

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

MINUTES

Commission Members Present	Bill Pintard, Chairman; Mark Siddall; Jim Lawrence; Kelly Albers; Matthew Hasek
Commission Members Absent	Terrance Virnig, Vice-Chair; Steve Pensinger
Staff Present	Jeff Woodward, P.E., Civil Engineer II; Ron Irish, P.E., Civil Engineer II
Others Present	Alexandra Phillips, Bicycle Recreation Coordinator Sandra Cramer, Fit Walkers

CALL TO ORDER

Pintard called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 14, 2009, were unanimously approved following a motion by Siddall and a second by Hasek.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY BIKEWAY (Alexandra (Alex) Phillips)

Phillips gave a presentation on Oregon Scenic Bikeways and the Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway that passes through Albany. The Bikeway Program is administered under the Oregon Park and Recreation Department. The Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway (WVSB) has been updated and now extends 127 miles from Champoege State Heritage Area south to Armitage County Park in Eugene. The WVSB enters Albany on the north via Salem Avenue, and travels south to Main Street, over to the 1st/2nd Avenue couplet, south to Calapooia Street, over to 3rd Avenue and then south on Bryant Way. Phillips was interested in proponent groups getting involved to identify possible routes and provide information for nomination of the routes to become Oregon Scenic Bikeways. She may be contacted by e-mail at alex.phillips@state.or.us or by phone at 541-986-0631.

ACTION: None

BIKES YIELDING AT STOP SIGNS (Hasek)

The House Bill to allow bikes to treat Stop signs as Yield signs has died in the house and no further action is needed.

ACTION: None

2009 OREGON BIKE SUMMIT – REPORT (Pintard)

Chairman Pintard reported that the Summit was a very good conference. “Avocation” was the main theme of the Summit. Albany Commission members met with Frank Morse and Andy Olson. The commissioners offered insight to Representative Olson on the House Bill to allow bikes to treat Stop signs as Yield signs, which was a big issue. After testimony which included Representative Olson, the bill died in the House. Steve Barnett gave a presentation on the Albany and Mid-Willamette Valley Bicycle and Pedestrian Map. A presentation was also given on the Travel Oregon Bike Map site, and the two sites will be linked and are very complimentary to each other.

ACTION: None

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL: REPORT (Pintard)

A meeting is scheduled for later this afternoon at Oak Elementary School to consider safe routes east of the school to Waverly Drive.

ACTION: None

INTERSECTION ISSUES (Commissioners)

Albers asked about the intersection of 1st Avenue and Lyon Street, with the possible modification to allow for dual right turn lanes. It was noted that this would make it more difficult for southbound bike riders going through the intersection. Irish explained this intersection modification was in the proposed Transportation System Plan (TSP) and that there is a better chance of ODOT support if it is in the TSP. The most likely time for this modification is next summer and will include the elimination of some parking on 1st Avenue to allow installation of a “bike box” and would eliminate the “right turn on red” movement for vehicles. The possibility of having bikes use Water Avenue to avoid the intersection was discussed. Pintard suggested that Albers and Lawrence have further discussions with Irish and bring a recommendation back to the Commission. Irish agreed that it would be good to develop a plan before requesting parking removal.

ACTION: None.

COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS (Commissioners)

Hasek stated that he had been contacted by Glen, the Park Wise enforcement person, who felt drivers were not paying attention in the Downtown area and were not giving pedestrians the right-of-way at crossings. Siddall suggested enforcement as the solution to this issue. Hasek added that he has safety fliers that can still be passed out and Pintard asked him to bring them to a future meeting and the Commissioners can each take some and distribute them.

Pintard noted that on May 20th there will be Ride of Silence to honor bike riders that have been killed on the road. Participants should meet at 6:30 at the Osborn Aquatic Center in Corvallis. There will be no talking during the ride to symbolize the silence of riders who have died. Also, the APD Bike Rodeo will be held on June 13th from 10:00 to 1:00 in the Target parking lot because Joe’s is going out of business.

ACTION: None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting has been scheduled for June 9, 2009, 12:00 p.m., in the Periwinkle Room at Albany City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Woodward, P.E.
Civil Engineer II