

May 13, 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, Chuck Forinash, Marsha Eckelman, Susan Hogg, and Amanda Capri. Staff in attendance was Peggy Hawker, City Recorder/Special Projects Director. Also in attendance was Mark Saelens, City Council liaison to the Committee.

ROLL CALL

Everyone present introduced themselves.

UPDATE ON BUDGET PROCESS

Forinash reported that he is a member of the Budget Committee and attends the Committee meetings. He noted that the budget includes \$15,000 for bicycle/pedestrian improvements, and that \$5,000 of this amount is from the state gas tax, and \$10,000 is carryover. He added that this funding is planned to be used for sidewalk improvements on 9th Street from City Hall to the hospital. Forinash reported that \$6,000 had been included in the budget for sharrows, and that would be approximately 24 sharrows. He inquired as to whether sharrow installation could be considered a capital project. Saelens remarked that the Committee may make recommendation regarding multi-modal transportation. He added that he would like to see methods developed to cause the bus service to be more utilized. A discussion ensued regarding the transit services. Capri recommended that dialogue be encouraged between the transit district and the Planning Commission. A discussion ensued regarding broadening the Committee's role to include alternate transportation. The term, "alternate transportation," was suggested by Capri rather than using the term "multi-modal transportation." Forinash reported that the budget also contained funding for a new street sweeper and water and trail upgrades on the Sam Moore Creek Trail. He added that \$10,000 had been included in the budget for wayfinding signage, and questioned whether this money could be used to install sharrows. He noted that funding for the update of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan was removed from the budget this year.

CONTINUED REVIEW OF OLD AND NEW PROJECTS AND BEGIN SETTING NEW PRIORITIES

Forinash reported that he had suggested that a small amount of money be set aside for micro-improvement projects. He noted that the city is currently planning to perform the engineering and planning for the three projects previously recommended by the Committee. It was recommended that the Committee review the transportation plan relative to bicycle improvements.

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

The Committee reviewed the current staff reports from the Community Development and Public Works Departments. Discussion ensued regarding Safe haven Hill, the Highway 101 pedestrian improvement project, and the reason the crosswalk sign was removed at 3rd Street.

REPORT ON BICYCLE AND/OR PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS DURING APRIL

It was reported that a pedestrian had been injured in April when a motorist drove onto the sidewalk. The pedestrian was pinned against a tree by the car, but survived the accident.

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT - DISCUSSION

It was noted that since this item had been placed on the agenda at the request of Maryann Bozza, who was unable to attend this evening, that it be continued to the next meeting.

REVIEW LIST OF QUESTIONS FOR CITY STAFF

It was agreed to place this item on the next agenda.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

It was suggested that the Mayor proclaim the month of May as "Bike to Work" Month in the city. Hawker agreed to draft a proclamation for the next City Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - APRIL 8, 2014

Forinash suggested a change to the minutes and updated the Committee on the status of the Chestnut Street project. He noted that since the Chestnut Street project may not be completed for several years, this area would be good for a micro-project. MOTION was made by Capri, seconded by Eckelman, to approve the minutes with the change noted by Forinash. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

CONTINUED COMMITTEE COMMENTS

It was asked whether the city was planning improvements on John Moore Road, and staff was asked to obtain the information for the next meeting. It was also asked whether bike lanes would be added on John Moore Road since the on-street parking is being eliminated.

Hawker was asked to find out when the next Port of Newport Pedestrian Safety Task Force meeting will occur.

It was noted that the bicycle pump track was approved.

It was noted that the North Jetty beach access had been cleared.

DEVELOP NEXT AGENDA

It was agreed to add the following items to the next agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes - May 13, 2014
2. Mission Statement Discussion
3. Continued Review of Old and New Projects
4. Begin Setting New Priorities
5. Review Staff Reports from the Community Development and Public Works Departments
6. Report on Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Accidents during April
7. Review of Maps
8. The Role of the Committee in Promoting Alternate Transportation
9. Committee Comments
10. Public Comment
11. Establish Next Agenda
12. Confirm Next Meeting Date

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.