

BIKEWAYS AND WALKWAYS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – February 14, 2017 at 12:00 PM
Courtyard Conference Room

Member Attendance:

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

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Fred Saunders (PCD)
Rob Brandes – Late
Dan Dorrell (ODOT)
Valerie Lovelace (City Council)
Tyler Flaming (City Council)
(County Commissioner) Pending
Ed Burke (Public Safety)
Jenna Marmon (ODOT)

Guests/visitors:

Edem Gomez
Mike Sanford
Don Hendricks

I. Business – Continuing

Paul mentioned that Larry Turpen’s term has expired. City records show his term expires on March 28, 2017.

A. Approval of Minutes – January 10, 2017

MOTION/VOTE

Committee Member Orr moved and Committee Member Heron seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented from January 10, 2017. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Committee Members Acosta, Christensen, Hart, Heron, Orr, Kuhlman, Lansing.

“NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Members Dennerlein, Lange, and Turpen. The motion passed.

B. Bike map discussion

- Paul mentioned bike trails (Dollar Mountain area, getting from Averill over the railroad tracks, and the irrigation canal trails).
- Hillcrest and Hawthorne area was discussed about the crosswalk needed at that location. There was discussion about the potential for an ADA ramp and an RRFB (Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon) at that location.
- CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality) grant funds are tied up currently.

C. Ride the Rogue

- Don Hendricks wife, Julia, has taken on the coordinator role for the Ride the Rogue. Lesley mentioned they are in flux right now. They are discussion keeping the routes the same and talking about the food for the event. Their website is up. Meetings are on the 3rd Monday of the month at the fire station in Rogue River.

D. Bike Rodeo

- Officer Burke talked about the Bike Rodeo which will be on May 20, time to be determined. Officer Donaghy is coordinating it with Club NW and other vendors. She would like to be on the agenda for next month.

E. Updates from Staff, Liaison(s) and questions

City

- Paul let Fred know that the lights at Pansy are working great. The bike path guardrail behind the Fairgrounds has also been repaired.
- Bike path west of Red Robin at McDonalds is eroding. Dan Dorrell will look into it but would like a letter stating what needs to be done and he will get the correct people on it.
- Bob Lange is continuing research on the trail systems including Dollar Mountain trails and the Elk Lane system. Suggests using a different name for the Dollar Mountain trails since much of that area is actually private property rather than the BLM land the trails are on.
- Sharrows on 6th Street near Bridge that are in the right lane. The sharrows are in the turn lane. Fred stated he will bring it up to the Streets Superintendent. Dan added that they are going through all the issues at that location and he can report back.
- Fred updated the group on current City projects:
 - IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) for the path behind Red Robin is in place. They are working on the easement with Red Robin for the bridge. Final piece of the project should be complete this summer.
 - Rogue River Avenue sidewalks are moving along.
 - Going out to bid for sidewalks on Beacon Drive and Pine Street.

County

- Rob Brandes updated the group about County items.
 - The Sand Creek Bridge will be closed at least a year. Scheduled to rebuild the summer of 2018.
 - Upper River Road by the Food Bank. Ditches were blown out.
 - Waters Creek has some erosion issues and the creek overflowing.
 - Azalea and Ewe Creek Road, culvert failure. There will be a full detour there when it gets repaired.

ODOT

- Dan Dorrell updated the group on several projects:
 - Adding an additional lane on M Street (back to back lefts). Due to the costly ADA ramps, they may have to drop the lane portion of the project. He suggests they at least re-stripe the bike lanes or they may be able to do some other modal project to make it safer for cyclists there.
 - Dan mentioned heading south on 6th Street as it approaches Rogue River Highway that there are no sidewalks on the east side of that road. He will talk with Adam Stallsworth to see if they can work that in with another project.
 - Cliff asked if the crosswalk at 6th and Bridge Street will be forever closed. Dan said he would look into it. Fred explained that crosswalk was closed

about 25 years ago because the movements of the drivers along with pedestrians made that intersection a nightmare.

- Red Robin signal will be turned on next Tuesday.
- Jenna Stanke spoke about her new position with ODOT. She is the Region 3 Active Transportation Liaison and her role is flexible but includes assistance in the communities. She will also be an ADA liaison. She stated she appreciates this committee since there are so few like it and that it is a joint committee.

Public Safety

- None

Citizen comments

- None

II. Business – New

- Mark Lansing mentioned the 2009 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The funding for items that are in the plan were about 91 million. He feels only about 5% of that total has been spent since then. Mark noted that when we do the surveys, the number one item for citizens that participated said they wanted more trails.
- Fred gave a little history about the river trail that was part of that plan. No condemnation was ever planned but the trail really upset people. He also mentioned that, in his experience, projects need a little pull from government to get things done.
- Valerie transferred her liaison duties to Councilor Tyler Flaming. She is a liaison to the Parks Board and will be sure to keep the paths as a priority. Dollar Mountain is 13 on the list of priorities. Tourism is also promoting a Grand Prix event which will contribute to bicycling and walking.
- This was Valerie's last official Bikeways meeting.
- Tyler mentioned that the City Council did support the trails at Strategic Planning and he gave it extra support since he is an advocate for the trails systems.
- There is a new trail in Rogue River, the Motor Trail, along the freeway. They mentioned that the parking lot area has been full. Trailhead is right at the church by the mill.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm

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

Minutes prepared by Donna Anderson, City Administration.