



**BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA**  
**Tuesday, August 13, 2019 - 5:30 PM**  
**Conference Room A**

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- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS
- C. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
- D. PUBLIC COMMENT
- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - E.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting of July 9, 2019  
[July 9 2019 draft minutes.docx](#)
- F. OTHER BUSINESS

**F.1 Interview for Committee Vacancies**

[BPAC Interview Questions.docx](#)

[MStiles\\_Application.docx](#)

[NGraves\\_Application.docx](#)

**F.2 Newport Reservoir Trail System Meeting**

[Concept\\_Plans\\_BigCreekReservoir.pdf](#)

**G. BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS**

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

July 9, 2019  
5:32 p.m.  
Newport, Oregon

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee met on the above date in Conference Room A of Newport City Hall. In attendance were Committee Members Marsha Eckelman, Tomas Follett, Jacob Osburne, and Michael Rioux. Also in attendance were Council Liaison Ryan Parker and Newport Associate Planner Rachel Cotton. Not in attendance were Daniella Crowder, Wendy Henriksen, and Susan Hogg.

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Rioux stated on August 3 at 10 a.m. ODOT will be holding a ribbon cutting at the Wyeth Trail Head at Exit 54 on I84 for the Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail. He said he, Rebecca Berry, members of the Oregon Human Powered Vehicles group in Portland, and others will be there to put some pressure on ODOT to fix an ADA issue at the Eagle Creek Trail Head at Exit 41. He indicated there is a staircase at Eagle Creek that is not ADA compliant. He asked the committee members to attend and support them. He added he has written to Willamette Week and Bike Portland about the issue.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION was made by Rioux, seconded by Follett, to approve the minutes of April 9, 2019. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

### OTHER BUSINESS

City Projects Update. Cotton introduced the agenda item. She said all the public works projects now have a capital project page on the website. Parker noted the paving of Nye Beach Turnaround with ADA improvements have been delayed until October. Cotton announced the outdoor bike pump and fix-it station have arrived, and she has ordered 16 stainless steel bike racks. She said Public Works is going to pour a pad on the east side of the restroom at Don and Ann Davis Park for the fix-it station. She added there is a new city half-time landscape specialist tasked with beautification duties. Cotton announced the Sixth Street storm water improvement project will put in sidewalk between Brook Street and High Street and a mid-block crossing. Osburne asked if the sidewalk goes down Coast Street. Cotton replied there will be a connection to Coast Street, and the project will hopefully be done sometime this summer. She said around the hospital, Ninth and 10<sup>th</sup> Street will have sidewalks connecting to Abbey. She noted the Harbor Way project from 11<sup>th</sup> to the Bayfront is started and expected to finish this summer. Osburne asked if it is possible for SW Neff Way improvements to fully update the road for the bike route, rather than just include sidewalk. Cotton replied that can be discussed during the missing connections agenda item.

TSP Goals. Cotton introduced the agenda item. Rioux asked if the city can consider putting three or four bike racks at Don and Ann Davis Park. Cotton replied the one

challenge is the concrete has to be poured at that park, and she suggested two bike racks. Parker suggested a sign for the fix-it station. Osburne and Parker noted the sidewalk corridors between all of Newport's schools are not ideal. Discussion ensued on tourist driving behaviors affecting pedestrian and bike traffic. Cotton said the TSP will be looking at different options for the heavily-used intersections. Discussion ensued on ideas to bring up in the TSP update process, including Neff Way and High Street.

**Missing Bike and Ped. Connections.** Cotton introduced the agenda item. The committee suggested 60<sup>th</sup> Street and north Newport.

#### **COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

Cotton noted several vacancies on the committee, and suggested interviews at the next meeting.

#### **CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE**

Cotton confirmed the next meeting date is August 13, 2019.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

## BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Why are you interested in serving on the city's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee?
2. What has been your personal involvement in serving on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee or any other city committee?
3. What do you feel is the number one bicycle and pedestrian related challenge facing the city today?
4. The Committee meets on the second Tuesday of every month from 5:30-7 PM. Will your schedule allow you to attend most meetings?
5. What makes you stand out among the other candidates? What special attributes, talents, and abilities will you bring to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee?
6. Is there anything else you would like us to know?

## Application for City Council - Email Application

Date: 7/2/2019

Commission/Committee of Interest: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Name: Minda Stiles

Address: XXXXXX, Newport 97365

Email: mindajstiles@gmail.com

Occupation: Administrative assistant

Employer: OSU / HMSC

Why do you think you are qualified to be a Committee member?

