

BIKEWAYS AND WALKWAYS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2017 at 12:00 PM
Courtyard Conference Room

Member Attendance:

Paul Hart (Chair)
Lesley Orr (Co-Vice Chair)
Dana Christensen (Co-Vice Chair) - Late
Chip Dennerlein
Larry Turpen
Cliff Kuhlman - Absent
Mark Lansing - Absent
Mark Acosta
Bob Lange
Brian Heron

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Fred Saunders (PCD)
Rob Brandes – Absent
Dan Dorrell (ODOT)
Valerie Lovelace (City Council)
(County Commissioner) Pending
Ed Burke (Public Safety)

Guests/visitors:

Adam Gomez
Mike Sanford
Don Hendricks

I. Business – Continuing

- **Approval of Minutes – December 13, 2016 – One correction noted. Under “New Business”, comment should have been “Fred thanked Dan for all his help getting the poles for the traffic lights worked out”.**

MOTION/VOTE

Committee Member Orr moved and Committee Member Dennerlein seconded the motion to approve the minutes as corrected from December 13, 2016. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Committee Members Orr, Dennerlein, Hart, Turpen, Lange, Acosta, and Heron. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Members Kuhlman, Christensen, and Lansing. The motion passed.

- **Bike map discussion**
 - Fred updated committee about the bike map that began in 2012 with Michael Black, Tom Pattee, Chip Dennerlein and Cliff Kuhlman. Map listed many projects that have been completed and there are still some ongoing projects, such as the enhancements for 6th and 7th streets.
 - Question was asked if speed humps could be installed on D Street. Fred indicated that speed humps cannot be used on a collector or arterial road. D Street is a collector road.
 - Traffic signals for E and 9th streets? Signals cost about a million dollars. Officer Burke added that these locations are heavily patrolled as well as a few other locations such as W. Park Street.
 - Paul mentioned their number two goal for the year is identifying problem areas and providing solutions.
 - Sidewalks on Highland Avenue have been a problem. Currently there are sidewalks on the west side only. City no longer will do sidewalks on one side only. When done, this will be a sidewalk without the adjacent green strip.

- Currently, a City priority is Rogue River Avenue that will utilize some Federal funding. Design is also happening for Pine Street and Beacon Drive and a small infill for B Street.
- The intersection on Hawthorne at Midland by Gilbert Creek Park will get a marked crosswalk with an ADA ramp. Committee will keep this as an ongoing project for updating.
- Mark would like to work with Eric Wade on the bike map.
- **Ride the Rogue Discussion**
 - Don Hendricks is an active member of the Rogue River Greenway Committee. He has been a sponsor as well as a rider for this event. Ride the Rogue is designed to bring in funding for the Rogue River Greenway. They would like to hold the event again in September but they have no coordinator. He is looking for a volunteer. It will not be a paid position. There will be a meeting at the Fire Station in Rogue River at the end of this month to discuss this topic. They will decide in February if the ride will happen or not.
- **Updates from Staff/Liaison and questions**

City

- Chip asked Fred about plates in the road at the corner of A and 3rd streets. Stated that cars are trying to avoid the plates and the sawhorses at that location. Fred stated this was due to a water main break. Believes public works is waiting on parts.

County

- None.

ODOT

- Dan mentioned there was a meeting with the planning staff for updating the Master Transportation Plan. There will be a Citizen Advisory Committee and he suggests we get someone to attend to push bike issues. Chip Dennerlein volunteered to be on this committee.

Public Safety

- None

Citizen comments

- Adam Gomez from RVTD came to this committee to talk about opinions, ideas, needs for promoting alternative transportation.

II. Business – New

- This committee will present their goals to the City Council at their Strategic Planning session on January 20. The purpose is for the City Council to hear this committee's goals to help the City Council identify what the priorities need to be for the community so they can be budgeted as potential projects.
- Fred offered to help the committee brainstorm the committee priorities for the Council's Strategic Planning.

- Bob spoke about mountain biking locations using public lands. Potential for trail system development at B Street, Elk Lane and Bolt Mountain.
- Irrigation District ditch systems for biking and walking. Has this been brought up with the GPID? Fred explained GPID access is exclusive for them.
- Chip mentioned the Ashland Hillside Trail System is on the TID (Talent Irrigation District) and they allow citizen use.
- Overland Drive is being built right now on easements and right of way with sidewalk.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm

Next meeting date: February 14, 2017 at 12:00 pm in the Courtyard Conference Room

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