
Newport Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

MINUTES

DATE: August 11, 2009

ATTENDANCE:

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

Staff- Meredith Savage

Guests- none

Meeting start: 5:38 p.m.

1. Call to Order
 - a. Introductions- No guests in attendance.
 - b. Approval of Minutes-
 - Minutes were approved.
2. Report by City Staff and City Councilor
 - a. City staff-Meredith Savage
 - i. Naterlin Drive sidewalk project update—The agreement for this project is in the City Attorney’s office for review and from there it will go to City Council for approval. Public Works Director Lee Ritzman has indicated that interviews for consultants will begin soon and that project design can begin upon consultant selection. It is anticipated that construction can begin by spring 2010.
 - ii. USCG-Jetty Trail update—Still waiting for the Oakland based US Coast Guard (regional HQ) to finish NEPA review of the City’s request to open the trail to the public; Meredith will continue to follow up on this item.
 - iii. Oregon Coast Bike Route Signs update—An Intergovernmental Agreement has been completed by ODOT and is in the City Attorney’s office for review. It is anticipated that manufacture and installation of the signs will occur late fall.
 - iv. Local bike route signs update—Public Works Director Lee Ritzman anticipates that the local bike route signs can be installed along with the Oregon Coast Bike Route signs. The Committee asked if Meredith could find out what it would cost for the City’s shop to make a “Bike Shop” directional sign. Jerry would give the cost estimate to the owners of Bike Newport bike shop who have expressed interest in funding such a sign.

- v. OSU Drive/South Bridge sidewalk update—No change; project design can begin after consultant selection process.
 - vi. Estuary Trail update—In following up on the Committee's request to look into how Coos Bay was able to install a boardwalk in and along portions of that estuary, Meredith found that language in the Coos Bay Comprehensive Plan allowed for certain recreation activities within estuarine zones. The lot directly south of the Hatfield Marine Science Center and directly east of the Oregon Coast Aquarium (Map and Tax Lot # 11-11-17-00-00101) that has been identified by the Bike-Ped Cmt. as a desired area for an estuarine wetland boardwalk is owned by the Port of Newport and leased to the Oregon Coast Aquarium, and is within a Management Unit 9-A zone, a zone that is managed to preserve and protect natural resources. Meredith's current understanding of the language in the Newport Zoning Ordinance and in the Comprehensive Plan regarding MU 9-A is that construction of a boardwalk would not be allowed; Meredith will continue to explore avenues that might allow construction of a boardwalk in this area of the estuary.
- b. City Councilor-Jeff Bertuleit**
Jeff reports that he has been keeping the City Council apprised of the various workings of the Bike-Ped Committee.
- 3. Discussion among the Committee jumped to the subject of a second/secondary bike-pedestrian bridge over the Bay. As ideas were discussed there was speculation as to what influence, if any, the arrival of the NOAA fleet might bring to this idea. One thought was that construction of a tunnel might be less expensive than construction of a bridge, and would eradicate the issue of making it high enough for the ships to pass under.**
- 4. Old Business**
- a. Bike rack cost-** Jerry Kern approached a local South Beach company, Halco Welding, on cost of constructing a bike-shaped bike rack; Halco returned a verbal quote of \$650 for 1 ½" diameter stainless steel construction. Compared to a Dero Bike bike rack quote of \$1572 plus shipping (another \$160), the Committee felt very strongly that we should pursue local manufacture of this style of rack. Jerry will ask Halco Welding for a written quote at which point the Committee will submit its recommendation to the City regarding the purchase of bicycle racks.
 - b. Oceanview Drive—**Meredith suggested that the Committee try again to arrange a time to walk Oceanview Drive with Lee Ritzman to discuss what possibilities there were of widening the road and where it would be feasible to do so with minimum impact to residents whose properties abutted that road. Several members suggested it be conducted this week; Meredith

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agreed to check into scheduling a site visit for the morning of Thursday, August 13th.

- c.** Trails/Sidewalks in South Beach- No further discussion at this time- update provided in item 2.a.v above.
 - d.** Park Street trail-The Committee decided to discuss this during the field trip to Oceanview Drive on Thursday.
- 5. New Business**
- a.** October meeting- Meredith will find a location within City Hall for the October 13th Bike-Ped Committee meeting.
 - b.** Bike/Ped bridge across Bay- see item 3 above
- 6. Next Meeting; Proposed Agenda Items**
- a.** Next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 6:22 p.m.