
Newport Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

MINUTES

DATE: November 9, 2010

ATTENDANCE:

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

Staff- Meredith Savage

Guests- Ed Simon (Police Volunteer), Elliot Crowder, Garry Corkum

Meeting start: 5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order
 - a. Introductions- Elliot Crowder, owner of Bike Newport, and Garry Crowder, resident and fitness instructor.
 - b. Approval of Minutes-
 - Two scrivener's errors were found in the October 12, 2010, minutes; minutes were approved as amended.
2. Report by City Staff and City Councilor
 - a. City staff-Meredith Savage
 - i. Jetty Trail- A letter from the USCG has been drafted regarding the requirements for public access to the Jetty Trail. Committee members discussed this news and agreed that once the signed letter is received, the Committee should move ahead to secure funds for getting the required fence built.

Motion: Upon receipt of the signed letter from USCG, the Committee should request allocation of funds for this project from the City Council. Dave T., motion; Bob H., second; motion passed.
 - ii. Naterlin Drive- no new information regarding timeline for project. Chuck F. notes that he spoke with a Public Works employee who said that the project is slightly over budget and design changes are being made.
 - iii. Oceanview Drive grant application- the Community Development Director has completed an ODOT Flexible Funding grant application for NW Oceanview Drive; the grant includes the design and construction of multi-use paths on Oceanview, designation and development of bike boulevards for NW Spring, Coast, and Elizabeth streets, and completion of sidewalks along the west side of SW Elizabeth.

- b.** City Councilor-Jeff Bertuleit- Jeff encouraged Committee members to continue letting the City Council know about the Committee's priority projects, and to highlight what will be the economic benefits of funding the project(s).

3. Old Business

- a.** National Bike Month- (May 2011)- The Committee continued its discussion about potential events during NBM, May of 2011; Ken Dennis will head the planning/events NBM sub-committee. Meredith relayed that the Nye Beach Merchants Association would be interested in participating in and/or planning an event- Wendy Engler is the contact. Bob H. suggested that one of the events be a bicycle ride similar to the one done for cancer awareness, or a longer century-length ride. Other ideas included a ride for youth, a bike-to-work week, a competition between businesses for highest number of commuters, and a bike-to-school day. Ken D. will put together an agenda for NBM sub-committee meeting.
- b.** Safe Routes to School- Meredith indicated that that is one of her next grant projects, but that the eligibility requirement for applying for the SRS grant is that the community/city must adopt a Safe Routes to School Action Plan. The Committee suggested that Meredith find the SRS study that was done several years ago- possibly out of the Public Works Department. Ken D. said he will talk with the Bicycle Transportation Alliance, that they may have resources regarding SRS.
- c.** Bike racks at the Library- Ken D. noted that although the bicycle-bike racks have been installed at the library, they were not placed under the covered area as had been planned. After a short discussion the Committee made a motion (and passed) that the city representative talk to the appropriate person so that the racks can be correctly repositioned.

4. New Business

- a.** Guest comment- Elliot Crowder- Elliot thanked the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for all their efforts and said that the newly placed bike route signs and newly developed and published bike maps have had a big impact on business. He mentioned that he and his wife Danielle are on the Oregon Tourism Board (a subcommittee of Travel Oregon) and it is noticeable that Astoria and Newport are getting press as being bike friendly. Elliot believes that Newport is poised to tap into the Eco-Tourism market; he suggests that we work towards getting listed as a 'Bike Friendly Town' which has less stringent eligibility requirements than does a listing as a 'Bike Friendly Community'.

The Bike Shop has been awarded the "Sam Braxton Bike Shop Award" – This annual award is to honor a bike shop that goes out of its way to

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provide unique services to bicycle travelers. The Adventure Cycling press release (<http://www.adventurecycling.org/news/20101110.cfm?use=web>) is provided below:

“The recipient of the 2010 [Sam Braxton Bike Shop Award](#) is **Bike Newport** in Newport, Oregon, for the incredible services and amenities that they offer bicycle tourists on the [Pacific Coast Bicycle Route](#). **Bike Newport** has built an impressive facility designed to accommodate touring cyclists, featuring a cyclists' lounge that offers comfortable furniture, cable TV, Internet access, free coffee, laundry facilities, and a fully stocked shower. In the summer of 2010, over 600 visiting cyclists signed their guestbook.

Bike Newport not only meets the needs of touring cyclists, they are also part of the local activist network and have attended the National and Oregon bike summits to help promote cycling nationwide and locally. Bike Newport also puts on some of the best-supported event rides on the Oregon Coast. Every October they host the largest Breast Cancer Awareness Ride in the State of Oregon, which raises funds for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation and attracts local cyclists as well as riders from all over the state.

"Elliott and Daniella Crowder [owners of Bike Newport] have brought a resurgence of cycling to the Lincoln County area that has been unmatched by anyone I've encountered in Oregon," shared one nominator of Bike Newport. Another nominator said, "I've been to a number of shops while touring over the past 26 years and Bike Newport ranks as one of the best.""

- b. Guest comment- Garry Corkum- Garry is a local fitness instructor who works with a lot of youth groups. Garry believes that more of a focus needs to be put onto getting youth riding again; he notes that within a six-block radius of the high school/prep academy there are several streets that are unpaved. He would like to see more sidewalks put in, also. Garry has submitted his application for one of the open Bike-Ped Committee positions. Elliot said that he has been thinking about submitting an application.
- c. Highest priority for Advisory Committee- The Committee agrees that the highest priority in the upcoming year should be working to get bike boulevard designations and the marking of sharrows for key streets in Newport. The second highest priority is to work towards 'closing the loop' in South Beach- extending a bike path from SE 35th street through to SE 50th Street and across Hwy. 101 into South Beach State Park.
- d. Dave Teem will be retiring November 30th and will no longer be the Committee's rep from the Police Department. [We are going to miss you, Dave!!]

Meeting adjourned: 7:40p.m. Next meeting: Tuesday, December 14, 2010.