

BIKEWAYS AND WALKWAYS COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

August 8, at 12:00 PM

Ridge Room (108)

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Bob Lange (Chair) - Present
Craig Rodenmayer (VC) – Absent
Dana Christensen – Present
Chip Dennerlein – Present
Daniel Edwards – Present
Lesley Orr – Present
Jason Roberts – Present
Evelyn Roether - Absent
Brent Shannon – Present
Vacant

City Staff/Council Liaisons:

Rob Pell (City Council) – Present
Wade Elliott (City Liaison) - Present
Rob Brandes (Jo Co Public Works) – Present
John Lazur (ODOT) – Via phone
Emily Thompson – City GIS Coordinator
Josh Hopkins – Parks Superintendent

1. Roll Call:

Chair Lange opened the meeting and roll was taken.

2. Public Comment: None

3. Committee Member Comments:

Members noted the following items of concern:

- There was discussion about having a quorum for meetings versus having a work session.
- A neighbor of member Rodenmayer is fund-raising for the Greenway between Grants Pass and Ashland.
- The Committee on Public Art (CoPA) put out a Public Art Walking Tour map for the downtown. This committee did not have input on that map. They are available at the Visitor's Center.
- Signage along the path behind the racetrack hasn't been changed and cyclists can be easily confused along that route. Rob Brandes will investigate but would like a photo for reference.

4. Action Items:

Appointment of new member. The City reviewed the application from Terry Haugen.

MOTION

**Member Dennerlein moved, and Member Orr seconded the motion to appoint new member Terry Haugen. The vote resulted as follows: "Ayes": Chair Lange, Members Christensen, Dennerlein, Edwards, Orr, Roberts, and Shannon. "Nays": None. Abstain: None. Absent: Vice Chair Rodenmayer and Member Roether.
The motion passed.**

5. Approval of Minutes: May 09, 2023

MOTION

Member Orr moved, and Member Shannon seconded the motion to approve the minutes from May 09, 2023, as written. The vote resulted as follows: "Ayes": Chair Lange, Members Christensen, Dennerlein, Edwards, Orr, Roberts, and Shannon.

**"Nays": None. Abstain: None. Absent: Vice Chair Rodenmayer and Member Roether.
The motion passed.**

6. Matters from Committee Members and Staff:

a. Update on Dollar Mountain:

Parks Superintendent, Josh Hopkins, spoke about the latest information for the Dollar Mountain project. He mentioned where they are currently with the land agreement between the BLM and the County. Information was presented about the flagging process on the trails, grant funding, and parking locations. They discussed limiting the speed of electric bikes and not allowing horses in effort to help with erosion issues. They would all like to see wider trails for better navigation.

b. GIS Update -

Emily Thompson, GIS Coordinator, shared GIS mapping information with members. She gave them a QR code for access to an online application for GIS data. Emily also showed them the trails layer and requested feedback regarding the trails.

c. Updates from Local Jurisdictions:

City – The design for Hillcrest Drive to reconstruct 9th Street to Beacon Drive is about 90% complete. Some right of way will need to be acquired. The Safe Routes to School project on Lincoln Road, Phase I, will include two raised crosswalks and is due to complete by the time school starts. The Allen Creek Road project is still moving along. A few agreements have been signed, but there are many more to go. The water and sewer project at Laurel and Mary is still active as well as the project at Clyde Place near the high school. They are looking at Fairview Lane for an overlay.

County – Rob mentioned the Ride the Rogue event at the Rotary meeting to spark more fundraising interest. Grandview Lane near South Middle School will have sidewalks that will lead to the stairs that connect to Grandview Ave. There are discussions regarding the design for G Street just before Lincoln Road for the south side at minimum. The Consolidated Rail and Safety Improvements program has a grant that might be a perfect fit for the Merlin railroad crossing. They will pursue the grant when it opens September 1. Rob has gotten some questions about why Azalea Drive has been chip sealed over the top of new asphalt. The reason is that new asphalt is slick, and they want to prevent accidents.

State – The 6th and 7th street TGM grant is getting close to kick off in October. Rogue Umpqua bike/ped plan will have an open house tonight in Gold Hill as well as a few other scheduled dates and times. He mentioned the ODOT video he provided to members with confusion about signs regarding closed crosswalks.

d. Member Orr is looking for more volunteers in several areas for the Ride the Rogue.

7. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting:

- a. Williams bike/ped pathway.
- b. Allen Creek Road improvements/blackberry issues.
- c. Dollar Mountain improvements.
- d. Development of a public outreach projects such as the Ride With the Leaders.
- e. Update on pedestrian islands on Williams Highway and a recommendation from this committee to ODOT about a better safety plan.
- f. Safe Routes to School and other projects.

8. Adjournment

Chair Lange adjourned the meeting at 01:08 pm.

Next meeting date: September 12, 2023, at 12:00 pm

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