

**CITY OF ALBANY
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION
City Hall, Santiam Room
333 Broadalbin SW
Tuesday, January 13, 2009
12:00 Noon**

MINUTES

Commission Members Present	Bill Pintard, Chairman; Mark Siddall; Sandra Cramer; Jim Lawrence
Commission Members Absent	Steve Pensinger; Terrance Virnig
Staff Present	Jeff Woodward, P.E., Civil Engineer II ;Ronald G. Irish, Transportation Systems Analyst; C. Marie Redner, Public Works Project Accountant
Others Present	Nita Eggers, Fit Walker's

CALL TO ORDER

Pintard called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 9, 2008, meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Lawrence and a second by Siddall.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL REPORT

Pintard reported he attended the Safe Routes to School meeting held this morning at which they set the agenda for the new year. They discussed the difficulty of getting monies for infrastructure improvements. Lawrence stated that the required reporting requirements are very difficult as they are the same for million dollar projects as well as for small projects.

Pintard further noted a meeting will be scheduled with parents and students at Oak School and the new Timber Ridge School as to how to implement Safe Routes in those areas. He stated the focus now is on education, enforcement, and trying to get a coordinator to tie this all together.

ACTION: None

REQUEST FOR 7TH COMMISSION MEMBER

Woodward reported the City Council has approved this Commission's request for a 7th member. He was notified by Mayor Konopa of the appointment of Matthew Hasek as a new Commission member. He did not know at this time who the replacement for Cramer would be. This will be determined at the Council meeting to be held tomorrow.

ACTION: None

BIKE & PEDESTRIAN MAP (WEB SITE)

Pintard spoke with Steve Barnett at Linn County and was told the map is ready to be released but also changes can still be added. He further noted that the visual map capability will be added shortly.

Pintard said the valley map is on-line but not the Albany map at this time. It is unknown if the County will add this for us or we need to do this via another venue. Irish said he feels the City should post a link from the City map to the Bike map. He further suggested having "Safe Routes" linked to the school district's web-site. Discussion ensued regarding where the links should be developed, whether it be at the County, City, or School District. Irish suggested having this discussion at the next Safe Routes to School meeting. Cramer will check with Fit Walkers as to their routes and how they can be incorporated.

Pintard said Barnett suggested the addition of an "About" page to note who was involved in the development of the web page. Pintard will work with Barnett on this.

Pintard suggested looking for pictures for the map web-site and asked Cramer to get pictures from her "Fit Walkers" group and any other pictures members of this Commission may have.

Pintard informed the Commission that Travel Oregon will present their map in April at the Bike Summit but noted they have a paper map but not an on-line map.

Lawrence made a motion to have Chairman Pintard contact Tasha Wolfe and Steve Barnett of Linn County about attending and presenting the on-line Bike & Pedestrian map at the upcoming Bike Summit to be held in April 2009. Siddall seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

ACTION: Lawrence will speak with Willis Hill at the City's GIS department regarding GAPS boundary maps and also will bring this up at the next Safe Routes to School meeting.

MAY 2009: BIKE MONTH & BIKE TO WORK WEEK

Siddall reiterated last month's discussion regarding possibly combining the Bike Month & Bike to Work Week with the Bike Commute Challenge that is run by the BTA. Pintard said we could choose a date other than May for the Bike Month & Bike to Work Week. He said there is a need to speak with local businesses and to market the event. He listed several issues including 1) marketing to start a team; 2) donated prizes; and 3) the promotional aspect to let people know about the event and to get them involved.

Lawrence feels the need to coordinate with the BTA date.

ACTION: None

CRITERIUM, AUGUST 15, 2009: STATUS UPDATE

Lawrence spoke with Rick Rogers of the Albany Downtown Association who told him the Criterium has been approved by ADA.

ACTION: None

OTHER BUSINESS

Bike Summit

Pintard noted the Bike Summit is scheduled for April 2009 and suggested two people attend as was the case last year. He noted that last year the City paid the registration fee and lodging for two individuals.

Woodward will check with the City for approval.

Letters Re: Grants

Pintard wrote letters to the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department regarding funding support for the Periwinkle Bike Path Rehabilitation and for the ACHIEVE (Action Communities Health, Innovation, and EnVironmental Change) Program. This program strives to get people involved in the educational aspects of health issues.

Sandra Cramer

Pintard noted Cramer's term of office was ending with today's meeting and thanked her for her participation and representation of walkers' points-of-view to this Commission. Thank you Sandy!

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting has been scheduled for February 10, 2009, 12:00 p.m., in the Periwinkle Room at Albany City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Marie Redner
Public Works Project Accountant