



BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA
Tuesday, September 13, 2022 - 5:30 PM
Council Chambers

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The agenda may be amended during the meeting to add or delete items, change the order of agenda items, or discuss any other business deemed necessary at the time of the meeting.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

B. AGENDA ADDITIONS

Chairperson asks staff if any items have come to their attention since agenda publication

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

An opportunity for members of the audience to bring to the BPAC's attention any item not listed on the agenda

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items of a repeating or routine nature considered under a single action

D.1 Approval of August Minutes

E. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

E.1 Staff Liaison Report

[Overlap Projects_comments.docx](#)

E.2 Minda's Vision 2040 Report

[Minda's Email re Vision 2040.pdf](#)

E.3 Collision Report

[Collision Report Aug 2022.docx](#)

E.4 Overlap Projects (from August Meeting)

[Overlap PRAC-BPAC Projects w Funding Comments from DT.docx](#)

F. OTHER BUSINESS

F.1 2022 International Walk+Roll to School Day (Oct. 8)

F.2 Candidate Interview

[Bennett Application.docx](#)

[Interview Q's.docx](#)

G. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

An opportunity for BPAC members to report activities since last meeting, share items of interest, or raise issues of concern

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

An additional opportunity for members of the audience to provide public comment

I. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE

J. ADJOURNMENT

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Sherri Marineau

From: Beth Young
Sent: Friday, September 09, 2022 9:21 AM
To: Sherri Marineau
Subject: FW: Committee liaison update

Hi Sherri—Please convert this to PDF. --Beth

From: Minda Stiles <mindajstiles@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2022 7:43 PM
To: Beth Young <B.Young@NewportOregon.gov>
Subject: Committee liaison update

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Hi Beth,

In hopes that this is in time to get into our agenda packet for the September meeting, here is an update from me for my fellow BPAC members.

I attended in person the August 11 meeting of the Vision 2040 committee. The committee had a lot to cover because this was the first meeting in several months where they had quorum. (That would explain why I had not been able to find recent copies of meeting minutes.)

I scanned the Vision 2040 Strategic Plan and immediately saw two goals that are in direct alignment with the BPAC:

A11. Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety and Amenities [Lead]: Work to improve the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians throughout Newport. Plan, fund, and develop improvements to bicycle and pedestrian amenities in strategic areas of the city, including sidewalks, crosswalks or overpasses, “traffic calming,” bike racks, and planned bicycle and pedestrian routes.

A15. Complete Streets [Partner]: Design neighborhoods around streets that are well integrated with local transit, are ADA Accessible, and accommodate "active transportation" such as cycling, walking, and wheelchair moving.

During the public comment section at the end of the meeting, I introduced myself as a member of the BPAC and briefly touched on ways our two committees might be able to work together. I did not talk very long, because their meeting was beginning to run over time.

One of the challenges that the Vision 2040 committee is facing is feeling responsible for a plethora of large scale goals, whereas the other city committees are more focused in their missions. In my public comment, I pointed out that by working with the BPAC more closely, we could essentially take the active transportation piece off their plate. I invited future conversation to see where their expectations and ours might inform each other’s goals.

Another possible place we could work together, which was suggested by one of their committee members, is to have a BPAC member join the Vision 2040 committee. Several of their members are representative members from other city committees. (This is also one of the challenges that the committee is facing. These dual roles create quite a time commitment for their members.)

I have scheduled a follow up meeting with Leslie Palotas, who was present and active in the meeting. She is no longer a member of the committee but is intimately familiar with the Vision 2040 initiative, and I believe she is currently a professional community organizer. I will be meeting with her in early October to talk more in depth about both committees, how to be more effective as volunteers, and ways we might align.

Some of my notes from the meeting, including questions for later:

From City Code:

“The purpose of the Vision 2040 Advisory Committee shall be to promote the implementation of the Vision 2040 Plan.”

“Tracking implementation of Strategies, and preparing annual progress reports;”

- Can we get a copy of progress reports for strategies A11 and A15? How are you measuring success? Are we aligned?

“Engaging city committees, staff, and partner organizations to facilitate implementation of Strategies;”

- We would love your feedback on our goals (and vice versa?)

How to reach the community and get them engaged – we have the same problem esp with the lack of social media

Sorry I can't be there tonight!

Minda

Email from NPD 9/1/22 @ 9:10 a.m.

Hi Beth,

Here are the stats for August.

