



The City of Newport Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee will hold a meeting at 5:30 P.M., on Tuesday, December 10, 2013, in Conference Room A, in the Newport City Hall, 169 SW Coast Highway, Newport, Oregon 97365. A copy of the meeting agenda follows.

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CITY OF NEWPORT
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

Tuesday, December 10, 2013
5:30 P.M.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes - November 12, 2013
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Interview Applicants for Committee Vacancies
- VII. Develop Presentation for City Council Work Session on December 16, 2013
- VIII. Big Creek Road - Discussion

- IX. Committee Comments**
- X. Develop Next Agenda**
- XI. Next Meeting Date - January 14, 2013**
- XII. Adjournment**

November Bike/Ped Meeting
November 12, 2013
Minutes by M. Bozza

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Present: Maryann Bozza, Chuck Forinash, Alisha Kerns, Bob Hein, Ted Smith and Mark Saleens

III. Selection of Chair

CF made a motion that Maryann Bozza serve as new Bike/Ped Committee Chair, BH seconded, vote was in favor.

IV. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: Alisha requested an additional agenda item, Status of the multi-use path/trails layer from the city GIS map, placed on agenda between IX and X

V. Approval of Minutes – October 8, 2013 – minutes approved as written

VI. Public comment = Amanda Capri, applicant for Committee, introduced herself and gave a little background on her professional experience, current activities and interest in the committee.

VII. Highway 101 Crosswalk Improvements Open House Schedule

Mark is concerned that a step was missed in the process, as we are now at the final step and there was supposed to be an interim design. There were many ideas brought forth in the first meeting, and we don't know what to expect tomorrow night, especially landscaping to be low maintenance, and the role of volunteers in maintenance of landscaping. One issue with volunteers is safety. Lighting is important, and an issue is where the lighted crossing goes in – Committee thinks it should be on 3rd, not Angle.

State Bicycle advisory committee may have grants to add more lights.

Amanda asked if stamped concrete was considered to slow traffic. Ted speculated that ODOT may not be willing.

VIII. Update – Sharrows in South Beach & Yaquina Bay Bridge (City Council/ letter to ODOT from Council/Tim Gross)

Tim has not written the letter to ODOT yet – content of the letter is to put sharrows on the bridge and south beach (jetty road) and encourage people to use the roadway rather than the sidewalk for riding. Tim alerted the Council that he would be requesting a work session. Mark suggested that the Committee write the letter and reference the comment (Chuck got a verbal approval from South Beach State Park manager for the jetty road), but Chuck thought the City should be writing it. We can provide text as appropriate. No action item was finalized.

Bob provided a written update on the status of sharrows in Newport – how many have been installed and how many are left. Chuck asked if the Council has bought into this. Bob will update the document to reflect comments on prioritization and tourist routes for next meeting.

Chuck asked if city council is directing the city staff to put in sharrows. Mark said that we should have a priority list and present it to a work session, perhaps we could get a line item for sharrows. Dec work session is on 16th. Mark

will see if he can get us on the 12/16 agenda, if not it would be in Jan. The committee can use the December meeting to plan for the work session.

For public works, need to put projects into the queue and wait for it to rise to the top. In order for it to get in the queue, we need to get the council to make a policy decision, then the city manager will direct public works.

IX. 40th Street Striping and Sharrows – Update

40th st striping project –still looking for an update from Tim. Alisha noted that it's a very short stretch. Bob pointed out that the short stretch is very important to bicyclists. Ted suggested that we can't keep adding to the sharrows priorities list; Chuck pointed out that 40th street is a new issue, because of the paving of Ash St. Mark suggested that we need to do a careful prioritization, Chuck asked what amount of money we might expect then we can

If we can show that some of these sharrows are in tourist areas then we might be able to make the argument for some tourist dollars. Bob pointed out which areas are tourist-driven, which are for schools, which are east-west. Bob will rework the document to highlight this. There is a line item for bike/ped from gas tax, about 10k/year.

Amanda asked how the sharrow list was created. Alisha said that bike paths were considered but the lane widths were determined to be too narrow to accommodate bike lane + parking. Amanda thought that most streets would be wide enough. Alisha said the sharrows were chosen to educate motorists that bicyclists are presented. Also that City will not maintain existing bike trails.

Chuck thought that 40th street is wide enough for a bike lane but we could not get that done, should have been easy. Lots of discussion about how to best communicate with City staff, and it was again stressed that we should go through Mark with questions in writing to Council. Chuck pointed out that having a public works person at the meeting took care of some of the informational questions. There are also procedural questions and action items. Mark contends that for action items we still need to get council buy-in. The Committee will plan to put questions in writing, under 3 categories – informational, procedural and requests for action. Bob suggested that we reestablish the communication method of putting requests in writing and having Mark bring them forward to Council. Once the Committee makes a list then Mark and the City Manager would determine how to route. Ted pointed out that the City manager should be accessible, and should help to route requests. Conclusion is that city departments are overwhelmed so having an efficient way to route requests will help everyone. Without staff from public works present at our meetings, which was very efficient, now we need a new procedure. Concept is to invite Tim to attend meetings quarterly.

