

June 19, 2018

5:34 P.M.

Newport, Oregon

The City of Newport Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee met on the above date in Conference Room A of the Newport City Hall. In attendance were Marsha Eckelman, Wendy Henriksen, Jeff Pendleton, Chuck Forinash, Michael Rioux, and Wendy Engler. Also in attendance was Rachel Cotton, Associate Planner. Not in attendance were Daniella Crowder, Nicole Fields, and Susan Hogg

### **ROLL CALL**

Henriksen opened the meeting with a roll call. She asked for additions to the agenda.

### **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

Rioux asked to add a discussion item to the agenda related to parking and the ongoing public outreach meetings related to the draft Parking Management Plan.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 8, 2018**

Cotton called for approval of the May 8, 2018 meeting minutes.

**MOTION** was made by Henriksen, seconded by Rioux to approve the meeting minutes of May 8, 2018. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

### **SUMMER SCHEDULES**

Members discussed summer schedules and availability. Cotton to poll in August about availability for the September meeting.

### **SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL TRAINING**

Cotton encouraged the AC to brainstorm ways to connect with the Lincoln County School District about partnering on a Safe Routes to School training in Newport. Cotton mentioned offer from Council of Governments staff to connect Lincoln County School District staff with their School District counterparts in Sweet Home to develop buy-in for Safe Routes to School. Eckelman willing to reach out to the District's safety coordinator, Sue Graves, but will wait until later in the summer to connect.

### **30% PLANS FOR AGATE BEACH WAYSIDE CONNECTOR AND HARBOR WAY SIDEWALKS**

Cotton shared 30% designs for the Agate Beach Wayside Connector and Harbor Way sidewalks with the AC, explaining that refinements are moving forward although the development timeline is unknown due to staffing shortages in Public Works. Forinash stated he would like to see on-street parking spaces added as part of a design and that a partnership with the hospital should be explored to designate a merchants parking area on hospital property, capitalizing on utilization of the new sidewalk to access the Bayfront. Cotton requested that Forinash send her this comment via email to pass on to project staff.

### **ADDED AGENDA ITEM**

The AC discussed parking concerns in Nye Beach. Rioux mentioned some innovative ideas related to creating public benefits in conjunction with regulating parking promoted by Donald Shoup. Engler referenced Shoup's book "The High Cost of Free Parking" which was also mentioned by Rioux earlier in the meeting. Forinash mentioned a past concept for a mixed use parking structure on the Bayfront that would also be a transit hub. Engler mentioned a past concept to park a decommissioned Ferry on the Bayfront and use that as a parking structure.

### **PARK SYSTEM MASTER PLAN DISCUSSION**

Cotton stated that the Park System Master Plan project would be kicking off the following day with a visit from the project consultants and its first Advisory Committee meeting. She shared examples of which groups would be interviewed in the first round of stakeholder outreach, including the AC. Forinash suggested that Port of Newport should be added as a stakeholder, given the recreational value of Yaquina Bay. Cotton guided the AC through a series of interview questions, to which responses have been summarized on the following page.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

## Park System Master Plan – Stakeholder Interview Questionnaire

A new and improved plan to guide the future development and enhancement of existing and future city parks, trails, recreational facilities and natural areas in Newport is underway. The City of Newport is updating its Park System Master Plan. The City has hired a consulting team led by the planning firm Angelo Planning Group, in partnership with landscape architecture firm GreenWorks and economic analysis firm ECONorthwest, to assist with this project. Project team members are conducting a series of interviews with community stakeholders to identify key park and recreation goals, needs, and issues to consider in preparing the Master Plan. Your participation in these interviews is very much appreciated! We'll take notes, but appreciate your written comments if you would like to provide them. Please answer the following in the lines below and in the space on the back.

**1. How do you or your organization currently use park and recreational facilities in Newport?**

Trails, Big Creek Park, picnics, games, South Beach State Park playground and bike path

**2. What types of parks and open space related activities are most important to you (e.g., walking on improved trails, walking in natural areas, swimming or other indoor recreation, outdoor organized sports (soccer, baseball, etc.), bicycling, family or community gatherings, etc.)?**

- Trails
- Being able to walk or ride a bike to parks and playgrounds
- All activities are important: family friendly activities, activities/amenities for young families and young professionals to keep them in Newport

**3. What are the aspects or components of the park system that work well currently that we should preserve and maintain?**

- There are a lot of parks and open spaces in the existing park system
- Agate Beach dog park & park

**4. Currently, what is missing from the park system? (either missing altogether or missing in specific geographic areas of the community)**

- General maintenance and upkeep
- Basketball hoop/active recreation/sports fields in South Beach
- More trails and connections (do not want to have to drive to parks)
- Restrooms at Sam Moore Park
- No signs/ better wayfinding needed
- Soccer practice areas
- Ocean to Bay trail – full buildout of trail missing

**5. Are specific parks/facilities in need of repair or improvements? What types of improvements do they need and how would these improvements help your organization better use the system? Are there targeted or modest improvements that could be made a low cost that would improve the quality or usability of certain parks**

- Coast park has broken playground equipment and is not user friendly
- Too many rules at the pool for kids/management issues
- Tennis courts should be converted to other sports
- Broken benches at Big Creek Park
- Ocean to Bay trail – boardwalk is very slippery, needs maintenance and extension
- More trails and connections needed
- Coast Guard trail needs repairs/extension
- Patrolling and clean up of homeless camps
- Better wayfinding and interpretive signage (low cost)
- City needs better reporting tools for complaints and maintenance requests. It is not clear where specific complaints and requests should go from the website form or calling the main public works number.

**6. How can the City best partner with your group or others to use, improve and maintain the park and recreational system? Please suggest new opportunities for co-use or programming of specific facilities.**

- Interpretive signage could be developed in partnership with OSU, Hatfield, NOAA, Port, School District, Surfrider, etc
- Better tools for the public to make maintenance requests (see above)
- Harnessing volunteers and having a volunteer organizer or new beautification staff to match volunteer opportunities with bodies and training

**7. In 20 years, what do you envision for the Newport Parks system and what role will your organization plan in achieving that vision?**

- More sidewalks and mixed use trails, including boardwalks.
- A full bike/ped loop around town
- An alternative route to 101 (possibly on Oceanview) that is safe and friendly for cycling and walking

**8. Who else should we talk to or involve in this project as we move forward?**

Port of Newport, natural landscapers (people who use no pesticides, native plants), Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District, Jay Fineman & Penelope Kaczmarek (Forest Park)