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Newport Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Members Present: Ken Dennis, Bob Hein, Dave Teem, Elliott Crowder, Lisa Kern.

Staff: Tim Gross

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM.

Guest, Bob Hayes, was introduced and gave the committee a short presentation asking the feasibility of the City purchasing property he owns on the ocean at the end of NW 14th St. The proposed purpose would be for the construction of a hiker/biker camping facility. The discussion that followed pointed out several obstacles starting with the City's budget. It was recommended that Mr. Hayes contact the Parks and Recreation Director so that it might play in future City park planning.

The minutes from the September meeting were read with minor spelling corrections made as needed and approved as corrected.

Staff Report: Tim reports that the cost for the sharrow template is \$466. He will get an invoice so that the Yaquina Wheels Bike Club can write a check to Halco Welding to pay for the template. Tim also suggested that a club logo should be engraved on the template to recognize this contribution.

Plans for the fence separating the Coast Guard facility and the proposed North Jetty Trail have been finalized. An 8' chain link fence and the appropriate location were agreed upon between the USCG and the City of Newport.

The City is working on grant applications for a South Beach Tsunami Evacuation Route and pedestrian crossings on Highway 101.

Pedestrian crossing improvements at the Newport High School are almost completed.

Tim showed the improvements to Naterlin Drive to Sheila Lyons, the ODOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager, that was funded primarily by a TE grant. She was very impressed and suggested that all it needs now are some benches on the new sidewalk.

Tim has been working with the Planning Department on changes/improvements in South Beach when changes to SE 35th St are done. They're looking at shared use trails separated from the street that would tie in with the trail network that has already been implemented in South Beach.

Old Business:

The committee's recommended priority list for sharrow placements was found and Tim will present it to the City for approval.

A copy of the walking route maps that the committee worked on hasn't been located.

The committee will look for funding sources to cover the cost of benches on Naterlin Drive that are similar to the ones on the Bay Front.

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New Business:

Ken provided a link to Lincoln City's online map (<http://www.lincolncitypedbike.org/map.aspx>) that allows public input for improvements or changes to the highway and streets in the city's ongoing project to put together a bike/ped master plan. A similar map link could be provided on Newport's website as a resource for identifying problem areas.

Dave Teem asked who is responsible for trail maintenance and recommended that a liaison to the Parks and Rec. Dept. would be helpful for coordinating our efforts.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at 5:30 PM.