

February 10th, 2009 Meeting Minutes

NEWPORT BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Member's Present: Ken Dennis (chair), Jerry Kern, Jeff Bertuleit, City Council, Ken Smith, Chuck Forinash

Staff: Dale Shaddox, City Manager Pro Tem, Meredith Savage, Planning/Senior Planner, Mike Eastman, Public Works/Sign shop, Tanya Timberlake

Guest: Linda Kilbride, Kilbride Associates Consulting - Linda is associated with the Lincoln County chronic disease program and is interested in fitness opportunities in and around Lincoln County and is fact finding about how Newport bike and pedestrian trails are currently evolving

Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm
Introductions.

The January minutes were discussed and Ken will distribute once corrections are made.

Staff Report:

- Meredith will be new city representative, replacing Lee
- Naterlin Drive and sidewalks south of Yaquina Bay Bridge are going to outside consultants for engineering
- Jetty trail meeting with Coast Guard – the USCG Station Newport Commander sounded happy to take down the “No Trespassing” sign on the Jetty Road, but he will have to seek permission so a memorandum of understanding of the concept is going to the Coast Guard from the city
- Mike is looking at proposed bike routes from the committee and figuring out estimated cost for signage
- Mike is looking into Oregon coast bike route signs
- City Council goal setting session coming up
- Question for Staff – south of Yaquina Bay bridge – what is the exact plan for the sidewalks here from the steps? What are they tying into?

Old Business:

- Local bike route signs – Mike & Ken had a meeting regarding signage of routes - discussion of pavement painting
- Pathway to SE 40th St in South Beach – report from Chuck on possible Community College connections to Mike Miller Park and SE 40th – Ken wonders what the Community College has in mind for bicycles, hopefully covered/indoor parking
- Oceanview Drive Improvements – discussion of plan to video
- Bicycle rack placement – Lee was going to discuss with Jim Protiva, Parks Director. Ken suggests doing a presentation at Chamber of Commerce concerning bike parking. Jeff suggests approaching businesses directly.

- Bicycle rack designs – Ken presented some various designs, committee agrees on the “inverted U” design to recommend to city for future use after their current inventory has been depleted. Dale mentions, as an alternate to stainless steel, that another city he worked at fabricated U bike racks and dipped them in truck-bed liner material for durability.

New Business:

- Ken would like Newport Pedestrian and Bike Plan published on web site
- Ken suggests business signage for directing traffic to bike shops, library, etc.
- Dale suggests next meeting there be a budget discussion - Ken asks about 1.5% gas tax for alternative transportation

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Next meeting: March 10, 2009 at 5:30 P.M.