

**CITY OF ALBANY
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION
Ciddici's
133 5th Avenue SE
Tuesday, August 10, 2010
12 Noon**

MINUTES

Commission Members Present	Terrance Virnig, Chair; Bill Pintard; Tim Siddiqui;; Juanita Eggers; Jim Lawrence
Commission Members Absent	Kelly Albers, Vice Chair; Matthew Hasek
Staff Present	Kate Porsche, Urban Renewal Coordinator; Jeff Woodward, P.E., Civil Engineer II; Ronald G. Irish, Transportation Systems Analyst; Karen Williams, PW Projects Coordinator
Others Present	Mark Siddall

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 13, 2010, meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Lawrence and a second by Pintard.

BICYCLE RACK LOCATIONS IN CARA DISTRICT

Kate Porsche, Albany's Urban Renewal Coordinator, provided a list of the bike rack locations being installed in the Central Albany Revitalization Area (CARA). Locations include Broadalbin Promenade, Post Office, North door of City Hall, City parking lot on First Avenue, new pad behind the Penny's building, Carnegie Library, old Post Office building, Pizza King, Ciddicis, BoMack's, Banks, Two Rivers Marker, Senior Center, and the Community Gardens area. Porche said she would be talking to the Post Office about switching out their old "wheel bender" style racks. These bike racks were purchased from a local vendor, Radius Pipe Bending in Junction City.

ACTION: None – future agenda item to discuss bike locker locations.

2010 CRITERIUM (August 22, 2010)

Lawrence discussed the need for help on Thursday getting the signs set out for the Criterium. Those volunteering to help will meet at Two Rivers Market at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday. Lawrence also said help is needed with the set-up and tear-down. He asked that attendees bring folding chairs. Porsche asked why the Criterium was being held on a Sunday this year. Pintard explained that last year downtown businesses had a problem of customers not being able to find parking close to their businesses during the Criterium.

ACTION: None.

SEPTEMBER 2010 BIKE COMMUTE CHALLENGE

Virnig said the goal was to get businesses to sign up as teams. Virnig also said his daughter was making calls to help get people and groups to sign up. Pintard shared the Bicycle Commute Challenge poster and said he would check into getting additional posters to distribute.

ACTION: None.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL LOOP DETECTORS

Virnig read an article from the *Albany Democrat-Herald* from Monday, August 9, 2010, titled, "A Signal Change."

Irish discussed proposed changes to bicycle street markings that locate for the cyclist the traffic signal loop detectors, and shared a sample picture with the Commission. He will suggest these changes be made in the design of future street projects at City-controlled, signaled intersections, and will then suggest that ODOT do the same. Irish said ultimately the City may use cameras at the signaled intersections, which is currently used at North Albany Road/entrance to North Albany Middle School, rather than using the loop detectors that don't work with the materials some bikes are made of.

Irish suggested that bicyclists call ODOT directly when the detector loops are not responding correctly as he felt citizen complaints make a difference. Siddal suggested telephone and e-mail contact information be placed in the publication *City Bridges*.

ACTION: Lawrence said he would write a letter to the *Albany Democrat-Herald* in response to the newspaper article.

INTERSECTION ISSUES

Pintard asked about the Knox Butte street construction project. Irish said that the roundabout project will be completed before the beginning of school. He reported that Knox Butte Road is currently closed, but will be done and reopened by August 27th.

ACTION: None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Pintard said he has typed up a list of the recommended improvements needed to upgrade Albany's status from bronze and will e-mail it to the Commission.

The Commission thanked Tim Siddiqui for the pizza and drinks provided by Ciddicis at the meeting.

ACTION: None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Eggers shared an informational card regarding safety laws for pedestrians. Pintard said he will check into getting additional cards for pedestrians and for bicyclists.

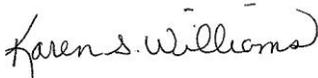
NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting has been scheduled for September 14, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. in the Periwinkle Room.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Williams
PW Project Coordinator