

January 19, 2022
5:34 P.M.

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE Newport, Oregon

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee met virtually on the above date and time and in the Council Chambers of the Newport City Hall. In attendance were Committee Members Michael Rioux, Herb Fredrickson, Richard Keagle, Jane Barwell, and Tomas Follett (5:36 p.m.), and Committee Alternate Member Martha Winsor as well as City Councilor Ryan Parker (5:38 p.m.). Absent were Committee Members Minda Stiles and Bob Hein.

Staff in attendance was Associate Planner Beth Young.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Roll was taken and committee members and liaisons identified themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The December 21, 2021 Minutes were not available to be approved.

STAFF BRIEFING

Young relayed comments from the contracted minutes recorder about meeting procedure, motions, and recommending the appointment of members. Young said that applicant Bob Hein was approved at the city council's January 3, 2022 meeting. Young also noted that candidate Meric McNeilus dropped out of consideration since he would be unable to make meeting dates. Young detailed the openings available to applicant Aracelly Guavara including two alternate positions and the potential of a full position when Barwell resigns.

CANDIDATE INTERVIEW

Aracelly Guavara answered questions from members about her availability, why she is interested in serving, and the type of active transportation she uses.

MOTION: Member Barwell moved to recommend to the mayor and city council, Aracelly Guavara's application for membership to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Member Frederickson seconded the motion which carried unanimously in a voice vote.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION INCIDENTS

Young reported no incidents from the Newport Police Department. There was a transportation incident in the News-Times cited by Oregon State Police which involved a pedestrian lawfully crossing Hwy 101 in a crosswalk at 8th Street being struck by a vehicle.

OTHER BUSINESS

F.1. Draft TSP 1.7.2022

Young presented the TSP and her evaluation of the bicycle and pedestrian aspects of the plan, and that the maps needed to be more detailed. In this draft it is difficult to tell what and where the bike/ped improvements will be. Young said that Derrick Tokos will pass that comment along to the consultants. Keagle said that the bicycle and pedestrian aspect of the TSP is not as strong as it could be.

Winsor said she would like to see the construction of a sidewalk along SW Neff Way and SW Alder Street from Highway 101 down to SW 2nd Street included in the TSP. Winsor said this is a common route for tourists.

Follett said he believed that mapping is sub-par. He stated that the community outreach efforts did not reach many groups of people and that the number of people reached to give feedback was not enough. Parker spoke about the city's public outreach constraints, and the city's efforts to find an employee to manage social media. Members discussed outreach and implementation strategies.

Follett invited members to email him their comments so he could bring them to the next TSP work group meeting.

Young spoke about recent seminars and trainings she attended and information about the Safe Routes to School program.

Follett said he would like to hear about the grant applications that Community Development Director Derrick Tokos is working on. Frederickson suggested that the committee be given the opportunity to comment on grant applications for capital projects to bring an active transportation perspective to the applications.

Keagle and Parker spoke about sightlines and enforcement by the city. Parker recommended that members write community comments and send them to the city council and even write letters to the editor of local media to help make progress on certain issues. Parker suggested that, after the TSP is approved, a timestamped matrix be created that lays out the funded projects and their timelines.

F.2. BPAC Name Change

This item is tabled until the February 2022 meeting.

F.3. FYI Oceanview Report

Rioux presented the information in the report attached to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one sent in written public comment or signed up to give public comment and no one present wished to give public comment.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Rioux told the committee that for personal reasons he cannot attend the next three meetings at least. Rioux noted that, as vice-chair, Frederickson will be presiding over the meetings in his absence.

Barwell said she believes the layout and graphics in the TSP are nice.

Frederickson said he will listen in on a January 25, 2022 ODOT meeting where they will be discussing the use of new funding. Frederickson agreed to report back at the next committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.