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# Newport Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

**ATTENDANCE:**

- Members - Ken** Dennis (Chair), Dave Teem (Newport Police Dept.), and Jeff Bertuleit (City Council)
- Staff - Meredith** Savage
- Guests - None**

Meeting start: 5:30 pm

1. Call to Order
  - a. Introductions- No guests. Thank you, Jeff, for the doughnuts!
  - b. Approval of Minutes - Minutes were approved.
  
2. Report by City Staff and City Councilor
  - a. City staff-Meredith Savage
    - i. Naterlin Drive project- Consultant selection process is on-going, nothing new to report. Discussion ensued- the Committee expressed it's concern that the City might lose the grant for the project if it was not completed within the time-line.
    - ii. North Jetty Trail/USCG- Nothing new to report.  
**Action item:** The Committee asked that staff write to Linda Krachovil requesting some action/decision on this item.
    - iii. Oregon Coast Bike Route signs- The agreement between ODOT and the City of Newport establishing funds for OCBR signs has been signed and, according to the agreement, "The work is to begin upon execution of this Agreement by all parties and be completed no later than April 30, 2010."  
**Action item:** Committee requests information on timeline for this project.
    - iv. Bike rack funds- Nothing to report.  
**Action item:** Committee requests information on timeline for this project.
    - v. OSU Drive sidewalks- Nothing to report- Consultant selection process is on-going.
    - vi. South Beach Estuary Trail- The Committee reiterated it's interest in this project.  
**Action item:** The Committee asked staff to explore whether the Planning Director thought that this project was something staff could devote further time to, specifically whether there was interest on the City's part in pursuing a text/comp plan amendment.
  - b. City Councilor-Jeff Bertuleit – nothing new to report.



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3. Old Business

- a. Bike/Pedestrian Bridge-- The Committee picked up discussion on this item from last meeting; no action at this time, but this is a project that the Committee will continue to keep in the forefront of discussion items.
- b. Oceanview Drive improvements- The walk-through of Oceanview Drive was discussed briefly and the question was asked if our comments from that walk-through could be summarized on the aerial of that section of road.  
**Action item:** Staff will prepare an aerial with the areas to be widened outlined on the photo as well as the potential areas of ROW that could be used as small parks.
- c. Trail between OCCC and SE 35<sup>th</sup> Str. Ken D. reported that Director of Parks and Rec, Jim Protiva has said that he feels positive that we will see some level of action on this trail section by late spring.

4. New Business

- a. Ken D. announced that on October 22 and 23 the Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee would hold their meeting in Newport; the location was chosen primarily because members of Newport's Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee have been so involved on the state and national level, being present for meetings, lobbying efforts, events at the state legislature, and conferences.
- b. Meredith S. mentioned that the City was interested in developing a bike routes map for Newport and that Committee members should start thinking of potential routes. It was noted that the Committee had already drafted a walking route map for the City about a year ago.
- c. NE Harney Street and NE 7<sup>th</sup> Street- Meredith S. brought up a potential safety issue with the configuration of the NE Harney Street bike path and the right-hand turn lane onto NE 7<sup>th</sup> Street. The primary issue is that as the north direction bike lane on NE Harney approaches the NE 7<sup>th</sup> Street intersection, the bike lane is crossed by the right-hand turn lane. The vehicle crossover creates a dangerous situation for riders, especially younger riders using that route to bike to the Newport Middle School. If the rider stays in the bike lane they are then flanked on either side by vehicles.

The Committee discussed options and drafted a diagram of an alternative bike lane configuration. The recommendations from the Committee are:

- a) make the NE 7<sup>th</sup> Street/Harney Street intersection a three-way stop;
- b) install crosswalks on NE Harney and NE 7<sup>th</sup>; and
- c) re-align the bike lane off the street before it reaches the start of the right-hand turn lane. Upon further discussion it was decided to bring the proposal to the Middle School and if there was interest/support for the proposal, have the Middle School initiate a request to the City Council.

5. Next Meeting; Proposed Agenda Items

- a. Ken D. will continue to pursue the idea of a bike-ped facility spanning Yaquina Bay.

Meeting adjourned: 7:00