August 8, 2017

5:30 P.M.

Newport, Oregon

The City of Newport Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee met on the above date in Conference Room A of the Newport City Hall. In attendance were Maryann Bozza, Marsha Eckelman, Eric Hanneman, and Wendy Henriksen. Also in attendance was Rachel Cotton, Associate Planner. Not it attendance were Wendy Engler, Chuck Forinash, and Susan Hogg. Potential Advisory Committee members in attendance were Michael Rioux and Nicole Fields.

ROLL CALL

Bozza opened the meeting with a roll call and asked for additions to the agenda. None were noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 11, 2017

Cotton noted that the July 11 meeting did not have a quorum, so approval of meeting minutes did not need to be done.

DISCUSSION OF OPTIONS FOR COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND FILLING VACANCY

Bozza noted at the July 11 meeting there was a discussion about if there could be multiple members added to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Cotton reported that she checked with the City Attorney, Steve Rich, and City Recorder, Peggy Hawker, and their suggestion was to allow for alternate members. One member would be appointed as the seventh committee member by ordinance and the AC could appoint up to three members as alternates. The role of the alternates is that they are non-voting members except in the absence of voting members. The AC was in agreement with this structure. Bozza thought participation had been unclear for members of the public in the past when attending AC meetings and thought the proposed structure would clear this up.

Rioux didn't have a preference on being a committee member or alternate. Fields was happy with either as well. Bozza noted that she wasn't at the previous meeting interviews and asked the AC their thoughts on the candidates. Eckelman noted that the AC liked all three applicants. Hanneman gave an overview of each of the applicants and their backgrounds. Cotton read Susan Hogg's letter to the AC concerning her thoughts on each applicant. Hogg was in favor of voting for Daniella Crowder to be appointed to the AC. Hanneman was also in favor of Daniella because she was more of a professional person in the biking community. Eckelman was in favor of Daniella. Bozza thanked Rioux for saying he would like to be an alternate and thought it would be good. She thought Fields could be an alternate and valued her interest in public health. Cotton said that Engler sent an email to her that noted that Fields would be a great asset with her grant writing background. Bozza said she would go with the majority.

MOTION was made by Eckelman, seconded by Henriksen, to recommend that the City Council adopt an ordinance that allows for up to three alternate members of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

MOTION was made by Bozza, seconded by Henriksen, to recommend Daniella Crowder as the new member of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and Michael Rioux and Nicole Fields as alternate members. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

A discussion ensued regarding the benefits of having alternate members on the committee. Rioux asked if the draft ordinance addressed the order in which alternates would vote in place of absent members. Bozza said the AC was just doing a recommendation to the City Council for each person to be considered for positions on the AC. Cotton said the AC could talk about the structure for filling vacancies at a later date. She would clarify how the voting would happen when there wasn't a quorum. Cotton thought the CC would be voting on the recommendation during its second meeting in August.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BIKE RACK LOCATIONS

Cotton said there are not many bike racks in the City. She spoke to Derrick Tokos about the possibility of adding more bike racks. He said if the AC wanted to make recommendations to prioritize five spots for bike racks, that could be achievable. The list didn't have to be created at the current meeting, but Cotton asked the AC to consider locations. She said she spoke to the project manager at Agate Beach (Ernest Bloch Memorial Wayside), and he thought that could be a good spot for a bike rack. He wanted to look at the ADA clearances before thinking about putting in a bike rack.

Fields noted that Lincoln County Public Health was doing a food health assessment and one of the questions was about bike racks and walkability to stores that sell food in Newport. The data will be available at the end of August. Cotton said Hogg suggested that parking standards should include bike parking for businesses. Eckelman noted that she witnessed tourists biking around Newport during the summer and they had bike maps.

A discussion ensued regarding locations for bike racks, which included larger retailers like Fred Meyer, JC Market, Safeway, and Walmart. Bozza suggested the AC put their priorities on paper and present it to Tokos. Cotton said the AC should develop a list and also recommend what the standards should be for bike parking on new developments. Bozza said the government surplus website might have bike racks that could be sourced at a lower cost. Hanneman said that most businesses don't have parking and only the larger stores have parking lots where bike racks could be placed. He thought they may have to be placed in public rights of way. Cotton noted there were some bike racks at the Yaquina Head Lighthouse and the South Beach State Park. Cotton suggested that in certain areas there be a request for more concentrated areas with bike racks such as the Bayfront and Nye Beach areas. Fields said she would provide the data from their assessment to the AC. Areas of interest for bike racks were the Supermarkets, Bayfront (each end and some on dock side), Jetty Road at South Beach State Park, Yaquina Bay Lighthouse State Park, Ernest Bloch Memorial Wayside, and the South Beach crabbing pier by Rogue. Cotton to give an update at the next meeting on locations.

Hanneman suggested the AC look into the possibility of bike share in Newport. Fields noted that it was working in Portland. Hanneman said the City wouldn't have to fund it and could find corporate sponsors. Cotton thought it might be good option with the OSU expansion happening. Bozza thought there should be rental bikes and zip cars in Newport. She asked

Fields if the County would be looking at facilitating infrastructure to get people out to exercise. Fields said there wasn't any funding in the current cycle. There was a little money for side projects and they would be building the program so they could be compatible for grants.

VISION 2040 UPDATE

Cotton reported on highlights from the Vision 2040 survey results. She said there hadn't been a structural group formed to determine how to move forward with implementation of the Vision, but it would be happening. The Vision 2040 Advisory Committee is working on prioritizing statements. A discussion ensued regarding results for different areas.

EXISTING PROJECTS

Cotton reported that Engler asked about the 6th Street and Harbor Way sidewalks. Design exists and projects are scheduled to start next spring or early summer. Cotton also reported a hearing on Oceanview Drive safety issues would be on a future agenda for the City Council. This was concerning the traffic on the road and changes the neighbors are requesting.

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS

There were no accidents in July.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Bozza asked about the concerns a member of the public had about Lighthouse Drive. Cotton reported that this is an ODOT decision and would check with Jenna Berman on it again. Berman told Cotton that there would be some Safe Route to Schools funding and the main requirement is that projects be within a half mile of a K-8 school. Yaquina View Elementary was one and Harney Street sidewalk was another area that came to mind for Cotton. Fields asked if the AC would write the grant for the Safe Routes to School. Cotton said it could be an option but Berman would be the one to recommend projects for funding. There would be additional opportunities to apply for grants. Fields said the County Public Health Department was in a good place at the time to be a fiscal agent or lead agent on a fiscal grant and could partner with the AC.

Bozza asked if the Bike and Ped Master Plan progress spreadsheet was ever found. Cotton said the ones that have been done have been taken off the list. Tokos knew which ones needed to be addressed.

Hanneman reported on a response from the City concerning sewer lids that had gaps in them. The response was that they knew it was a problem and newer ones with narrower gaps would be put in. They thought the idea of putting lids perpendicular would be a waste of time because when cars pass over them, they spin. Hanneman thought it could be a good project for the bike club, with the City's approval, to go around turning the sewer lids perpendicular to traffic flow.

Bozza noted that she would like the AC to go through the process of choosing a new Committee Chair and would like the AC to consider taking on the role. The AC said that Bozza had done a great job as Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 P.M.