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# Newport Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

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## MINUTES

**DATE:** January 12, 2010

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Members-** Ken Dennis (Chair), Bob Hein, Jeri Kern, Dave Teem (Newport Police Dept.), and Jeff Bertuleit (City Council)

**Staff-** Meredith Savage

**Guests-** none

Meeting start: 6:40 p.m.

1. Call to Order

a. Introductions- no guests

b. Approval of Minutes-

- Dave Teem noted that the minutes missed reporting the question of how best to provide recommendations to the City. To that question City Manager Jim Voetberg had responded that recommendations should be made through the Committee's council member Jeff Bertuleit. Meredith will change the December minutes accordingly. The December minutes were approved as amended.

c. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee-vacant seat. Committee members held a short discussion about who might be likely candidates to fill the vacancy on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee;

2. Report by City Staff and City Councilor

a. City staff-Meredith Savage

- i. Bike Route signs- Mike Eastman of Public Works is proceeding with the manufacture and installation of the Oregon State Bike Route signs as well as the local bike route signs. Mike has invited any Bike/Ped Cmt, member to come out with him to see the proposed locations.
- ii. CLPUD and the Chestnut Street Extension idea- Ken Dennis, Chuck Forinash and Meredith Savage met with Paul Davies and other CLPUD employees to discuss the possibility of extending a bicycle and pedestrian path from the south terminus of SE Chestnut Street, along the back of the PUD lot, and connecting to SE 40<sup>th</sup> Street. The idea was that the project could be either a stand-alone project or it could be linked to a grant proposal being written by the City Parks and Rec Department. Topography and proximity to a fenced-in area on PUD property (that must have a

10-foot buffer) made it so that it is impractical to run the trail along the PUD property line or even on the PUD side of the property line. Committee members agreed that if there is to be a SE Chestnut Street Extension trail it is likely that there is a portion that will have to be constructed outside of the existing 20-foot ROW and onto private property. This project will need further research before it can be pursued further.

- iii. The Committee asked Meredith to follow up: a) with Jim Voetberg and Lee Ritzman on the status of getting bike racks manufactured and curb cuts to NE Chambers Court; b) with the selected project engineer for the Naterlin Drive and OSU sidewalk projects- get the timeline; c) with the Coast Guard Commander regarding the Jetty trail.

- b. City Councilor-Jeff Bertuleit—Jeff mentioned that the City Council had come up with a recommendation form for ideas.

### 3. Old Business

- a. Bike Route Map- the Committee asked Meredith to make each committee member a copy of the map with each of the routes sketched in- committee members will ride the routes and note distance, level of difficulty, and points of interest along the route. With this information in hand, the Community Development Department will have the map professionally produced.
- b. Current projects- Ocean View Drive- Meredith has not yet mapped out results of the Committee's walk of Ocean View Drive with Public Works Director Lee Ritzman. Jeri Kern suggested that this is an ideal project for which to pursue grant funding; Jeri graciously agreed to work with the State Bike/Ped Cmt. on this, but needs to get the route from staff (Meredith) before pursuing it any further.
- c. Ken Dennis was reminded to put in a letter of request to the City to see if any funds are available to help send Ken to the National Bike Conference.

### 4. New Business

- a. Jeff Bertuleit brought up a Lincoln City project to identify a route for a multi-mode path from the north end of the city to the south end. Jeff mentioned that Lincoln City's City council was in favor of the project, and suggested that Newport's Bike/Ped Cmt. write a recommendation for a Lighthouse to Lighthouse multi-use path. Ken Dennis volunteered to write the recommendation.

### 5. Next Meeting; Proposed Agenda Items

- a. February 9<sup>th</sup> Bike/Ped meeting will be held in City Hall, Conference Room B, regular time. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.