

October 8, 2013  
5:38 P.M.  
Newport, Oregon

The City of Newport Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee met on the above date in Conference Room A of the Newport City Hall. In attendance were Ken Dennis, Maryann Bozza, Chuck Forinash, Bob Hein, and Alisha Kern. Also in attendance was Mark Saelens, City Council liaison, and Peggy Hawker, City Recorder/Special Projects Director.

#### **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Kern asked the status of the GIS layer to denote trails. Saelens noted that he would check with Public Works Director, Tim Gross, on this issue.

It was asked whether the Park Street trail needs to be privately funded.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JULY 9, 2013**

MOTION was made by Hein, seconded by Forinash, to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2013 meeting as amended. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

#### **NEXT HIGHWAY 101 CROSSWALK IMPROVEMENTS OPEN HOUSE**

Hawker reported that the next Highway 101 Crosswalk Improvements Project open house had not been scheduled. She noted that she would advise the Committee when the event is scheduled.

#### **UPDATE - SHARROWS IN SOUTH BEACH AND YAQUINA BAY BRIDGE (CITY COUNCIL LETTER TO ODOT FROM TIM GROSS)**

Saelens reported that he would bring this matter to a City Council work session and remind Gross about the letter to ODOT. Staff was asked to determine whether the city is planning to purchase additional sharrows. It was asked at what point the repetitive painting of sharrows would warrant the use of thermoplastic sharrows. Hein reported that thermoplastic is more cost effective. Dennis reported that 40 sharrows were used on Oceanview Drive. He stated that the city did not need to use all these sharrows on Oceanview Drive, and could/should have used some on other roads. It was the consensus of the group to use sharrows in areas with poor sight distance. Hein noted that Oceanview Drive is a complete linear segment. He asked how much could be spent on sharrows. He noted that it is confusing without segments hooked together. It was asked that the city provide a timetable on how many sharrows can be purchased at once. Saelens noted that whether it is a sharrow or a fog line, the paint fades. Bozza suggested using paint because there is support for that now, and that is a "foot in the door." Hein suggested using thermoplastic now because there will likely be no painting until May. Bozza noted that a commitment needs to be made by the city. Hein reported that he had submitted a list of

proposed sharrow locations to Gross. Saelens asked how many sharrows should be installed annually to complete this project. The Committee requested that Gross advise where he is on this project. Dennis reported that paint costs approximately \$6 per can.

### **SE 40<sup>TH</sup> STREET STRIPING AND SHARROWS - UPDATE**

Staff was asked to check with Gross on the status of the SE 40<sup>th</sup> Street striping and sharrows. Forinash reported that Ted Jones had indicated that there is no room on 40<sup>th</sup> Street to include a bike lane on the uphill side. He inquired about the minimum standard travel lane for various types of road and suggested a four foot bike lane could be installed on the uphill side. Kern asked whether there is a plan for a multi-lane path on Ash Street. Forinash noted that there is a mixed use path on the west side.

### **OLD PARK STREET TRAIL PLANS**

A discussion ensued regarding the old Park Street Trail plans. Dennis reported that he has all the information including the pricing of materials. He stated that he had gone to the Oregon Disabilities Commission and had gotten an informal letter of approval. He noted that this is a viable and significant project.

### **OCEANVIEW DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS - CITY COUNCIL SUPPORT**

Kern asked whether the Committee could meet with the City Council in a work session. Bozza suggested that the meeting focus on some of the five identified priorities.

### **BARRIER RELOCATIONS ON CHESTNUT STREET AND BIG CREEK ROAD - SPACING**

It was reported that Big Creek Road is being rebuilt. Saelens stated that he would check in with Gross regarding the spreading of the barricades. Saelens agreed to work with Forinash to review concepts that could be accomplished by the neighborhood. Forinash suggested development of an urban path to the north.

### **DISCUSSION ON MEETING DAY**

It was agreed to continue meeting on the second Tuesday of the month.

### **COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

Dennis reported that the Walk+Bike to School Day is tomorrow. He added that the bike shop is promoting the event and three schools are participating. Dennis reported that he will talk with the intermediate school.

Dennis asked whether two of the new Highway 101 crosswalks could be marked with school crossing designations. He suggested that the designations be located at 3<sup>rd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Streets. Forinash suggested raising this question at the next open house on the project. Bozza noted that school zone designations on Highway 101 might be too far from

the schools. Hein reported that there is one crosswalk in Florence that is designated as a school crossing.

A discussion ensued regarding the need for a quorum to meet. Hein agreed to check with Hawker will check with Dave Teem.

Dennis distributed a letter of resignation and noted that this is his last meeting as a Committee member. Bozza thanked Dennis for all his work and noted that when accomplishments are listed, the Committee has been extremely productive. Hein stated that there was a lot of improvement with Gross attended meetings as the Committee access to Public Works staff is critical.

Hein requested a sharrows report at the next meeting to include data regarding number of sharrows needed and installed. He agreed to determine mileage figures.

Questions for Gross include: is there room for a four foot bike lane on 40<sup>th</sup> Street; what is the status of the GIS layer that shows trails and routes; where are responses to questions posed three or four months ago.

#### **DEVELOP NEXT AGENDA**

It was asked that the next agenda include a Committee training and a list of member terms in addition to moving forward certain agenda items.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 P.M.