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April 9, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Newport Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Members Present: Ken Dennis, Bob Hein, Maryann Bozza, Chuck Forinash, Elliott Crowder.

Staff: Ted Jones, Senior Project Manager, filling in for Tim Gross

Meeting called to order at 5:30PM and the minutes of the March meeting were accepted as written.

Staff Report: A public meeting for the 3rd St. and 6th St. sidewalks is scheduled for April 18th at 6:00PM at City Hall. The Bike/Ped Committee members are invited to take part in the discussions.

Chuck asked a question about the crosswalk grant and whether there were plans to remove the existing crosswalk at Neff Way and Highway 101. Ted commented that there hasn't been a final crosswalk design plan drawn up.

Old Business: *Ted has no information about the application of sharrows on either the Yaquina Bay Bridge or State Park roads or the Bikes Belong grant application. He will check with Tim after he returns.* It was suggested that an explanation of what the sharrows are be written for the newspaper and asked to be printed in the "Viewpoints" section on the editorial page.

There is a need for more Newport Bike Route maps and Community Development Director Derrick Tokos may have a funding source to cover printing costs.

Ken will look into making cement benches for the Naterlin Drive sidewalk.

Bob will contact the Lincoln County School District about walking and/or bicycling to school.

City Council member Jeff Bertuleit has requested that the committee make a formal request to the city that it pursue acquiring easements on the RR right of way in South Beach from 40th St. to 50th and on to the airport. This was discussed at the February meeting and the committee was in favor of the proposal but no formal motion was as asked for. *A motion was made to endorse the acquisition of easements to the RR right of way, seconded and the motion was unanimously passed.*

Chuck reports that the city is concerned about putting in trails in the area of the SB waste water treatment plant. There are areas that the public is not permitted and trails that are in close proximity to the plant may not be sufficiently fenced off to keep people out.

New Business: Elliott reported on the Coast Hills Mountain Bike Race that the Parks and Recreation Dept. and Bike Newport are promoting for May 6th. Jonathan Maus with www.bikeportland.org will be doing a story about the event and cycling in Newport.

There is a public workshop at the Guin Library on April 11th from 6-8PM do discuss the Coho/Brent Neighborhood Infrastructure Refinement Plan in South Beach.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM - *Next Meeting: Monday, May 14th at 5:30PM*