IXa. Status of the multi-use path/trails layer from the city GIS map Status of GIS layer: Mark - we have virtually none of the sidewalks and paths on the GIS system.

X. Report on Walk+Bike to School Day (October 9)

Walk- bike to school day was a big success – Ken and Eliot were involved and there was good coverage of it. It was clear that the Committee was involved, good exposure. Tarah Campi wants to come to our next meeting but we will instead invite her for Jan meeting since we will be preparing for our council work session.

XI. Old Park St. Trail Plans

Regarding Old Park St Trail, no update, but as this is our number 2 priority project we will keep tracking this.

XII. Barrier Relocations on Chestnut Street and Big Creek Road - Spacing

Update on chestnut and Big Creek road – Tim said it will get done this month.

XIII. Report on Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Accidents during October

Mark does not have accident report, although Ted was not aware of any incidents.

XIV. Committee Comments

Alisha comment – can't have a meeting without a quorum. If any of us can't attend we have a problem – suggested dropping the number of members down to 5. It was pointed out that this does not help us since we have enough applicants to fill the vacancies. We will keep it at 7, and hope to recruit candidates with diverse interests.

XV. Develop Next Agenda

Next meeting – review applications, prepare for work session, update list of questions, confirm with Peggy as to membership renewal.

Jan meeting – will invite Tarah Campi

We also need to schedule our committee orientations soon.

XVI. Next Meeting Date – December 10, 2013

XVII. Adjournment

Peggy Hawker

From: CommitteeApp@newportoregon.gov
Sent: Saturday, November 09, 2013 1:02 PM
To: n.clark@newportoregon.gov; Peggy Hawker
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Committee Application

Application for City Council - Email Application

Date: 11/8/2013

Commission/Committee of Interest: Pedestrian and Bicycle Advocacy Committee

Name: Amanda Capri

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Newport, OR 97365

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Email: [REDACTED]

Occupation: [REDACTED]

Employer: [REDACTED]

Why do you want to serve on this committee/commission/board/task force, and how do you believe you can add value? I am passionate about finding and providing opportunities for alternate transportation. If walking and biking is safe, convenient and comfortable, it is more likely people will choose to walk or bike. I believe exercise can be incorporated into our daily lives to improve not only our physical health, but our social health as well.

What is a difficult decision you have made concerning issues of bias and/or issues of conflict of interest? A large part of my background is workshop facilitation. As a facilitator, it is important to listen to participant feedback rather than inject your own opinions. At times, this balance has been difficult as many of the workshops I facilitate are educational practicums. The balance between teaching participants the information necessary to make an educated planning decision, having my own design ideas based on site analysis and weighing conflicting information from multiple participants has given me a great deal of experience in weeding through biases. I find that the best way to make decisions is to listen to stakeholders and find solutions that are in their best interests.

Describe the process of how you make decisions. It is important to consider various perspectives when making decisions. Weighing pros and cons is valuable, but it is just as necessary for me to consider multiple points of view before making a decision.

What do you think about consensus decision making? What does the consensus decision making process mean to you? In my experience, consensus decision-making is critical to the success of any project or plan. In architecture and planning, stakeholder participation and collaboration improves the outcome of projects and helps ensure project success by securing buy-in. If more people are involved in discussion and information gathering, more ideas and more diverse ideas will emerge. This variety and quantity is of huge benefit to those in decision-making positions. I believe all stakeholders have the right to participate in decisions that will affect them; which, in turn, means we have the responsibility to participate.

Describe all other pertinent information/background for this position. I am licensed in sustainable master planning as a "LEED Accredited Professional (AP) in Neighborhood Development (ND)" by The U.S. Green Building Council. As a LEED AP ND, I have studied how walkability and alternate transportation enhance social cohesion as well as environmental sustainability. In a previous position, I worked as part of a team that developed sustainable master plans for military bases across the world. Some of my primary projects included Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, and dozens of other installations in the US, Korea, Germany and Italy. The team received numerous awards for outstanding master planning and for the courses we taught to educate military planners in the core values of sustainable

master planning. In addition to planning, I work in the field of architecture focusing on sustainable techniques for buildings and how they relate to their sites. On a personal level, I enjoy walking for exercise and recreation. My husband and I selected our home in large part because it was part of a walkable neighborhood.

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Application for City Council - Email Application

Date: 11/7/2013

Commission/Committee of Interest: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

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Newport, Oregon 97365

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Occupation: [REDACTED]

Employer:

Why do you want to serve on this committee/commission/board/task force, and how do you believe you can add value? I run six miles every day. I would like to see improvements made in the flow of pedestrians and bicyclists. I have several ideas that would help make Newport a more desirable city for those not driving cars.

What is a difficult decision you have made concerning issues of bias and/or issues of conflict of interest? As a former educator, I have made many decisions that have been a conflict of interest on my part. I always tried to keep in mind - what is best for the child?

Describe the process of how you make decisions. I try to look at all aspects of a situation, then prioritize what is important in making my decision. I think it is important to listen to all stakeholders even if I don't necessarily agree. My goal is to be nonjudgmental and to listen to all aspects and then make an informed decision.

