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## Newport Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Members-** Jeri Kern (acting Chair), Chip Norman, Dave Teem (Newport Police Dept.), and Jeff Bertuleit (City Council)

**Staff-** Meredith Savage

**Guests-** Ed Simon- Newport Police Dept. Volunteer; Dave Morgan- Reporter for LincolnCountyToday.com

Meeting start: 6:45 p.m.

**1. Call to Order**

a. Introductions- Chip Norman is our newest Committee member and joined as a way to 'put back into the community'. Chip is a bicyclist and has previously lived in the Houston, TX area and in Cleveland, OH. Ed Simon is a Volunteer with the Newport Police Department and is here tonight to talk with the Committee about the concept of a Citizens Bike Patrol. Dave Morgan has recently relocated from Carson City, NV and is a news reporter with LincolnCountyLive.com, an on-line news site. Dave is attending tonight as part of his effort to learn more about the community.

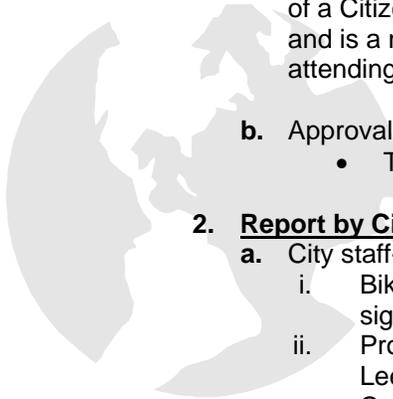
b. Approval of Minutes-

- The February 9, 2010 minutes were approved as amended.

**2. Report by City Staff and City Councilor**

a. City staff-Meredith Savage

- i. Bike Route Signs- the Oregon Coast Bike Route Signs and local bike route signs have been installed.
- ii. Projected projects report- in response to a request from Public Works Director Lee Ritzman, Meredith assembled a list of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee's top projects and provided cost estimates and potential funding sources for each. (Project list attached.)
- iii. Meredith met with Lee Ritzman to get updates on the status of sidewalk projects. Lee said that the Chambers Court curb cuts and the Elizabeth Street sidewalk project between Whalers and Don Davis Park are scheduled for completion in 2010. Regarding the SW Naterlin Drive and SW OSU Drive sidewalk projects, Lee said that David Evans & Associates are the Engineer of Record for the City and that they will be submitting a scope of work for projects which will include timelines. Lee mentioned that the SW Naterlin Drive project is partially funded by an ODOT grant which ends in August of 2010; he believes that the grant money will not be at risk if the project runs past the August deadline because it will be substantially under construction by that time.



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- iv. Bike Racks- Does the Committee still want to go with the Bike design for bike racks and purchase fewer racks with the remainder of the money left from the street fund or go with the standard rack design and purchase more racks? After some discussion the Committee unanimously re-affirmed their opinion that the Bike design is the image we want to present- they are more noticeable, are being used, and are in of themselves a tourist attraction (tourists have been seen using the racks as photo ops). The Committee noted that it would like to explore different designs of bikes for future racks, and again brought up the idea of each rack having a placard that identifies it as a bike rack and identifies the source of the rack (i.e. the City, private business owner, etc.)
- v. Bike grants- Meredith noted that she has been given the go ahead to explore/pursue bike-pedestrian grants as time permits.
- vi. Bike Route Map- On March 15<sup>th</sup> Meredith will be providing the City Council with a summary of the proposed bike routes. The Committee discussed sources of long-term funding for future printing of the maps; Dave Teem suggested that funding could come from featuring business logos on the maps.

b. City Councilor-Jeff Bertuleit – no report.

**3. Old Business**

- a. Bay Blvd.- the Committee recommends visual enhancements be stamped into sections of the new sidewalk pavement for Bay Blvd. Dave Teem and Jeri Kern each offered to put \$100 towards the purchase of a decorative concrete stamp and asked staff to pursue this idea with Public Works.

**4. New Business**

- a. Ed Simons- Ed brought to the Committee's attention the concept of a Volunteer Bike Patrol- volunteers will have completed a bike course, be CPR trained, and tourist oriented. The purpose of the Patrol will be to increase City visibility in promoting bike awareness, safety, public relations, and eventually, to promote bicycle registration. There was general support from the Committee for the idea and the Committee asked Ed to keep them updated.

Next meeting: April 13, 2010

Meeting adjourned: 7:00 p.m.