

**Summary of Staff Action Items from the 3/10/09
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting**

1. Staff will contact Ron Garrison regarding the availability of additional bike racks.
2. Staff will check with Public Works Director/City Engineer Lee Ritzman on the status of the Naterlin Drive bike path and the south end bridge sidewalk project.
3. Staff will get information on the availability of Urban Renewal funds for an OSU Drive sidewalk, the timeline for such a project, and the potential of linking the south end bridge sidewalk with the OSU Drive sidewalk.
4. Regarding the 1.5% gas tax fund believed to be allocated for bicycle and pedestrian projects: a) is this fund still a line item in the budget? b) what is the amount currently in the fund?
5. Staff will contact Mike Eastman regarding the signs and provide the committee with a status update at the next meeting.
6. Staff will look into getting a map showing the Oceanview Drive ROW.
7. Staff will bring these items before Lee Ritzman and report back to the committee. (Bike Blvd. concept, ODOT design should incorporate bike-ped facilities, SW Alder-SW Angle sidewalk- allow bikes once again?)
8. Staff will ask City Attorney Gary Firestone for an update regarding public access to the Coast Guard path.
9. Staff will bring the action request forms before Dale Shaddox to get the proper procedure for getting them on the upcoming City Council agenda. The four actions requested:
 - #001 - Bike rack placement on Bay Blvd.
 - #002 - Curb cuts for access off Chambers Ct. and San-Bay-O Circle
 - #003 – Connecting the sidewalks, south end of Yaquina Bridge
 - #004 – Coast Guard Station, access over property
10. Staff is to take the following endorsement to the City Manager/City Council: The Newport Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee endorse the efforts of Parks and Recreation Director Jim Protiva to make a pedestrian path connection between the OCCC campus and Mike Miller State Park.

Newport Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

MINUTES

DATE: March 10, 2009

ATTENDANCE:

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

Staff- Meredith Savage

Guests- No guests attended.

Meeting start: 5:33 p.m.

1. Call to Order

a. Introductions- Committee Chair Ken Dennis introduced newly appointed committee member Bob Hein.

b. Chair Dennis called for a review of the February 10, 2009 minutes and noted that the highlighted areas in those minutes indicated items of importance. No changes were made to the minutes.

- Minutes were approved.

2. Report by City Staff and City Councilor

a. City staff, Senior Planner Meredith Savage, brought up the placement of bike racks and was informed by committee members that two have already been placed- one along Coast Street and the other in the vicinity of the Nye Beach turnaround. There was discussion about placement of other bike racks, should any be available; it was suggested that the location should be on the north side of Bay Blvd. in the vicinity of the Abbey Street parking lot.

- **Action item:** Staff will contact Ron Garrison regarding the availability of additional bike racks.

Meredith recounted that City Manager pro-tem, Dale Shaddox, indicated that she was to act as the liaison to the City for the committee; acting in that capacity, Meredith asked if the committee would give her a re-cap of current/most important projects. Ken said that he would mail the committee's project list to Meredith, but that it was probably in need of reprioritization. The committee identified the Naterlin Drive bike path project and the sidewalk project for the south end of the bridge as the two current projects and expressed interest in knowing the timelines for each project. Committee member Chuck Forinash noted that City Engineer Lee Ritzman was going to

follow up with ODOT regarding the south end sidewalks, and also, that there are supposed to be Urban Renewal funds for a sidewalk along OSU Drive. Some discussion ensued and the committee agreed that it would be ideal if the south end bridge sidewalk could be linked to the sidewalk project for OSU Drive. There was also discussion about the 1.5% gas tax and the committee asked staff to provide an update on this item at the April committee meeting.

- **Action item:** Staff will check with Public Works Director/City Engineer Lee Ritzman on the status of the Naterlin Drive bike path and the south end bridge sidewalk project.
- **Action item:** Staff will get information on the availability of Urban Renewal funds for an OSU Drive sidewalk, the timeline for such a project, and the potential of linking the south end bridge sidewalk with the OSU Drive sidewalk.
- **Action item:** Regarding the 1.5% gas tax fund believed to be allocated for bicycle and pedestrian projects: a) is this fund still a line item in the budget? b) what is the amount currently in the fund?

b. City Councilor Jeff Bertuleit commented that the City Manager had emphasized that he would really like to see the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee “get traction”.

