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Newport Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Members Present: Ken Dennis, Elliott Crowder, Dave Teem, Lisa Kern and Chuck Forinash

Absent: Bob Hein

Staff: Tim Gross and Lon Brusselback (representing City Council)

Guest: Maryann Bozza (Committee applicant)

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM and the minutes from the January meeting were accepted with an option to review them prior to submission to City Council.

The Public Comment agenda item was moved forward so that the committee could meet Maryann and review her application to serve on the committee. The committee was impressed with Maryann's interest and background and recommended that we approve her application and forward it to the Mayor for consideration. Maryann was invited to stay for the rest of the meeting.

It was noted that Richard Giles application was also approved by the committee but there was a concern that his employment with the Newport Fire Department might become an obstacle to his selection as a committee member. It was recommended that if that was a problem that he be considered as a representative of the City's Public Safety community represented by the fire department. (Similar to Dave Teems' representation in the past while employed as a Newport policeman).

Staff Report: The fence by the U.S. Coast Guard station to open access to the bay and beach off of Naterlin Drive has been started with placement of the posts. Completion is forthcoming.

The grant for the pedestrian crosswalks on Highway 101 was discussed and Tim said that a consulting firm will probably do the plans using ODOT's guidelines. The City will play a large role in what the final project should look like and the committee asked that they continue providing input during the planning and design stage.

Tim is working on putting together a 5 year Capitol Improvement Plan that will continue the work of tying the bike routes in using the guidelines in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan.

Old Business: Tim has gotten a positive response from Scott McCanna, an ODOT region 2 traffic engineer, about putting Sharrows on the Yaquina Bay Bridge. As yet there hasn't been a commitment from ODOT to perform the work. They may need approval and specific instructions from City Council to authorize the City to install them or do the work themselves. Ken will pass this information to Sheila Lyons, the ODOT Bike/Ped Program Manager, to see if anything can be accomplished from her end.

Chuck has raised the question about adding Sharrows on some of the State Park roads. Tim says that they do their own striping but the City could loan them the sharrow template. The question about how much it costs for each individual thermoplastic application came up to see if the City could be "hired" to do the work. Chuck also suggested that sharrows at the west end of SE 40th St. would fill in the gap leading up to the paved trail going to the community college.

New Business: Jeff Bertuleit has requested that the committee recommend that the Urban Renewal Committee look into acquiring easements and right of way on the old railway line from Stoker Road to Mike Miller Park and on to the airport. This is in the Newport TSP and the Parks and Recreation

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Park System Master Plan to build a trail on the east side of Highway 101.

Ken has been provided a link to a grant opportunity from Bikes Belong that was sent to Bike Newport from Julia Young-Lorion the Community Health Improvement Partnership Coordinator at Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital. These are mini grants that may be used to supplement ongoing projects and plans. Ken look into where this may apply to the City's ongoing bicycle improvement plans.

Next Meeting: March 12, 2012 - 5:30 PM in Conference Room B at City Hall