What do you think about consensus decision making? What does the consensus decision making process mean to you? I have often been involved in consensus decision making and enjoy the process. To me, it means listening to everyone's thoughts on an issue and then together coming up with the best solution.

Describe all other pertinent information/background for this position.

Peggy Hawker

From: CommitteeApp@newportoregon.gov
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Application for City Council - Email Application

Date: 10/23/2013

Commission/Committee of Interest: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

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Occupation:

Employer: [REDACTED]

Why do you want to serve on this committee/commission/board/task force, and how do you believe you can add value? I have a genuine interest in the community where I live; I am interested in bicycle paths not only for recreation and tourism but as an alternative to automotive use in town.

What is a difficult decision you have made concerning issues of bias and/or issues of conflict of interest? Currently there are not any issues that could be labeled "Conflict of Interest".

While employed I had to terminate an employee who had 30 years of service over an inappropriate remark made to another employee who was a minority.

Describe the process of how you make decisions. Careful evaluation of any and all information as well as welcoming input from experts and the general public. Open communication with the members on the committee is critical.

What do you think about consensus decision making? What does the consensus decision making process mean to you? CONSENSUS DECISION MAKING: It works the majority of the time; to me it means agreeing to provide the greatest good to the community. Egos need to be put aside and mutual cooperation and respect allow committees to run smoothly.

Describe all other pertinent information/background for this position. Graduated from CSUC (California) and was employed as an instructor at California State University-Chico 1975-77. Employed by Safeway Stores 41 years; most in middle management. New Employee Trainer (Safeway) 2004-2011. President, Vice President, Treasurer Paradise Ca Little League (1978-1980 and 1990-2001. Board Member Paradise Soccer (1987). Steward for UFCW (1985-2003)

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Application for City Council - Email Application

Date: 11/14/2013

Commission/Committee of Interest: Pedestrian/Bicycle committee

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Occupation: [REDACTED]

Employer: [REDACTED]

Why do you want to serve on this committee/commission/board/task force, and how do you believe you can add value? I have lived in Newport for many years, I've seen changes in the "walkability" of Newport. For the first few years I lived in Newport, I rarely used my car. While I no longer live in central Newport, walking is still one of my means of getting into "town" (via the beach) and, more frequently, getting around Newport.

As a result, I'm very familiar with the hazards of crossing 101, where it's pleasant to walk in Newport and where it's not. I've walked on some of the city's current built paths (from Agate Beach wayside, etc.), the NOAA headquarters/Rogue Brewery, as well as in the Mike Miller Park and Big Creek areas, so I am familiar w/some of the pluses and minuses of those facilities for pedestrians, walkers.

I've lived in other cities/towns, such as Eugene, OR, and Queens, Manhattan, and a medium sized town on LI, and used walking as a primary means of getting around in those areas. I've had an opportunity to see what works and what doesn't work (for pedestrian safety, for increasing the # of walkers, etc.).

I stopped bicycling into or in Newport after narrowly avoiding, several times, being hit by a motor vehicle. However, I see the advent of more long distance bicyclists and a good bike store in town as positive and events to be supported. I am interested in working to see more bike lanes established (particularly along 101) and for more bike racks. I'm interested in working with others to make bicycling safer in Newport.

What is a difficult decision you have made concerning issues of bias and/or issues of conflict of interest? I have had to make such decisions in my professional life re: conflicts of interest, and the decisions are, governed by the rules of the profession. When there is doubt, then the problem/issue/possible conflict can be discussed w/members of a professional organization. W/luck that discussion will make it clearer what needs to happen to resolve the conflict.

Regarding bias, the difficult decision was probably realizing the bias existed and that it was strong enough that I wasn't the best person to be making a type of decision at that time. That I needed to counteract the bias by spending time listening to other people and deferring to their perceptions of some types of situations.

Describe the process of how you make decisions. (1) determine that a decision needs to be made;

(2) gather information re: pros, cons, does the decision need to be made right now or can it be made 6 months from now?

(3) Depending on the type of decision: seek professional input/advice; discuss problem w/others who may have had to make a similar decision. If working w/a group, listen to thoughts of others in group re: decision.

(4) Think. Decide if need more information and/or if there's more than one decision that needs to be made or none.

(5) Decide.

What do you think about consensus decision making? What does the consensus decision making process mean to you? If the people in the group making the decision have equal power/influence, then consensus decision-making is possible.

To me, consensus decision-making means that a general agreement re: a certain decision is reached by all or mostly all of the members of the group of people making the decision. People may not agree on all parts of the decision, but there is support for the decision in general.

Describe all other pertinent information/background for this position. I most recently was a member of the Amtrak Customer Advisory Committee. This volunteer group works with Amtrak to improve its customer service by raising and studying a variety of issues, from baggage to customer service needs of people w/age-related and other impairments or anyone whose needs are a bit different from the "average" passenger. It was a member of the ACAC who suggested and pushed for "Quiet" cars. An idea that's spread from Amtrak trains to Metro North, the LIRR, and other passenger train lines and that's appreciated by most rail passengers.