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# Newport Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Members-** Ken Dennis (Chair), Jerry Kern, and Dave Teem (Newport Police Dept.)

**Staff-** Meredith Savage

**Guests-** Holly Barnett

Meeting start: 5:40 p.m.

**1. Call to Order**

- a. Introductions- Introductions of the Committee were made to guest Holly Barnett, and Holly introduced herself as a long-time resident of Lincoln County and a concerned citizen.
- b. Approval of Minutes-
  - Minutes were approved.

**2. New Business**

- a. The Committee agreed to move agenda item "New Business" before agenda item "Report by City Staff" in order to allow our guest to present her topic first.
- b. Comments by Holly Barnett- Holly presented to the Committee an idea that has both safety and business/economic components. Her idea is to have an electronic device created (similar to ones she knows of that are in use elsewhere) that would light up a crosswalk at ground level when a pedestrian enters the crosswalk. If a vehicle passes through the crosswalk while the crosswalk is occupied by the pedestrian, the electronic device will take a photo of the vehicle/ vehicle license plate. Holly suggested that a business opportunity would be to create the device here in Newport; it could be used here and marketed elsewhere, and also generate funds for the City through the ticketing of vehicle owners who illegally pass through crosswalks in-use. Holly is interested in pursuing this idea but is looking for an entity such as the Bike-Ped Committee to take it on.

Committee Chair Ken Dennis described the function of the Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee, explaining that its role is to bring information and recommendations to the City Council. The Committee agreed that it can endorse a product or product design, but that the Committee's function is not to create such a product. It was suggested that Holly return to the Committee once she has a design.

- c. In her discussion, Holly also mentioned several crosswalks of particular safety concern to her: SW Bayley at Highway 101, SW Neff at Highway 101, and West Olive Street at the Courthouse. NPD Officer Dave Teem said that the Bayley and Neff crosswalks have already been identified by the City as problem areas and that he can request that those and the Olive Street crosswalks receive additional safety monitoring.

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**3. Report by City Staff and City Councilor**

**a.** City staff-Meredith Savage reported on the following Action Items from the June Bike-Ped Committee meeting:

- i. Naterlin Drive/USCG Jetty Trail- Meredith followed up with Linda Kratochvil-USCG, Louis Landre-USACOE, and the Newport USCG Station. Linda K. is still waiting to hear the results of the review by the Oakland USCG and will call when she gets the status of the review; Louis L. said that the Corps is waiting to see what the USCG decides and that they will follow the Coast Guard's lead on this matter; Petty Officer McCommons of the Newport USGC said the Station has recently had a change of commanding officers and that he will bring the matter before the new Chief Warrant Officer Phil Jackson. Staff will continue to follow up on getting public access to the Jetty Trail.
- ii. Regarding the status of the Intergovernmental Agreement between ODOT and the City of Newport- funding for Oregon Coast Bike Route signs- staff is waiting to hear from ODOT's Sheila Lyons, and will continue to follow-up on this issue.
- iii. Mike Eastman of Public Works is ready to move forward with the installation of local bike route signs and is waiting for the okay to do so from the Director of Public Works Lee Ritzman. Staff will continue with follow-up on this item.
- iv. Report on zoning for potential trail section from Hatfield Marine Science Center to Idaho Point Road- From Hatfield to SE 29<sup>th</sup> Street the land use zone is W-2, (Water Related); from SE 29<sup>th</sup> Street to SE 32<sup>nd</sup> Street the trail would pass through an I-1 zone (Light Industrial); and from SE 32<sup>nd</sup> Street to the intersection of SE 35<sup>th</sup> Street with Idaho Point Road the proposed trail would be within an R-4 zone (High Density Multi-Family Residential). East and south of SE 35<sup>th</sup> Street the trail would be beyond City limits but within the Urban Growth Boundary, with a zoning designation of County R-1 (Residential). The zoning for the estuary in the proposed trail area is Management Unit District 9-A (Natural), which is managed to preserve and protect natural resources and values. Boardwalks are not mentioned as a permitted option for within this Management Unit. The Committee brought up the question of whether the Zoning Ordinance could be amended to allow for boardwalks in the 9-A Management Unit, and a suggestion was made to check the Coos Bay City Ordinance to see how that city was able to put in a similar project.
  - **Action item:** Staff will take a look at the Coos Bay estuary project and report back to the Committee.

**b.** City Councilor-Jeff Bertuleit was not present for this meeting.

**4. Old Business**

**a.** Bike Racks- Parks and Recreation Director Jim Protiva had a bike rack installed on the SW Angle Street sidewalk by City Hall and in the location of the Saturday Farmer's Market. Staff received a quote from 'Dero, Inc.' for a stainless steel bike rack shaped like a bicycle: \$1500.00 per rack. Jerry offered to go back to local business Halco Welding (that gave us a quote previously on a standard design bike rack) for a quote on designing and producing a similar product.

**b.** At the Committee's request, Meredith will check with Public Works Director Lee Ritzman on the feasibility of widening those parts of NW Oceanview Drive that could be widened at this time- either side.

**5. New Business** – no "other" new business

**6. Next Meeting; Proposed Agenda Items** – August 11, 2009; no agenda items proposed at this time.

Meeting adjourned: 7:20 PM