
Newport Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

MINUTES

DATE: September 14, 2010

ATTENDANCE:

Members- Ken Dennis (Chair), Bob Hein, Chuck Forinash

Staff- Meredith Savage

Guests- none

Meeting start: 5:35 p.m.

1. Call to Order
 - a. Introductions- none.
 - b. Approval of Minutes-
 - Minutes from August 10, 2010 were approved.
2. Report by City Staff and City Councilor
 - a. City staff-Meredith Savage
 - i. **Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee Website and Minutes-** the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee minutes and agendas are posted on the City's website (www.newportoregon.gov) in two places, and a hard copy is posted each month on the City's bulletin board across from the Finance Department. On the City's webpage choose menu items 'City Government, Committees, Bicycle/Pedestrian' or 'Department, Community Development, Planning, Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee'. The latter choice is the Committee's own web page which can be developed pretty much as the Committee chooses. Currently the Bike Map is posted there.
 - ii. **Bike Map-** the newly printed Bike Map has proven very popular- maps are available from City Hall, Newport Library, Parks and Rec Center, Bike Newport, Newport Chamber of Commerce, and most recently, Depoe Bay's Chamber of Commerce (the latter requested maps from the Newport Chamber of Commerce). Newport's Chamber of Commerce reports that many of the maps are being taken by area real estate offices and hotels for their local activities display boards.

Chuck F. commented on the bike map and asked if there was any chance of getting mountain bike trails represented. He said he has been working with the owner of the Wilder Development

in South Beach regarding mountain bike access to trails and logging roads on their property. Currently the property owner will grant access only with a permit that can be applied for through the Yaquina Bay Property Management office, but Chuck is hoping to get agreement that will allow access more readily. Meredith said that mountain bike trail information could be posted on the Committees web page, and that the bike map could have mountain bike information/trails added in subsequent printings.

- iii. **Jetty Trail-** After many years of work by Committee members and the City (since 2002), the Coast Guard has said that it will allow public access to the Jetty Trail if the City installs a galvanized chain link fence eight feet high and with vehicle gate that separates the trail from the rest of the CG property. A local builder provided an estimate of \$14,000 to build a fence approximately 550 feet in length to the CG specifications. The next step for the Committee is to either write a grant and/or approach the City Council with a request for funding.
- iv. **Naterlin Drive project-** some design changes to the road are required in light of finding that much of the north side hillside is wetland. The project is slated for completion in spring of 2011. Committee members asked if there would still be a bike lane on the westbound side; Meredith will follow up on this question.
- v. **Oceanview Drive-** Community Development Director Derrick Tokos has reported that ODOT may have funds available for design of the proposed Oceanview Drive Multi-Use Lane project. Meredith will keep the Committee updated on any further developments regarding this project.
- vi. **Additional Committee Members-** If the Committee would like to increase the number of its members it must write a formal request addressed to the City Manager and the City Council stating how many additional members are being requested and the justification/reason for the request.

b. City Councilor-Jeff Bertuleit- absent, out of town.

3. Old Business

- a. **ODOT Traffic Safety – Pedestrian Crossings-** Meredith reports that she will not be able to work on this item further until early November. Ken D. mentioned that we may need a Traffic Safety Committee established in order to pursue getting crosswalk signs and/or lighted crosswalks along Hwy. 101 and 20. Bob H. commented that crosswalk signs and lighting are

as much for alerting pedestrians to where crosswalks are located as they are for alerting vehicle drivers- that most pedestrians will walk the extra distance to a well lit/marked crosswalk rather than cross at an unmarked crossing location.

- b. Sharrows on Bay Blvd.-** Meredith reported that the Bay Blvd. project was over budget and that no other expenses can be added. Bob H. suggested that maybe the painting of sharrows on Bay Blvd. could be included in next year's street painting budget.
- c. Newport cycling video-** the Committee discussed the importance of getting a video made to promote cycle tourism in Newport. Bob H. noted that he was on the Bayfront for lunch last week at the same time as a group of 50 cyclists (Astoria to Brookings bicycle tour) were also having lunch. Ken D. said that the Adventure Cycling group that came through Newport earlier this summer were going to publish an article of their coast tour in their Adventure Cycling magazine.

4. New Business

- a. Guest comments-** none.
- b. Grant writing-** Meredith mentioned that she has been writing several grants- currently one for design of a restroom/shower facility in the Agate Beach area near the ODOT parking lot on Hwy. 101, and another for a multi-use path and sidewalk along Ferry Slip Road in South Beach as part of the larger south Beach Transportation Refinement Plan process. Ken D. offered the Committee's help on collecting any needed background information with any bike-ped related grants. He said that he had been working with Lincoln County on a TE grant to construct a multi-use path that would by-pass the steep hill on the east end of Bay Blvd. entering Toledo.
- c. Sidewalks-** Chuck F. brought up the subject of Newport installing 'urban paths' as an interim fix for areas that lack sidewalks. The urban path is created by using small sized gravel that is then compacted to form the path. Urban paths are much less costly than cement sidewalks and provide pedestrians with a better alternative than walking along the street. Ken D. noted that the Newport Transportation System Plan provides the priorities for sidewalk connection projects. The Committee agreed that sidewalks are a mark of a 'livable' community, and that a well connected sidewalk system helps make a city more tourist friendly.
- d. May is National Bike Month-** Meredith reminded Committee members that if the group wants to do anything for National Bike Month that planning should begin soon. She suggested that Committee members come to the

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next meeting with 2 to 3 ideas for projects that the Committee could put together by May 2011.

- e. **New Trail Development-** Chuck F. talked about a new trail going in by the Oregon Coast Community College/Wilder Development in South Beach. The trail starts at the west end of Wilder Park and continues in the direction of Mike Miller Park but ends at the Wilder Development property line. The County will be building a trail from Mike Miller Park that will connect to the Wilder Trail- the entire trail will be an all-weather trail construction.

Next meeting: October 12, 2010

Meeting adjourned: 7:20 p.m.