3. Old Business

a. Local bike route signs- Discussion ensued as to the status of the signs and the difference between the State’s Oregon Coast bike route signs and the local bike route signs. The committee asked if staff would provide a status update at the April committee meeting, specifically: have any signs been made? How many? Have any been put up? Where? Also, are there any bike path striping projects in the works?

- **Action item:** Staff will contact Mike Eastman regarding the signs and provide the committee with a status update at the next meeting.

b. Naterlin Drive and South Beach sidewalks- These projects are covered in 2.a above and staff will provide a status report to the committee at the April meeting. Talk on local bike route paths picked up again from 2.b. above and the Ocean View Drive bike path was discussed. Committee members asked staff to see if a map of the right-of-way was available. Committee members believe that the availability of local bike paths (in addition to the route along Hwy. 101) can have a big economic impact, specifically, that many tourists bring their bikes to Newport only to find that there aren’t very many designated or safe bike routes or paths available. A commitment on the City’s part to put in a local bike route system, and City promotion of biking in Newport, would bring in tourism dollars.

- **Action item:** Staff will look into getting a map showing the Oceanview Drive ROW.

Other discussion items- Ken D. brought up the concept of a ‘Bicycle Boulevard,’ where a specific roadway is designated and signs posted as a

shared bike/vehicle roadway. Also, that ODOT should be encouraged to look at the entire length of Hwy. 101 through Newport with an eye towards facilitating bicycle and pedestrian traffic. The question was raised as to whether there was still a need for prohibiting bikes from the sidewalk spanning SW Alder to SW Angle streets.

- **Action item:** Staff will bring these items before Lee Ritzman and report back to the committee. (Bike Blvd. concept, ODOT design should incorporate bike-ped facilities, SW Alder-SW Angle sidewalk- allow bikes once again?)

c. North Jetty Trail signs-US Coast Guard- The committee discussed the pathway leading off Naterlin Drive and onto the west end of the US Coast Guard Station property. The committee requested an update on the project- have signs been taken down? –where are we in the process?

- **Action item:** Staff will ask City Attorney Gary Firestone for an update regarding public access to the Coast Guard path.

At this point committee member Dave Teem filled out four Newport City Council-Action Request Forms (attached) covering the various topics discussed under old business.

- **Action item:** Staff will bring the action request forms before Dale Shaddox to get the proper procedure for getting them on the upcoming City Council agenda. The four actions requested:
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d. Bicycle rack installation- This item is covered in 2.a above and staff will provide a status report to the committee at the April meeting.

4. New Business

a. Guest comments- No guests present at this meeting

b. Prioritizing of projects- committee member Bob Hein suggested that each member come up with their top three or four projects; Jeff B. noted that the selection of top priorities would have to be completed this meeting if it is to get on the April City Council meeting agenda. Committee members decided on the following projects as their top priorities:

- 1) Bike lockers with a shed roof design, four lockers in each location. Locations: Nye Beach (Don Davis Park suggested), Bay Front (Abbey Street parking area suggested), and City Center (City Hall suggested).
- 2) Installation of local bike route signs, following the 2008 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

3) Expansion of Oceanview Drive ROW to allow for a bicycle path.

c. Committee member Chuck Forinash presented a comprehensive list of potential pedestrian and bike improvement projects for South Beach (attached), noting that the opening of the Oregon Coast Community College new campus this fall presents an excellent opportunity to engage in a comprehensive discussion of the bicycle and pedestrian connections throughout the South Beach area. Chuck F. spoke with Lincoln County Parks Director Jim Chambers about connecting the Mike Miller State Park trails to the OCCC campus. Later he attended a meeting hosted by Parks and Rec. Director Jim Protiva where this issue and pedestrian circulation projects in general for the greater South Beach area were discussed. The committee is very supportive of Jim Protiva's work in this area, and would like to know how to better support the Parks and Rec. Dept. in this endeavor.

