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Newport Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Members Present: Jerry Kern, Dave Teem (Newport Police Dept.), and Jeff Bertuleit (City Council)

Staff- Meredith Savage

Guests- City Manager Jim Voetberg

Meeting start: 5:35 p.m.

1. Call to Order

- a. Introductions- City Manager Jim Voetberg is attending so that the Committee can discuss with him the proposed Bicycle Path brochure.
- b. Approval of Minutes-
 - The October 15, 2009 and November 11, 2009 minutes were approved.

2. Report by City Staff and City Councilor

- a. City staff-Meredith Savage gave a summary of the various projects the Committee has been working on with the City over the past year. See attached summary.
- b. City Councilor-Jeff Bertuleit- no report.

3. Old Business

- a. Naterlin Drive- project is slated to be finished in 2010. The Committee asked Meredith to get a timeline from Lee Ritzman; Meredith suggested waiting until project engineers have been finalized before making this request.
- b. North Jetty Trail- Meredith provided the Newport Coast Guard Station Commander with a packet on the history of the City's efforts to bring this project to completion. No other update at this time.
- c. OR Coast Bike Route signs- See attached summary.
- d. Bike racks- see attached summary
- e. OSU Drive sidewalks- see "a" above.
- f. South Beach estuary trail- Community Development Director suggested that the Committee put together a proposal for the trail. The Committee asked that Meredith send specific points to Ken Dennis regarding the Zoning Management Unit that would be affected by the trail, and any other specifics regarding what it would take to request a Comprehensive Plan text amendment necessary for trail placement in that part of the estuary.
- g. NE 7th Street/Harney Street- The Committee decided that no further action is necessary at this time- the crosswalks are in and there are specific requirements regarding placement of a bike path when approaching an intersection with left and right turn lanes. Lee Ritzman said the placement of the current bike path is to ODOT specifications.

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4. New Business

- a. National Bike Conference- Washington D.C. – Committee suggested getting a request in to the City Manager ASAP – with cost breakdown- if funding from the city was being sought after.
- b. Dave T. asked the city Manager how the City would prefer to get recommendations from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee; Jim Voetberg responded that the best way was to go through the Committee’s council member Jeff Bertuleit.

Meeting adjourned: 6:40 p.m.

The following is the summary by City Manager, Jim Voetberg of the suggestions/recommendations from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee:

1. Local bike route signs- \$2200.00 (22 signs at approximately \$100 per sign, including installation). The Committee has identified the primary north-south and east-west local bike routes as NW Nye Street and NE/NW 6th Street, respectively. Mike Eastman of Public Works has identified the locations for these signs and is ready to move on creating and installing the signs once he gets a go-ahead.
2. Oregon Coast Bike Route signs- These signs are being funded by ODOT as part of an agreement between ODOT and the City. ODOT gave the City an installation deadline of April 30, 2010. Mike Eastman has identified the locations for these signs and is ready to move on creating and installing the signs once he gets the go-ahead to begin.
3. Directional signs to local bike shop on NW 6th Street- Providing directional signs on Highway 101, Nye Street, and Coast Street to the local bike shop has been identified by the Committee as an important convenience especially for our bicycling tourists. The owner of “The Bike Shop” has also offered to make a logo sign (if that would be allowed by the City) that could be used for either or both Hwy 101 and/or Coast Street, the latter location being along the Oregon Coast Bike Route.
4. Bike racks- \$2600.00 (4 bike-shaped racks at \$650 per rack, more if budget allows). The Committee has identified a local manufacturer, Halco Inc., who is willing to construct stainless-steel bike-shaped bicycle racks for \$650.00 apiece. The bike-shaped racks the City currently has installed are over \$1500.00 each and are not locally made. The Committee has identified at least ten locations for bike racks- the locations for the first four racks are: Nye Beach Turn-around; Don Davis Park; PAC-Performing Arts Center, and the South Beach pier by the Rogue Brewery.
5. Chambers Court and San-Bay-O Circle curb-cuts- \$1500.00 (this is the amount as listed in Street Fund budget sheet, 2009-10 Annual Budget, p. 108). The Committee suggests this action in order to allow continuous bicycle access through this area from/to Frank Wade Park; Chambers Court curb is estimated to be about 20 inches in height.

Next Meeting: January 12, 2010, 5:30, at Parks and Rec. Building