

**BIKEWAYS AND WALKWAYS COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2021, at 12:00 PM**  
**Council Chambers – Virtual Meeting**

**Member Attendance:**

Keith Yoho (Chair)  
Bob Lange (Vice Chair)  
Benjamin Betterly via Teams  
Dana Christensen via Teams  
Chip Dennerlein  
Cliff Kuhlman  
Lesley Orr via Teams  
Melissa Pingree  
Craig Rodenmayer

**City Staff/Council Liaisons:**

Brian DeLaGrange (City Council)  
Kyrrha Sevco (Public Works Business Operations Supervisor)  
Rob Brandes (Jo Co Public Works)  
Brad Clark (Community Development)

**1. Roll Call:**

Chair Yoho opened the meeting and took roll.

**2. Introductions:**

None.

**3. Approval of Minutes:** October 12, 2021

**MOTION**

**Member Pingree moved, and Member Christensen seconded the motion to approve the minutes from October 12, 2021, as written. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Yoho, Members Lange, Betterly, Christensen, Dennerlein, Kuhlman, Orr, and Rodenmayer. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Member Parrinello. The motion passed.**

**4. Action Items:**

Mayor, Sara Bristol presented Thank You gift bags to all members. Extra bags will be in Administration for virtual members to pick up later.

Brad Clark presented information regarding Josephine County selling Dollar Mountain parcels on December 1, 2021. City Council is requesting feedback from three groups, Bikeways and Walkways committee, Parks Advisory, and Dollar Mountain Planning team. The planned mountain bike/walkway trail system at Dollar Mountain is potentially impacted by both parcels. The Northern parcel is less essential than the Southern parcel of 29.75 acres. A robust discussion ensued with many suggestions from leasing the property to pursuing an easement and land swaps. Member Orr motioned to support the acquisition of one or both county parcels by the city. Seconded by Bob Lange. The motion was reworded, with Member Orr’s approval, to acquire access or the property at the best terms possible to the public to enhance the Dollar Mountain Trail system. The vote resulted as follows: “Ayes”: Chair Yoho, Members Lange, Betterly, Christensen, Dennerlein, Kuhlman, Pingree and Rodenmayer. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. The motion passed.

**5. Public Comment:**

None

## 6. Matters from Committee Members and Staff:

Updates from local jurisdictions

City (Brad Clark) – provided an update on the Travel Oregon grant of \$100,000 for Phase 1. Unfortunately, it does not look as if the city will be able to spend all the money by the December 31, 2021, deadline. Josephine county had a conditional use permit requirement prior to any work being done that could not be completed timely. Flagging work expected to be completed by deadline.

County (Rob) – on Beacon Drive, Knife River will be kicking off Monday, November 15. Knife River is confident they will be able to keep moving through the winter. Safe Routes to School update was provided. County has had discussions with ODOT regarding I-5 overcrossing at Hillcrest regarding seismic retrofit. Completing the loop by summer of 2023. County street sweeping has started on the 12 miles of curbed streets in the County. County was approached by the Railroad, regarding failing timbers at the crossing in Merlin. Discussions will continue regarding concrete panel cost splitting with the Railroad for the crossing.

City (Kyrria Sevco) – Gilbert Creek Park drainage and repaving is nearing completion. B Street sidewalk infill is complete and look great. Safe routes to school infrastructure grant, an update was provided.

A list for the fiscal year's strategic planning goals was compiled and to be refined at next month's meeting.

Member Lange motioned to extend the meeting time by a half hour. Seconded by Member Betterly. Discussion ensued. The vote resulted as follows: "Ayes": Members Dennerlein, Lange, Kuhlman, Pingree, Betterly and Rodenmayer. "NAYS": Christensen, Orr. Abstain: Chair Yoho. The motion was passed.

Vice Chair Lange proposed he will chair next month's meeting and a new chair be elected next meeting.

## 7. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting

- Members Photo Taken
- Strategic Plan Updated
- New Chairperson

## 8. Adjournment

- Chair Yoho adjourned the meeting at 1:22 pm

**Next meeting date:** December 14, 2021, at 12:00 pm via virtual method to be determined.

*Minutes prepared by Wendy Higgins, City Public Works Department.*