- **Action item:** Staff is to take the following endorsement to the City Manager/City Council: The Newport Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee endorse the efforts of Parks and Recreation Director Jim Protiva to make a pedestrian path connection between the OCCC campus and Mike Miller State Park.

Chuck F. expressed interest in the potential of linking the proposed/potential SW 50th Street – SW 40th Street loop to the City Open Space area (approximately 4 ac. grassy field) just northeast of the South Beach wastewater treatment plant and thinks this would be a relatively easy project to get started.

5. Next Meeting; Proposed Agenda Items

April 14, 2009, 5:30 p.m. at the Parks and Rec. Center

Meeting adjourned: 7:30 p.m.

Pedestrian and Bike improvements for South Beach

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Member of City's

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The Central Campus of Oregon Coast Community College, located in the South Beach area of Newport is scheduled to open this fall. The time is right for a comprehensive discussion of the Pedestrian/Bike connections and circulation throughout the greater South Beach area.

The following is a partial list of projects to consider. The large property owner/stake holders include Double E Northwest, The City of Newport, Lincoln County, Oregon State Parks, Oregon Coast Community College, the Port of Newport, Oregon State University and others. Those with ** could be accomplished easily.

Note: Several of these projects involve private landowner Double E Northwest, their development plans and liability concerns must to be respected.

Projects that involve primarily public entities:

**Connect Oregon Coast Community College to Mike Miller Park trail system.

** Reconnect trail from wastewater treatment plant (WWT) to City's 4-acre Open space with loop trail

**Maintain Bayside Pullouts and improve visual access to estuary on County portion of Idaho Pt. Rd.

**Maintain the paved shoulder (shared by Ped /Bike users) on County portion of Idaho Pt. Road

Construct sidewalk on one side of SE Ferry Slip Rd./Ash St. from SE 32nd St. to 40th Avenue.

Construct sidewalk from Marine Science Center to the Yaquina Bay Bridge.

Construct sidewalk from Bridge Stairway to planned sidewalks of OSU Drive.

Connect South Beach State Park with Hwy 101 via West 40th Avenue right of way.

Construct sidewalk on one side of SE 35th St. to Neohla Pt. Condos.

Construct sidewalk from SB Community Center to OSU Drive.

Connect Thiel Creek Rd (SE 98th St.) to Airport and link to railroad trail north to Mike Miller Park.

Construct Extension of Marine Science Center Estuary Trail to SE 35th St. near Nehola Condos.

Construct Pedestrian/Bike trail from SE Chestnut south to 40th St. (provides connection to College).

Construct Trail from SB State Park to SW Coho St. Neighborhood.

Construct sidewalk from Coho St. Neighborhood to Port Facilities with spur trail to Pioneer Cemetery.

Construct Trail from Jetty Road in front of Regatta Condos to Port Facilities.

Projects that involve Double E Northwest as a major participant:

Establish Bike/Ped Trail from Oregon Coast Community College to lower 50th St.

Connect Mike Miller Park with the Airport via old railroad grade to the south.

**Establish 50th St. as Bike/Ped route to trail head/gravel road at water tank near WWTP.

**Establish 40th Avenue through to 50th Street as Pedestrian/Bike loop from Hwy 101.

**Establish Leek's High Rd. as Pedestrian/Bike route to College from Idaho Pt. Rd.

**Establish Leek's High Rd. as Pedestrian/Bike route to head of King Slough.

**Establish Leek's High Road to Thiel Creek Rd (SE 98th St.) as Bike/Ped route.

Projects that involve several private property owners:

Connect Mike Miller Park with 40th Avenue via railroad grade to the north.

Establish Pedestrian Trail from 35th St. (near Nehola Condos) through old SB Water District to 40th Ave.

Establish Pedestrian Trail from SE Chestnut St. near OSU's Guin House to the old SB Water District.

Related issue: Need a City Neighborhood Park in South Beach North of 40th Avenue.