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Newport Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Members Present: Ken Dennis, Bob Hein, Elliott Crowder

Staff: Tim Gross, Lon Brusselback

Guests:

Meeting called to order at 5:35pm and the minutes from the December meeting were approved as written.

Staff Report: Tim reports that a quote of \$14,000 for the fence by the U.S. Coast Guard facility has been received and work will start soon. When completed the existing gate will be removed and collapsible bollards will be installed to limit motorized traffic.

The Highway 101 pedestrian crossing grant was approved at \$367,000. The crossings will include one with a flashing warning light, crosswalks in City Center with bump outs and several islands in areas where there are currently center turn lanes. Bob suggested that the islands include flower beds as a beautification addition similar to the ones in Philomath. The committee agrees that this will improve the looks of Highway 101 as it passes through Newport. Tim believes that work on the crosswalks should begin in the fall of 2012.

The plans for sidewalks with lighting on NW 3rd and 6th is moving forward and a bid request for these sidewalks and the sidewalks at the north end of the Yaquina Bay Bridge should go out this spring.

Old Business: Revision of the Newport Bike Route maps was discussed and any changes should wait until the OMSI facility with its bike and pedestrian trails in South Beach are laid out. The current map is sufficient and Elliott would like additional copies for distribution at the bike shop. Nobody knows how many from the original printing are around or where they might be. We'll need to check with Pioneer Printing to see what format they have the maps in. The cost for additional maps should be covered by the City.

Elliott reports that the Yacht Club would be interested in providing a bench in their name for the Naterlin Dr. sidewalk but the cost hasn't been determined yet. It was suggested that the bike club might also purchase one.

Tim has located the Walking Route maps that the committee did.

The committee reviewed a Bike Route map that Tim provided and prioritized the timeline for installing Sharrows on several of Newport's busiest streets.

In response to Bob's previous inquiry about any upcoming bike/ped grants, Ken got a reply from Sheila Lyons that there will be TE and ODOT Bike/Ped Program applications that will go out this spring.

New Business: Ken reported on the cost of Bikelids for a covered bike parking solution as \$1895 each. Robin Duberow with Bikelid provided specification and pricing sheets. As a commercially available bike locker this one has the potential for local sponsors to assist in the purchase and

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advertise their business on them.

Ken contacted Sheila Lyons, the ODOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager about the status of Oregon's approval of the 2009 MUTCD and she replied that there is an Oregon Supplement that includes the 2009 MUTCD. The signage in this includes the Sharrow and we can now ask ODOT to put Sharrows on the Yaquina Bay Bridge.

The 2009 MUTCD also includes a pedestrian crossing sign (R1-6 & R1-6a) that might be appropriate for the new center island crosswalk improvements on Highway 101.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Next Meeting: February 13th at 5:30pm in City Hall.