

August 12, 2014
5:30 P.M.
Newport, Oregon

The City of Newport Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee met on the above date in Conference Room A of the Newport City Hall. In attendance were Alisha Kern, Marsha Eckelman, Maryann Bozza, Susan Hogg, and Bob Hein. Also in attendance was Peggy Hawker, City Recorder/Special Projects Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JULY 8, 2014

MOTION was made by Bozza, seconded by Eckelman, to approve the minutes of July 8, 2014, as presented. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

REVIEW OLD AND BEGIN SETTING NEW PROJECT PRIORITIES

It was agreed to continue the project list on each agenda.

It was noted that the sharrows will not be completed until approximately the end of October due to staffing.

It was suggested that if Oceanview Drive is going to be entirely repaved, that it be made three or four feet wider to better accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians.

Bozza noted that she was supposed to have gotten Ken Dennis' Oceanview grant files, but added that she has not found them. She will check the electronic files that were provided by Dennis. Hein noted that he may have a copy. It was also suggested that there may be a copy in the city's Community Development Department.

A discussion ensued regarding the proposed trail connecting the Agate Beach Wayside Trail to the sidewalk on the west side of Highway 101. It was noted that staff had been directed to prepare a preliminary plan for the three projects by January of 2015.

A discussion ensued regarding sidewalks from the Bayfront to the hospital, and the question was raised as to whether the street could be narrowed to allow room for sidewalks.

A discussion ensued regarding the Highway 101 pedestrian improvement (crosswalk) project. Questions were raised regarding right-of-way acquisition and which intersections required additional right-of-way.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE IN PROMOTING ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION AND ITS MISSION STATEMENT

Bozza reported that the transportation system, as it exists, impacts various entities. She suggested defining the end result first and determining what a functional transportation system might look like. It was noted that the Committee focuses on bicycle and pedestrian transportation, and perhaps public transit could be added. It was agreed to table this discussion until the next meeting.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE COMMITTEE'S MISSION STATEMENT

At a past meeting, the Committee discussed its' mission statement, and revised it to read as follows:

"The Committee advises the City Council relating to the safety, recreation, and education of bicyclists, pedestrians, and users of alternate transportation. The Committee acts as a resource to provide additional information related to the unique problems associated with alternate transportation."

The current mission statement reads:

"The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Council regarding issues relating to bicycle and pedestrian transportation, safety, recreation and education. The Committee would act as a resource to provide additional information related to the unique problems associated with non-motorized transportation."

It was agreed to discuss both the revision and existing mission statement at the next meeting.

BEGIN REVIEW OF PROJECTS LISTED IN THE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE PLAN

The Committee began to review the list of projects identified in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan.

It was asked that definitions of the following be provided: choker entrance, curb extension, bike loop detector; and chicane.

It was agreed to start the discussion at the next meeting with 3-33 - Shared Roads/Bike Boulevards, and identify the projects that have been completed.

REVIEW CURRENT STAFF REPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS

The Committee reviewed the Community Development and Public Works Departments monthly staff reports. It was suggested that the contractor on the 71st Street waterline project be advised to be a good neighbor. It was suggested that the road be made three

or four feet wider on Oceanview Drive where it is impacted by the wastewater improvement project.

REVIEW OF MAPS

The Committee requested smaller versions of the city maps. Hawker reported that staff will provide these maps, but as of this date, they are not ready.

REPORT ON BICYCLE AND/OR PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS DURING MAY

Hawker reported that there were two pedestrian accidents during August.

REVIEW LIST OF QUESTIONS FOR CITY STAFF

The Committee reviewed the list of questions for city staff, and the following questions remain:

1. There is a disconnect on the 40th Street trail to OCCC - can sharrows be considered for enhanced connectivity?
2. Can the bike lane, previously on Bay Boulevard, be restored?
3. Would the city consider installing dog waste containers on the Big Creek Trail?
4. Is there a plan to include signage at both ends of the Big Creek Trail?
5. Would the city consider installation of a bike rack at the Nye Beach turnaround?

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Hogg displayed maps of the Waldport and Yachats walking trails.

Kern noted that bike path maps are needed outside.

Kern reported that Tokos will make 11" x 17" maps and that she will draw the existing routes on the map. A discussion ensued regarding whether the Committee wants to continue these particular routes. Hein suggested a separate meeting be established to discuss and design walking routes.

It was asked that the Committee be e-mailed to confirm a quorum at the September 9 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 P.M.