

**CITY OF ALBANY
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION
City Hall, Santiam Room
333 Broadalbin SW
Tuesday, July 14, 2009
12:00 Noon**

MINUTES

Commission Members Present	Bill Pintard, Chairman; Terrance Virnig, Vice-Chair; Jim Lawrence; Kelly Albers; Matthew Hasek
Commission Members Absent	Steve Pensinger Mark Siddall
Staff Present	Jeff Woodward, P.E., Civil Engineer II; C. Marie Redner, PW Project Accountant; Ron Irish, P.E., Civil Engineer II
Others Present	

CALL TO ORDER

Pintard called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 12, 2009, were unanimously approved following a motion by Lawrence and a second by Hasek.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL – REPORT (Pintard)

Pintard reported the last meeting was held in June and there was discussion regarding the Walk to School program at Oak School. He said there were 67 households contacted regarding the program and 49 have signed up. A comment was made about the dangerous area at Geary and 39th. Irish reported there was a new curb installed and striping will be done in August that says, “pedestrian crossing”. He noted that Clover Ridge Road by Somerset is also being done.

Pintard further reported he has applied for a grant to hire a part-time coordinator for “Safe Routes to School”. This grant money is for non-infrastructure programs. He also said that a grant has been submitted for Gibson Hill to the roundabout for infrastructure improvements.

There is a meeting scheduled for August to demonstrate the pedestrian safety plan at Oak School. He noted this will be a successful program if parents are involved.

Pintard reminded the Commission that August 21st is the Safe Routes to School conference in Portland.

ACTION: None

SEPTEMBER 2009: BIKE MONTH/BIKE TO WORK WEEK (Pintard)

Pintard reported Siddall has contacted the BTA who agreed to post a web page for the Bike to Work Week and Bike Challenge. The web site will keep track of teams and the mileage accumulated by the teams. They are asking for \$400 to support this effort although this is not mandatory.

Pintard stated we need to get this publicized as soon as possible.

ACTION: None

CIP REVIEW (Albers)

Albers asked if there is a way to review the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) document before it is finalized. Woodward stated a draft goes to the library for public review and it can be read there. He further stated we can request this Commission be added to the list of those desiring a copy of the draft document.

ACTION: Albers will get a copy of the CIP when it is available for next year and review it and report back to the Commission.

INTERSECTION ISSUES (Commissioners)

Transportation System Plan - Irish reported on the Transportation System Plan (TSP). He said the City Council has approved a list of projects at their worksessions and are now trying to determine a methodology to use for determining the SDC-eligible portion of those projects. He stated that in August the Council will set the SDC fees for incoming projects.

Irish further noted that for bike and pedestrian projects 100% of bike costs are eligible and 70% of pedestrian costs are eligible. He said that now money can be aimed at bike and pedestrian projects directly and the monies to fund these projects no longer need to be siphoned from street projects.

Virnig asked if there was any stimulus money available and Irish said no.

Old Salem Avenue East of Geary - Virnig said the second set of tracks has been replaced and the Commission members agreed the work is great.

Rail Yard at Millersburg – Irish said there is \$8 million earmarked for improvements to the rail yard which included access to the Millersburg yard. There is also stimulus money attached. Improvements will be made also to the corridor between the Millersburg yard and the river.

Irish discussed changes to the UP and P&W railroad lines to the switching yard from the trestle over the Willamette River to Millersburg and Queen Avenue switching yards.

ACTION: None

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS (Commissioners)

Hasek handed out a flyer regarding a fund-raiser for a medical transport van for him to seek on-going medical treatment.

Pintard noted the Criterium is scheduled for August 15 and they are in the process of getting more sponsors. Lawrence said he is finalizing the parking situation in the area and they are expecting between 400-600 riders for the event.

Pintard noted that the Pedicab has been invited to the Criterium. He said the cab has been operating in Corvallis but has not worked in Albany as yet. Ed Hodney at the Albany Parks & Recreation Department is handling this.

Hasek handed out extra flyers regarding "Safety First" to be distributed.

ACTION: None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting has been scheduled for August 11, 2009, 12:00 p.m., in the Periwinkle Room at Albany City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Marie Redner
Public Works Project Accountant