

November 10, 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 Marsha Eckelman, Maryann Bozza, Susan Hogg, and Chuck Forinash. Also in attendance was Council Liaison Mark Saelens, and Peggy Hawker, City Recorder/Special Projects Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - OCTOBER 14, 2014

MOTION was made by Hogg, seconded by Eckelman, to approve the minutes of October 14, 2014 meeting, as presented. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

REVIEW LIST OF QUESTIONS FOR CITY STAFF

Saelens complimented the Committee on the letter it sent to the City Council in support of the bicycle pump track. He stated that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee met with property owners in the neighborhood where the bicycle pump track is proposed to be located, and it appeared that the staff is more willing to negotiate a compromise than the property owners. He added that the issue will be addressed again next week at the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting.

Forinash reported that the new sharrows that have been placed on Oceanview Drive are first rate.

It was asked whether the crosswalk on Elizabeth Street, near Georgy's, was going to be repainted.

MOTION was made by Bozza, seconded by Hogg, that staff be requested to install a bicycle rack, which holds multiple bicycles, at the Nye Beach Turnaround. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

MOTION was made by Forinash, seconded by Bozza, that staff be requested to re-establish the bike lane and associated icons on Bay Boulevard from the Embarcadero to Vista Drive, and to establish a bike lane with associated icons on the south side of Bay Boulevard from the Embarcadero to Englund Marine Supply. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

MOTION was made by Hogg, seconded by Forinash, that staff be requested to repaint the crosswalk on Elizabeth Street in front of Georgy's. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

MOTION was made by Forinash, seconded by Bozza, that staff be requested to place sharrows on the uphill side of 40th Street, beginning at Chestnut Street, and continuing up the hill to the mixed use path, and on the uphill side of the street adjacent to the Coast Guard station. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

REVIEW LIST OF QUESTIONS FOR CITY STAFF

It was agreed to leave the current questions and receive updates from city staff on the status of each question. The questions are:

1. There is a disconnect on the 40th Street trail to OCCC - can sharrows be considered for enhanced connectivity?
2. Can the bike lane, previously on Bay Boulevard, be restored?
3. Would the city consider installing dog waste containers on the Big Creek Trail?
4. Is there a plan to include signage at both ends of the Big Creek Trail?
5. Would the city consider installation of a bike rack at the Nye Beach Turnaround?

It was also requested that the list of questions appear near the beginning of the agenda on future agendas.

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

A discussion ensued regarding the development of a GIS Addressing Layer as mentioned in the Community Development report.

The Committee asked about the estimated date of completion of the Highway 101 crosswalk improvement project.

It was noted that no crosswalks were repainted on Highway 101 south of Alder Street, and the question arose as to why these were not repainted.

Hogg agreed to ask about a potential new crosswalk on Highway 101, near the surf shop, if she attends the open house on November 18.

It was asked when the public outreach would occur for the South Beach URA infrastructure improvements.

Forinash distributed a drawing of a potential park on Chestnut Street next to the South Beach Community Center. He stated that he would bring the subject of the park up when the outreach meetings begin. Saelens agreed to take this proposed project to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

REVIEW OF OLD AND NEW PROJECTS

It was noted that the sharrows on Elizabeth Street will be installed before the end of this fiscal year.

It was noted that the preliminary planning for the following projects is scheduled to be completed by February of 2015: Trail - NW Nye Street to Oceanview Drive; Trail connecting the Agate Beach Wayside Trail to the sidewalk on Highway 101 on the west side; and sidewalks from the Bayfront to the hospital.

It was reported that the Highway 101 Crosswalk Improvement Project will go out for bid in mid-November.

A discussion ensued regarding a possible trail extension at the bottom of Park Street, at the end of Nye Street.

It was asked that staff provide a Google Earth map at future meetings.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REVISED MISSION STATEMENT

The new mission statement, developed by the Committee at the last meeting, reads: "The Committee advises the City Council regarding issues relating to bicycle and pedestrian transportation, safety, recreation, and education. The Committee acts as a resource to provide additional information related to the unique problems associated with non-motorized transportation." Hogg asked whether this included transportation such as motorized bikes. It was noted that it does include motorized bikes, and Saelens will bring a definition of motorized bikes to an upcoming meeting.

REPORT ON BICYCLE AND/OR PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS DURING OCTOBER

It was reported that information on bicycle and/or pedestrian accidents was not available prior to this meeting.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

It was reported that the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is accepting nominations for Oregon Scenic Bikeway designations. A discussion ensued regarding whether the city could designate scenic routes within the city with a focus on Nye Beach, Bayfront, and City Center.

It was the consensus of the Committee to add scenic bike routes to the next agenda.

An inquiry was made as to whether there continues to be a vacancy on the Lincoln County Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee. And, it was suggested that this Committee meet with its County counterpart.

ADJOURNMENT

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