

December 21, 2021  
5:32 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 Members Michael Rioux, Herb Fredrickson, Tomas Follett, and Martha Winsor. Absent were Richard Keagle, Jane Barwell, Minda Stiles, Jacob Osburne, and City Council Liaison Ryan Parker. 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**

MOTION: Winsor moved to approve the November 9, 2021 and the October 12, 2021 minutes as presented. Member Frederickson seconded the motion which carried unanimously in a voice vote.

**CANDIDATE INTERVIEW**

Young confirmed that there were three candidates for the open seats on the committee, though none of them would be able to attend the meeting for an interview. Young said that at least two of the candidates said they would be available for interviews at the January meeting. Young said that two seats were up for renewal on December 31.

MOTION: Rioux moved that the committee not ask one BPAC member to renew their seat on the committee due to a lack of communication. Member Frederickson seconded the motion which carried unanimously in a voice vote.

**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.

**STAFF BRIEFING**

Young presented information on the newly-passed federal infrastructure package and how it may affect Oregon and Newport's bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and the City's TSP update. Follett gave an overview of the TSP and the public feedback. Young's commented that the draft TSP does not require private roads to be paved, and that many of Newport's roads are private due to Newport's topography. Young noted that she felt the bike rack requirements in the draft TSP should be increased, especially because people are buying e-bikes which are very expensive. Portland went through a rigorous community-oriented process to upgrade their bike rack code. Young reported

that City staff will be applying for a Safe Routes to School infrastructure grant in February when the application window begins.

Young said there are online opportunities to learn how to apply for grants that she and Frederickson will be attending. She noted that Safe Routes To School online seminars will take place on January 13, 2022.

Frederickson suggested that Tokos be invited to discuss the specifics of the grant proposal for Safe Routes to Schools.

### **ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION INCIDENTS**

Rioux moved the agenda item up, saying there was a lot of material to cover under committee comments. Rioux read the crash reports linked in the agenda file.

### **COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

Rioux noted the city is creating a new parking committee and said he has applied to be a member of that committee. Young recommended the book, *The High Cost of Free Parking* to committee members.

Committee members discussed making safety a priority and how best to communicate with decision makers.

Rioux suggested changing the name of the committee to “Active Transportation Advisory Committee.” Committee members were generally supportive of the idea but requested more information. Winsor said she would research, and present at a later meeting.

Follett spoke briefly about e-bikes and the need for dedicated bicycle lanes.

Frederickson asked about the Oregon Coast Community College being declared a bike-friendly university and the committee briefly spoke about if they could assist. The committee also spoke about bike friendly businesses and Rioux said he would contact the Chamber of Commerce to try and inform them about the opportunity to be a bike friendly business.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **I.1. Goals and Objectives**

Young volunteered to be the point person for Goals 1.a. and 2.a.

#### **I.2. Goal 4 Other Committees**

Frederickson volunteered to cover the Destination Newport Advisory Committee. The committee agreed to wait until new committee members were onboarded before trying to assign the remaining boards and committees.

### ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.