combining – rather than replacing – pots of money to ensure that it is completed.

Mark asked in budget committee about the sharrows; there is no \$ in the budget for them. That is because the budget committee counted it as a project, but then had no plan for the sharrows project handy. E St is already funded. We have a plan for the sharrows and need to communicate that. The next batch to be done are the Bayfront, from Naterlin east out the bay road.

***Hein made a motion Motion to request funding for sharrows for the Bayfront in the 2015-16 fiscal year, from Naterlin east out the Bay road to John Moore, consistent with the existing sharrows plan recommended by the City Manager and approved by the Council in 2014.**

Seconded by Kern, approved.

Discussion of how to juggle initial sharrow installation with maintenance. The expectation is that the funding will be used for initial installation, then they would be replaced as regular maintenance.

Capri suggested we keep the sharrow plan on our monthly minutes so we don't lose sight of the long-range plan.

Mark questioned pooling the maintenance and the new sharrows due to the sheer volume of deferred maintenance that already exists.

8. Discussed how we can incorporate these projects into the upcoming budget

Proposed by Bozza:

*Motion to request a budget item for Chase, the City's grant consultant, to seek out grants relevant to the Oceanview Drive to Nye St multi-use path (bypass trail) project in the 2015-16 fiscal year.

Second by Eckelman, approved.

Mark mentioned how the Council did not respond to his suggestion of the 30% procedural review – the proposal may benefit from a rewrite emphasizing the positive benefits of including the Bike/Ped Committee. Maryann will draft.

Discussion of new crosswalks – Hein proposed:

*Motion for the City or ODOT to paint the yellow caution paint on all the new pedestrian refuges on the new crosswalks.

Seconded by Forinash, approved.

Bozza proposed:

*Motion of appreciation to the City for completion of the crosswalk project, which has already had positive benefits for pedestrians in Newport.

Capri seconded, approved.

Also discussed the retrofit of crosswalk lights, will add to our priority list.

9. No staff reports to review. Kern asked about the Moore drive realignment - will it happen? Forinash indicated that it is not in this budget, so next year is soonest.

10. Discussion of sharrows on the bridge. Diversity of opinion among the committee, so should probably not pursue as a priority project, but all agree that the bridge is a problem for cyclists. Follow up requested includes:

- a. Request information from ODOT on effectiveness of sharrows overall, and in similar situations
- b. Consider moving the light activation pedestal to be more accessible to cyclists.
- c. Consider changing the timing of the lights – keep them on longer northbound versus southbound
- d. Consider an informational kiosk at Agate Beach wayside for long-distance cyclists, including alternate routes through Newport and bridge safety (including activation of lights).

11. Scenic Bike Routes - See last month's minutes – no additional info.

12. Joint meeting with Wayfinding – no additional info.

13. Committee Comments:

Saelens: Sees role for Bike/Ped Committee on connectivity between parks in the Parks and rec Master Planning process.

Kern:

- * Still no new bike rack at Nye Beach turn around

- * We are still looking for small maps for committee members

- * Wanted to acknowledge the City's efforts on the new crosswalks

- * Noted that the "Bike DMV Guide" is only offered in Spanish in City Hall.

- * Had a questions about lodging complaints for code violations – businesses blocking streets.