

**CITY OF ALBANY
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION**

City Hall, Periwinkle Room

333 Broadalbin Street SW

May 8, 2012

12 Noon

MINUTES

Commission Members Present: Terry Virnig, Vice Chair; Juanita Eggers; Jim Lawrence; Matthew Hasek

Commission Members Absent: Tim Siddiqui (unexcused); Kelly Albers, Chair (excused); Bill Pintard (excused)

Staff Present: Jeff Woodward, P.E., Civil Engineer II; Ron Irish, Transportation Systems Analyst; Chris Cerklewski, P.E., Civil Engineer III; Karen Williams, PW Project Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hasek made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2012, meeting. The motion was seconded by Lawrence, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

JACKSON STREET REHABILITATION

City Engineer Chris Cerklewski discussed project ST-12-01, Jackson Street Reconstruction. Cerklewski explained that Jackson Street, between Pacific and 13th Avenue, would be widened on the west side of the street to maintain parking and bike lanes would be added, and north of 9th where the road narrows to go under the overpass, sharrow markings will be added. The plans will soon be completed and the construction will take place this summer.

Cerklewski also said that Columbus Street would receive an overlay this summer and the sidewalk from Ermine to Waverly would be extended as well as on the north side of 36th Avenue.

Lawrence asked about Hill Street between 34th and Queen. Cerklewski said this project is scheduled in the City's Capital Improvement Program.

WRONG WAY BIKE SIGNS IN KLAMATH FALLS

Irish said he contacted the city of Klamath Falls to ask about the "wrong way" street signs posted on the back of existing traffic signs. He left a message with the Public Works Director and has not heard back. Irish said he would call again, but asked the Commission members if anyone happened to be in Klamath Falls, to check out the signs. He is interested in where the signs are placed and if there are any on the ODOT highway system.

2012 OREGON ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT (Report)

The Summit was held April 16th and 17th in Salem. Pintard attended the Summit, but was not present to report.

COMMISSION ADMINISTRATION (Absences)

City staff was recently advised of a Resolution regarding excused/unexcused absences by members of a commission, board, or committee. Woodward discussed Resolution No. 2310 regarding nonattendance of Commission members at regular meetings. The resolution reads in part “. . .any member of a board, commission, or committee appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council who fails to attend two consecutive meetings of the board, commission, or committee whether regular, adjourned, or special shall forfeit his office unless it is an excused absence by the presiding officer. . .”

Virnig said he would contact Siddiqui about formally resigning from the Commission.

INTERSECTION ISSUES

Irish informed the Commission about an ODOT Bicycle and Pedestrian grant program with applications due in June. The funding comes from combined Transportation Enhancement/Bicycle and Pedestrian funds. Ideas for these grant funds are: installing flashing lights at the two pedestrian crossing islands on Santiam Highway, one on Waverly Drive, and one on Geary Street. The grant might also include funds to purchase stencils to identify intersection signal loops. Irish reported numerous accidents at the pedestrian crossing islands.

COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS

Virnig asked Lawrence about writing a rebuttal to the editorials about cyclist and pedestrians traveling the wrong way in the bike lanes. Lawrence agreed to write the editorial.

Lawrence reported that a bicycle safety program was being held at Sunrise Elementary School this week and said more help was needed.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 12, 2012, at noon in the Periwinkle Room.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. Williams
Public Works Project Coordinator