8/3/2022 1:21 p.m. – SW Bay Street & S Coast Hwy – Vehicle driving east on SW Bay Street west of the intersection of S Coast Hwy stopped at the stop sign. Driver did not observe bicyclist traveling northbound on the west side sidewalk. Bicyclist was unsure if the driver observed him and entered into the crosswalk in front of the vehicle. Driver attempted to enter the intersection and struck the bicyclist, knocking him to the asphalt. Bicyclist sustained injury to the right abdominal area and was transported to SPCH.

8/13/2022 11:10 p.m. – NE 1st Street & N Coast Hwy – Pedestrian was walking through traffic and was subsequently struck by a vehicle. Pedestrian then tried to extort the driver, saying if he (the driver) would buy him cigarettes he would act like the crash never happened. The driver refused and called police. The pedestrian then began faking injury. Pedestrian was transported to the hospital and cleared, having only an abrasion. Pedestrian was then arrested for extortion and disorderly conduct.

8/23/2022 12:55 p.m. – 3650 S Coast Hwy – An unoccupied vehicle rolled backwards into the highway from the grocery store parking lot. The owner of the vehicle ran after it and attempted to stop the car from the rear. He was pushed backwards by the car and dragged underneath the car until it came to a stop at the curb. He was pinned underneath the vehicle until an OSP Trooper and NPD Officer were able to raise the car and pulled the owner out from under the car. The owner appeared to have substantial injuries and was transported to SPCH by medics.

8/25/2022 11:53 a.m. – N Coast Hwy and NE 4th Street – Vehicle traveling northbound on N Coast Hwy in the outside lane of travel approached the intersection of NE 4th Street. Bicyclist was traveling northbound on the sidewalk on the east side of N Coast Hwy. Vehicle turned into Arctic Circle parking lot and collided with bicyclist. Bicyclist suffered a broken arm and clavicle and was transported to SPCH.

8/25/2022 1:59 p.m. – N Coast Hwy and NE 10th Street – Bicyclist was crossing N Coast Hwy in the crosswalk traveling west. Vehicle was northbound on N Coast Hwy in the inside lane. The front right corner of the vehicle struck the bicyclist. Bicyclist was transported to SPCH by medics with complaint of pain in his hip and ribs. Driver of the vehicle stated she did not see the crosswalk flashing warning lights. Bicyclist stated he activated the warning lights before crossing.

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Application for City Committee - Email Application

Date: 7/19/2022

Commission/Committee of Interest: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Name: Leeann Bennett

Occupation: teacher

Employer: LCSD

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

As a daily walker and former cyclist, I am personally familiar with the challenges faced by walkers and cyclists when faced with negotiating safe means of moving among the daunting flow of motor vehicles and the paucity of pedestrian/cyclist support systems. I am interested in not only improving those support systems but also encouraging greater use of non-motorized transportation among locals and tourists alike.

State your educational background.

I have a BS in elementary education and a MEd in ESOL. I also carry endorsements in high school English, family and consumer science, and personal finance.

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

This would be my first community committee.

Do you agree with consensus decision making?

Although consensus decision making presents unique challenges, it also seeks to be more inclusive. All members may not be in full agreement, but at least they don't outright disagree with the decision. I believe this creates better buy-in from all members and lessens any temptations to actively undermine the work of the committee.

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

Committing to be a member means also committing to show up, so yes.

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

Facts are especially important, particularly during these times when too many people ignore facts in favor of wishful thinking. I would be more inclined to argue against standards if they seemed outdated, unhelpful to current needs, or inherently biased.

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 conflicts of interest since I am relatively new to Newport (two years) and have not had much opportunity to develop a lot of relationships.

List all other pertinent information/background for this position.

I believe that my previous answers have pretty well covered it. Thanks for your consideration.

BPAC INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Thanks for volunteering to be a member the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee! Here are questions you may be asked. They are a way for us to get to know you better, not to put you on the spot. We have all been through this process as well so we just want you to relax and tell us a little about yourself.

1. Will you be able regularly attend BPAC meetings and meet the commitments outlined in the Member Expectations (on back of this page)?
2. Why are you interested in serving on the Newport BPAC?
3. What is your background? (In particular what knowledge, experience, talents or abilities would you bring to the BPAC?)

Optional: If not answered in Questions #2 or #3:

4. What is your personal experience with biking, walking, etc. in Newport?
5. What do you feel are the challenges facing Newport regarding active transportation?

And finally,

6. Is there anything else you would like us to know?

