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# Newport Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

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## MINUTES

**DATE:** June 8, 2010

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Members-** Ken Dennis (Chair), Bob Hein, Chip Norman, Lisa Kern, Dave Teem (Newport Police Department) and Jeff Bertuleit (City Council)

**Staff-** Meredith Savage

**Guests-** Dave Morgan-LincolnCountyToday.com, Patricia Patrick-Joling-City Council

Meeting start: 5:35 p.m.

1. Call to Order

a. Introductions-Introductions of guests were made.

b. Approval of Minutes-

- Minutes from the May 11, 2010 Committee meeting were approved.

2. Report by City Staff and City Councilor

a. City staff-Meredith Savage

- i. Jetty Trail- Orca Builders sent in an estimate of \$14,431 to construct a fence between the proposed Jetty Trail and Coast Guard property. Several Committee members suggested that amount sounded high; Meredith will pursue additional estimates. Discussion ensued regarding funding for the fence- Meredith suggested that it become part of a larger grant to restore the trail for emergency vehicle use; another suggestion from a Committee member was to ask about rolling the cost of the fence into the Naterlin Drive project. Meredith will follow-up on the latter suggestion.
- ii. Estuary Trail-Creating an estuary trail extending off the current Hatfield Marine Science Center Trail may not be practicable if the Oregon Coast Aquarium is considering extending their portion of the trail and making it available to paying customers. The Committee discussed this information and several members expressed the sentiment that the public should not have to pay to use an estuary boardwalk/trail.
- iii. Oregon Bike-Ped Grant-Meredith informed the Committee that the City of Newport will not qualify to apply for another ODOT Bike-Ped grant until the current grant funded project- Naterlin

Drive- is complete. The ODOT grant application states that all current grant funded projects must be complete prior to October 01, 2010 for an application to be considered for the FY 11/13 funding cycle. A great deal of discussion ensued and in general the Committee was extremely dismayed by this news. Meredith provided Committee members the projected timeline for the Naterlin project showing that construction was slated to begin in late October-early November of this year and would finish by late April of 2011. Council Member Patricia Patrick-Joling asked questions about the Naterlin grant and timeline and about the history of the Committee's tracking of this grant. Committee members asked Meredith to write the grant anyway in case the project did get done before October. Meredith expressed reticence about putting the time into a grant that was likely to be disqualified but indicated that she would if given specific direction by Community Development Director or City Council.

- b. City Councilor-Jeff Bertuleit- No report from Council at this time.
- c. Dave Teem mentioned that the Police Volunteers have been doing bike safety classes at schools; they hope to have a bike registration program by late July 2010.

3. Old Business

- a. Newport Bike Route Map- Pioneer Printing is waiting for review.
- b. Oceanview Drive, Share-the-Road signs- The Share the Road signs have been installed by Mike Eastman of Public Works. Also, the Coast Bike Route signs made the PortlandBike.com website.
- c. ODOT Traffic Safety – Pedestrian Crossings—Bob Hein presented photos that he took of various pedestrian crossing signs and crosswalks in Oregon and Washington. We have no crosswalk signs on Highway 101 and only one set on Hwy. 20. Bob also provided a handout from [www.lightguardsystems.com](http://www.lightguardsystems.com) on “Smart Crosswalks.”
- d. Complete Streets Resolution- The Complete Streets Resolution was signed by the City Council at their May 17, 2010 Council meeting.
- e. Urban Paths- nothing new to report.

4. New Business

- a. 2011 National Bike Month planning – Ken D. suggested that the Committee read the planning guide- it can be found online at the Federal Highways website: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bikeped/resources.htm>

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- b.** Adventure Cycling Association- The Executive Director of the ACA will be traveling through Newport with his family as they do a West Coast bicycling tour. Website is: <http://www.adventurecycling.org/>
- c.** Oregon Bicycle Summit- Ken Dennis provided a summary of his time at the Summit. Getting people on bikes was a major theme of the Summit. Ken suggested that Committee members consider becoming members of the Bicycle Transportation Alliance; website: <http://www.bta4bikes.org/>
- d.** Port of Toledo- Although out of the Committee's jurisdiction, Ken D. discussed the possibility of the Port of Toledo purchasing the Fred Wahl facility and putting in a trail that would allow bicyclists and pedestrians to by-pass the hill on Bay Road coming from the west.

Next Meeting: August 10, 2010

Meeting adjourned: 7:35 p.m.