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## Newport Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

**ATTENDANCE:**

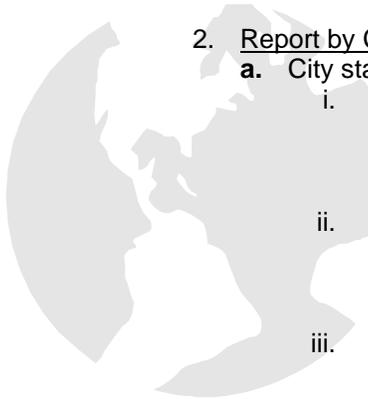
**Members - Ken** Dennis (Chair), Bob Hein, Chuck Forinash, Jerry Kern, Dave Teem (Newport Police Dept.), and Jeff Bertuleit (City Council)

**Staff - Meredith** Savage

**Guests - none**

Meeting start: 5:35 p.m.

1. Call to Order
  - a. Introductions-
  - b. Approval of Minutes-
    - i. October minutes were not ready for approval and will be brought to the December meeting.
2. Report by City Staff and City Councilor
  - a. City staff-Meredith Savage
    - i. Naterlin Drive- At the Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting October 22 and 23, Public Works Director Lee Ritzman gave a summary of City projects; the Naterlin Drive sidewalk project is expected to be completed by fall of 2010.
    - ii. North Jetty Trail- Meredith S. spoke with USGC contact Linda Kratochvil who said that she will once again resend communications to the local (Newport) commander of the USGC; once she gets the green light from him she will be able to complete the NEPA review process.
    - iii. Oregon Coast Bike Route signs (and local signs)- Lee Ritzman said that Mike Eastman can do the signs, but that it is up to Mike's direct supervisor to set his schedule. Staff will continue to follow up on this.
    - iv. Funds for Bike Racks- Lee said that these funds are within Ron Garrison's account and that he should be contacted; staff will follow up with Ron Garrison.
    - v. OSU sidewalk- no further information other than it is scheduled for completion in 2010.
    - vi. South Beach Estuary Trail- The proposed location of the trail/boardwalk is within a portion of Yaquina Bay that is zoned Management Unit 9A- Estuarine Natural Area, and no development of this type is allowed within MU 9A. In order to put a trail within this MU 9A zone, a Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance text amendment would be necessary. To start this process, Community Development Director Derrick Tokos suggests that the Bike-Ped Committee should craft a recommendation regarding the development of this trail/boardwalk.
    - vii. NE Harney and NE 7<sup>th</sup> Street- Meredith S. will send Dave Teem the Committee's recommendations on reconfiguration of the bike lane at that intersection. The Committee noted that the recommendation regarding crosswalks could be struck from the list- crosswalks were recently painted at the intersection.



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**Action item:** The Committee would like to see the timelines for the Naterlin Drive and OSU Drive sidewalk projects. Also, The Committee would like to invite City Manager Jim Voetberg to the December 8<sup>th</sup> committee meeting.

b. City Councilor-Jeff Bertuleit- no report.

3. Old Business

- a. Bike/Pedestrian bridge- Ken D. will be bringing up this concept at the upcoming South Beach Peninsula Transportation meeting; his intent is to plant the seed that it is really necessary to give bicyclists and pedestrians a safe way across the Bay. The Committee discussed various ways to get bicyclists and pedestrians across the Bay- tunnel, ferry, and cantilevering a path off the existing bridge were all discussed as potential means.
- b. Oceanview Drive improvements- Meredith is still working on providing the Committee with the proposed widening illustrated on an aerial photo. The Committee agrees that this project would be a likely project to be funded through a grant. Bob H. suggested that the Committee ask the OR Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to write a letter in support of the Oceanview Drive project- Bob said he will contact the head of the state committee.
- c. Trail to OCCC from SE 35<sup>th</sup> St.- Chuck F. talked with PUD about the possibility of having PUD move their fence so that the Chestnut Street ROW could be extended for a bike/ped path. PUD responded that the Committee should put together a proposal. The biggest issue is terrain- the ROW along the back end (east side) of the PUD property is a steep slope. Parks and Rec has interest in opening the Chestnut Street ROW also, and could potentially put in a boardwalk over the wetland portion of the ROW similar to the trail extending from the Agate Beach Wayside to Big Creek Park.

4. New Business

- a. South Beach Peninsula Transportation Connections Project- there will be an Open House at Guinn Library (on the HMSC campus) from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17th to discuss mobility issues in the South Beach Peninsula (from SE/SW 35<sup>th</sup> Street north to the bridge); committee members are encouraged to attend.
- b. Newport Bike Route Map- The City is anxious to get moving on this project and would like to have something to present to the Council by early December. After some discussion the Committee decided that December would be too soon to put together a draft bike route map and that they would instead like to have time to do it right rather than put something together hastily. It was decided to have a planning meeting to discuss potential routes before the next regularly scheduled meeting; a meeting was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room B at City Hall. Each Committee member should come to this meeting with at least one potential bike route mapped out and a name for the route.

5. Next Meeting; Proposed Agenda Items – December 8, 2009

Meeting adjourned: 7:40 p.m.