

**CITY OF ALBANY
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION
City Hall, Santiam Room
333 Broadalbin SW
Tuesday, January 12, 2010
12:00 Noon**

MINUTES

Commission Members Present	Bill Pintard, Chairman; Mark Siddall; Matthew Hasek; Jim Lawrence; Juanita Eggers
Commission Members Absent	Terrance Virnig, Vice-Chair; Kelly Albers
Staff Present	Jeff Woodward, P.E., Civil Engineer II; Ron Irish, Transportation Systems Analyst
Others Present	None

CALL TO ORDER

Pintard called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 8, 2009, meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Lawrence and a second by Hasek.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Pintard reported Doug Pigman is currently short on people that are able to work on the bike rack project, so that item is now on hold.

Pintard stated that the next Safe Routes meeting will be held on Thursday, January 14, 2010. The main topic of discussion will be to review walking routes to various schools.

ACTION: None

COMMISSION NOMINATIONS: CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR

Because the City Council will be appointing new commission members on Wednesday, January 13, 2010, and two members were unable to attend this meeting, it was decided to table this item until the February meeting so all Commission members for the coming year could be present for the nominations and election.

ACTION: Tabled for the February meeting.

BY-LAWS UPDATE

Pintard stated that he has produced a draft update of the by-laws for this Commission and confirmed that this draft has been distributed to the current Commissioners via e-mail. After reading the draft, Pintard pointed out the primary change has been to define term limits for the Chair and Vice-Chair positions so that no one person could serve more than three consecutive one-year terms. Other changes are primarily updates and rearrangements for clarity and elimination of redundancy.

After some discussion on this first reading, Pintard asked the Commission members to continue reviewing the draft. It was decided to table this item until the February meeting, when all Commission members for the coming year could be present for further discussion.

ACTION: Tabled for the February meeting.

BIKE FRIENDLY CITY

Irish reported that the City Council approved the application for Albany to be certified as a Bike Friendly City at the January 11, 2010, Council Work Session. The deadline for submitting the application is February 19, 2010, and Irish stated he will send it in. While he anticipates that the City of Albany will receive the certification, there is value in the feedback provided to agencies that do not receive certification, identifying deficiencies and improvements needed to achieve certification.

ACTION: Irish will submit an application for the City of Albany to be recognized as a Bike Friendly City.

INTERSECTION ISSUES

- a. *12th Avenue at Train Station* – Lawrence requested a review of the criteria for installing red light cameras at ODOT controlled intersections. Irish said that the state won't consider using a red light camera unless: 1) it can be demonstrated there is a problem; 2) everything else has been tried first to fix the problem; 3) there is three years of data collected supporting the need. Irish explained that because of the detailed information requested, the application to ODOT is almost an engineering analysis of the intersection. If cameras are approved, they are installed and operated by a private vendor that receives payment by keeping a negotiated percentage of the ticket revenue received. Albany's policy on red light cameras is to only ticket cars that begin entering the intersection after the light has turned red.

ACTION: None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

- *Sidewalk on North Albany Road between Quarry Road and Laurel Place* – Pintard reported that the portion of sidewalk next to the steep cut slope has a build-up of soil and small rocks that fall off of the cut slope, and needs to be cleaned.
- *North Albany Road Bike Lanes* – Lawrence reported that the bike lanes have been recently swept by the City street sweeping truck and are currently in very good condition for bike traffic.
- *Corvallis-Albany Path* - Pintard announced that Albers had informed the Commission by e-mail that she would be attending the Benton County meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2010, for an update on this project. Siddall and Lawrence indicated they would also attend.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting has been scheduled for February 9, 2010, at 12:00 p.m., in the Periwinkle Room at Albany City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Siddall moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Hasek. The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Woodward, P.E.
Civil Engineer II