

December 10, 2019
5:30 P.M.
Newport, Oregon

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee met on the above date in Conference Room B of Newport City Hall. In attendance were Committee Members Minda Stiles, Susan Hogg, Nicholas Graves, Thomas Follett, Jacob Osburne, and Michael Rioux. Also in attendance was Council Liaison Ryan Parker and City Recorder Peggy Hawker. Not in attendance were Daniella Crowder and Marsha Eckelman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION was made by Follett, seconded by Osbourne, to approve the minutes of November 12, 2019. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion Regarding Request from Rex Capri to Recommend Bicycle Sharrows Be Installed on Nye Street. Hawker introduced the agenda item. She explained that sharrows are shared street lane markings for bicycles. Osburne recommended not having bicycle lanes on Highway 20. Rioux suggested bike lanes and sidewalks on SW Nye Street from 15th Street to Second Street. Hogg noted there may be resistance from people who use on-street parking. Hogg asked if Nye Street is an alternate truck route.

Capri explained he has advocated for sidewalks and sharrows on Nye for many years. He indicated sharrows cost less. He noted the road parallels 101 and a lot of people use it, cars, pedestrians, and bicyclists. He stated the street is dangerous because there isn't a continuous sidewalk and cars park on both sides. He noted there's one place between 10th and 11th where pedestrians have to walk in the lane. Osburne indicated he likes having another route that goes through Sixth Street so bicyclists have more options to turn onto Nye. Capri noted right now the bicycle route goes through Nye Beach, which is highly congested and not ideal for bicyclists trying to get through town.

Hogg noted the city has had problems with maintenance of current sharrows. Rioux stated sharrows have almost no effect on driving behavior. Discussion ensued on Agate Beach Wayside stairs and maintenance of sharrows. Hawker said she would look into both issues. Discussion ensued on grants. Hawker stated she would add grant opportunities next month's agenda.

Parker pointed out thermoplastic works proportionately to the condition of pavement. He noted portions of Nye Street may not take thermoplastic, but plenty portions could. He added when paving Sixth finishes, there is an opportunity for sharrows. Rioux suggested sharrows from Coast to Nye on Sixth Street.

MOTION was made and seconded to recommend if material is available, sharrows be installed on both sides of SW Nye Street from 15th Street to Third Street and install appropriate signage if available.

Continued Discussion on Walking Routes to be Included in Walking Map. Hawker introduced the agenda item. She suggested rather than designated separate pedestrian routes, that there be one larger map with connected routes. Hogg asked who the map is being developed for. She suggested routes could be recreational, for tourists, or for a

purpose. Stiles suggested safe pedestrian routes and scenic routes. Rioux suggested focusing on recreational walking routes. Hawker asked if there was a way to incorporate utilitarian walking with recreational walking. Hogg suggested Elizabeth Street from the old lighthouse to Coast Street. Rioux suggested the Bayfront to under the bridge. Hawker suggested Best Western to Big Creek Road. Discussion ensued on Big Creek trails and roads. Parker noted the trail from Naterlin to under the bridge has become so eroded it's not walkable. Hogg mentioned the path to the beach from Don and Ann Davis park has eroded. Parker replied preparations are underway for repairs. Rioux suggested a bike trail from the west side of Walmart to Sixtieth along old railroad right-of-way.

Hawker asked if the walking routes could have utilitarian and recreational uses. Rioux suggested the routes focus on reaching a location, such as shopping or parks. Hawker listed shopping, parks, beach, Bayfront, Nye Beach, and city center. Rioux suggested the routes follow the best sidewalks. Discussion ensued on driving violations in town and Bayfront parking. Rioux suggested a tourist focused map. Hawker reported she would ask the Community Development Director for insight on moving the map forward. Stiles suggested the map be quadrant-oriented rather than purpose-oriented. Rioux suggested mirroring comfort evaluation maps like those used in the transportation system master plan. Stiles suggested identifying stairs or gravel roads with certain striations, colors, or markings. Hawker stated she would bring a laptop next time with some quadrants identified so the committee could look at some of the streets. Follett said he would set up a shared Google map so the committee could start drawing routes.

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS

Hawker reported there were two accidents in November, which are included in the packet. Parker explained the background of one incident.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Stiles asked if there are comments coming in on the transportation system plan site and if the public is aware of the site. Hawker replied she would check with Community Development on what outreach has been done.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business, the meeting adjourned 7:00 P.M.