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Newport Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

ATTENDANCE:

Members- Ken Dennis (Chair), Bob Hein, Chuck Forinash, Lisa Kern, Maryann Bozza, Dave Teem and Lon Brusselback (City Council)

Staff- Tim Gross and Ted Jones

Guests- Mayor Mark McConnell

Meeting start: 5:35 p.m.

1. Call to Order

a. Introductions- Welcome to Mayor McConnell and Tim Gross

b. Approval of Minutes-

No minutes available for July, August or September

2. Report by City Staff and City Councilor

a. City staff-Ted

i. Sidewalk work under the north end of the Yaquina Bay Bridge is complete. Lighting and landscaping are all that remain to be done. The lighting will continue on down Naterlin Dr.

ii. The City Public Works Dept. has taken over parks maintenance. Mayor McConnell has been asking for volunteers to help with maintenance of the city parks and ROW. The skate shop is trying to organize maintenance of the skate park.

iii. Sidewalks on 3rd and 6th Streets are in progress and are nearing completion.

iv. Highway 101 Crosswalks- still waiting to select a consulting firm to help with layout and design.

3. Old Business

a. Sharrows – Ted reports that Tim has been in contact with Sheila Lyons the ODOT Bike-Ped program manager, about getting sharrows on the Yaquina Bay Bridge and that OR State Parks are still interested in having sharrows on certain park roads.

Action item: What is the status of the sharrows that were going to painted on City streets this fall? Tim had mentioned at the October 2011 meeting that he would be taking the priority list to City Council.

b. Ken reports that the Bay Road Pedestrian/Vehicle Safety Task Force is making progress with preparations for the increased truck traffic to the Port of Newport.

Action item: When is the City going to repaint the bike lane w/bike lane markings on SE Bay Blvd. on the uphill, east bound, section to Vista Drive? This is an item brought up by the task force.

c. Maryann reports that the Coast to Valley Express has four buses running between Newport and Corvallis each day with a fee of \$10 each way. She provided a copy of their brochure and schedule and says that the service needs to be used or it may go away. Here's a link to the schedule: <http://www.co.lincoln.or.us/transit/pdfs/CoasttoValley.pdf> (pass it on)

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d. School Safety Programs – It was suggested that the committee invite some LCSD employees to our next meeting and ask for some guidelines on how we can help implement some programs this year. We'd like to get this started prior to Bike to Work/School month in May and the Bike+Walk to School event. Sue Graves will be contacted.

4. New Business

a. Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century - Ken provided the committee with an overview of the MAP-21 law that specifies how federal dollars may be obtained. It went into effect the first of October. He suggested that the members contact Gerik Kransky (Gerik@btaoregon.org) at the Bicycle Transportation Alliance for specific information.

b. Bike Lane Striping on City Streets – Ken reports that Harney between 3rd and 6th Streets has the bike lane graphic missing from the bike lane that was re-striped. And SE Bay Boulevards bike lane and graphic is missing. Both of these bike lanes are part of the original reconstruction of the streets and were put in to comply with State law.

c. Bob asked about whether the City was still considering the Park St. Trail and Ted mentioned that it's on their radar and may be done when they work on the lift station at Agate Beach which ties in with the one on Park St. (north end of Nye St.) Dave brought up the sidewalk that would connect the Agate Beach Trail and the Walmart sidewalk. Ted says that tunnel improvements and a connection to the Walmart sidewalk are being considered.

d. Mayor McConnell provided the committee with copies of the current by-laws and a membership list. Ken remarked that the by-laws are the latest that he has on file. The Mayor will check with Peggy Hawker about updating "Term Begins/Term Expires" list to reflect a January/December term.

The mayor suggests that the committee go through a selection process for Chairman at the January committee meeting and make arrangements to go before City Council to introduce themselves to the newly elected Council and state their goals and priorities for the next year.

e. Change meeting times – It was suggested by all members present that the meeting time be changed back to the 2nd Tuesday of the month. All in attendance agreed to the change.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 13, 2012, 5:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 7:30 p.m.