Newport is a remarkable community of people with diverse backgrounds and experiences, who generally work well together. Unlike in many larger cities, there are many opportunities here to help create the kind of community we want to live in. In my 7 years here, I have grown increasingly aware of that privilege and responsibility. My first year here, I did not own a car, so I relied on walking, biking, and use of the City Loop shuttle to get around. With Newport's weather, hills, and lack of sidewalks and bike lanes, it was difficult and often dangerous. Before moving here, I lived Portland, where I was accustomed to using public transport, bicycling, car-shares, and walking as my primary modes of transportation. As someone who values a safe and walkable town, I am continually paying attention to pedestrian safety issues in Newport. Along those lines, when I moved here, I contacted the City about the lack of crosswalks, and I attended meetings on that issue (and I am absolutely thrilled that so many safe crosswalks have now been installed!). A few years ago, I met with the Bicycle & Ped. Committee to bring attention to the lack of safe passage for pedestrians (including individuals in wheelchairs) between Little Creek Apartments and Fred Meyer. I have also contacted ODOT and the Newport Police to bring attention to the intersection at Lighthouse Drive, where distracted drivers often don't see pedestrians. My impression about this committee is that bicyclists are historically well represented, and I'd like to bring the perspective of city pedestrians. Having a well-planned pedestrian-friendly city is important for social equity, livability, tourism, the environment, and basic safety. I hope to do my part to make that happen and to help Newport grow wisely into the future.

State your educational background.

I have a bachelors degree from Willamette University, with a major in environmental science. I am currently a masters student in clinical mental health counseling (on leave of absence).

Have you ever served on a community committee? If so, what kind?

I am currently in my second year of serving on the Porthole Players Board of Directors (community theatre). I also served two years on the Programming Advisory Committee of KYAQ Radio, as the station was first being created (2013-15).

Do you agree with consensus decision making?

In short, yes, although sometimes consensus is difficult to achieve. I have lived in intentional communities and co-housing situations where we held regular house meetings based in consensus decision making. It takes patience, fairness, and a good facilitator who makes sure everyone is heard. I appreciate striving for consensus, because it requires a group to take the time needed to understand all perspectives. It encourages discussion and compromise rather than power struggles or political alignments.

Are you willing to attend regularly scheduled meetings for your term of office?

Yes. My Tuesday evenings are consistently available, and I have no plans to move out of the area.

Would you make decisions based on the facts and standards even though you may not agree with the ultimate decision?

Yes, I don't believe it would be appropriate as a committee member to push my own agenda, if it is not clearly in the best interest of the community (or city). However, I am outspoken about what is important to me. Ultimately, I am very process-oriented, because I believe that honoring a good process -- even if I don't like the outcome -- builds community strength. If I feel that we have followed our process, heard all sides, and have enough information, then I will support the decision of the committee.

Do you anticipate having many conflicts of interest that may disqualify you in making decisions, due to personal and/or business relationships?

I anticipate no such conflicts.

List all other pertinent information/background for this position.

1) I have a background working with homeless individuals in Los Angeles and in developing affordable housing in Portland. That awareness (and my personal experience being without a car here) is what first led me to consider the problem of lack of sidewalks from Little Creek Apartments. 2) My education in environmental science and concern for a healthy environment also gives me impetus to help Newport become as pedestrian and bicycle friendly as possible, which is not an easy task. 3) I have served on two grand juries since I've lived in Newport. That experience immersed me into some of the challenges that our community faces, the critical work of the police department and DAs, and gave me real experience in reaching agreeable decisions with others who held opposing viewpoints. The grand juries met to discern facts of a situation, discuss our thoughts and concerns, and balance our personal experiences with the requirements of our assignment (in this case, the law), a process I feel directly applies to this city committee.

Application for City Council - Email Application

Date: 7/21/2019

Commission/Committee of Interest: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Name: Nicholas Graves

Email: npgraves@yahoo.com

Occupation: Store Manager

Employer: ACE Hardware & Outdoor

Why do you think you are qualified to be a Committee member?

I am a lifelong bicyclist who understands the needs and concerns of fellow cyclists. I have ridden bicycles in many different states, cities and countries so I have first hand experience with good and bad bicycle practices.

I moved back to Oregon last year after 13 years away and just moved to Newport in May so I am a fairly new resident. I spent the last few years traveling and exploring domestically and internationally, looking for a place to call home. In my short time here I have started to fall in love with the community and would like to share my areas of expertise to give back.

I've worked for large Fortune 500 companies such as Intel & Rockwell, to small local companies with a handful of employees that serve the local community. My work and life experiences allow me to relate to individuals of all backgrounds and walks of life. I've led teams and projects large and small and take the time to listen to concerns and work towards compromised solutions when issues arise.

State your educational background.

Electrical Engineering Degree from Purdue University

Have you ever served on a community committee? If so, what kind?

No

Do you agree with consensus decision making?

Yes

Are you willing to attend regularly scheduled meetings for your term of office?

Yes

Would you make decisions based on the facts and standards even though you may not agree with the ultimate decision?

Yes

Do you anticipate having many conflicts of interest that may disqualify you in making decisions, due to personal and/or business relationships?

No

List all other pertinent information/background for this position.

I have worked in the bicycle industry for over ten years. Before moving back to Oregon last year, I ran a Bicycle shop in Cincinnati where we partnered with local organizations and city groups to put on events such as rides, races, commuter clinics, children's bike rodeos and safety events, etc.

Since moving to Newport, I have barely driven my car. I practice what I preach when it comes to non-motorized vehicle transportation, I find it easier and much more enjoyable to get around Newport on two wheels or on foot. I have only filled my gas tank once since the beginning of May and I have taken a few trips out of town in that time!

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## TRAIL NETWORK - EXISTING & PROPOSED

