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# Newport Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

**Members Present:** Ken Dennis (Chair), Bob Hein, Jerry Kern, Dave Teem (Newport Police Dept.), and Jeff Bertuleit (City Council)

**Staff:** Meredith Savage

**Guest:** No guests

Meeting start: 5:36 P.M.

1. Call to Order

- a. Introductions- Ken Dennis called the meeting to order; there were no introductions.
- b. Approval of Minutes- There were no corrections, additions, or other changes to the minutes.
  - Minutes were approved.

2. Report by City Staff and City Councilor

a. City staff-Meredith Savage-

1) There is nothing to report as of yet on the status of the Naterlin Drive/Jetty Trail project; in her most recent e-mail (May 2009), Linda Kratochvil said that the USGC had received the information/request from the City and that not to expect to hear anything until the NEPA review is complete- about a six week process. She also asks in her e-mail that we (the City) not "bank on this timeframe... [because] Coast Guard projects have first priority." Staff will contact Linda for an update before the July 2009 meeting.

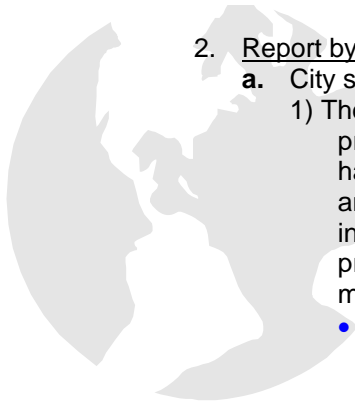
- **Action item:** Staff will follow up with Linda Kratochvil of USGC on the status of opening the Jetty Trail to the public and also with the Corps of Engineers on getting their sign removed from the gate at the Naterlin Drive end of the trail.

2) There is also nothing to report on the status of the Intergovernmental Agreement between ODOT and the City regarding payment for and installation of Oregon Coast Bike Route signs.

- **Action item:** Staff will contact Sheila Lyons of ODOT for an update on the status of the agreement and Lee Ritzman of Public Works for an update on getting the state and local bike route signs installed.

3) Public Works Director Lee Ritzman asked that the Hazard Reporting form for road hazards not be posted on the City's webpage at this time.

- b. City Councilor-Jeff Bertuleit reports that the last public hearing for the Budget will be on June 15<sup>th</sup>; other topics discussed by City Council include an acre-for-acre exchange between the City and South Beach property owner Will Emery [in the area of Oregon Coast Community College and the City Water Treatment plant].



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3. Old Business

- a. Bike route signs- Ken D. commented that it seems to be taking the City way too long to replace the local and Coast Route bike signs that the City took down nearly three years ago. Meredith S. said that she will bring that issue up when she talks with Lee Ritzman.
- b. Bike rack installation locations- Meredith said that she had not yet contacted Parks Director Jim Protiva about installing any currently available bike racks at the Nye Beach turnaround, but that she would schedule a meeting with Jim before the next Bike/Ped Committee meeting.

4. New Business

- a. Guest comments- no guest comments.
- b. Trails/Sidewalks in and around South Beach- The Committee discussed connecting Idaho Point to the Hatfield/Aquarium trail; because this would likely entail constructing a boardwalk over portions of the estuary, the Committee asked staff to check City zoning ordinances regarding this matter. Development of the Chestnut Street extension was also discussed in the context of providing an alternate tsunami evacuation route for South Beach.
  - **Action items:** Check into zoning ordinance restrictions on building trail in the Idaho Point area; check with Fire Chief on extending SE Chestnut Street for tsunami evacuation purposes.
- c. Jeff Bertuleit talked about Waldport's "Green Bikes" project, where bikes are made available by the City of Waldport for use by anyone, and that maybe this is something the City of Newport could pursue. "Pops" along Canyon Way Blvd. was suggested as a possible location for a storage facility- the City would have to buy that building. This was tabled as a potential project for the Bike-Ped Committee to look into.

5. For the good of the order... Jerry K. noted that if the City loses the [grant] money on the Naterlin Drive Project again, the City won't get another chance [at getting that particular grant money]. Bob H. said that he had contacted Sheila Lyons of ODOT regarding the bike survey (see last month's minutes) and that she told him that the survey will be out in August of this year. The Committee asked Meredith about whether the Bike-Ped Committee minutes were getting into the City Council packet.

- **Action item:** Staff will check with Cheryl Atkinson regarding this matter.

6. Next Meeting: Proposed Agenda Items

- a. Green Bikes-type project
- b. Action items (staff)
- c. ?

Meeting adjourned: 6:50 p.m.