

CITY OF ALBANY
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION
City Hall, Periwinkle Room
333 Broadalbin SW
Tuesday, October 12, 2010
12 Noon

MINUTES

Commission Members Present	Kelly Albers, Vice Chair; Bill Pintard; Juanita Eggers; Jim Lawrence; Tim Siddiqui; Matthew Hasek (arrived @ 12:37 pm)
Commission Members Absent	Terrance Virnig
Staff Present	Jeff Woodward, P.E., Civil Engineer II; Ronald G. Irish, Transportation Systems Analyst; Karen Williams, PW Projects Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Albers called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 14, 2010, meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Pintard and a second by Lawrence.

FINAL REPORT: SEPTEMBER 2010 BIKE COMMUTE CHALLENGE

Pintard asked who the other Albany teams were that participated in the 2010 Bike Commute Challenge. He will check with Troy Mickelsen with the Albany Police Department.

ACTION: No action.

LEGAL RIGHTS HANDOUTS – FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION

Woodward explained that the cards entitled “Know Your Legal Rights -- Summary of Oregon Laws” produced by the lawyers at Swanson, Thomas, & Coon in Portland, cannot be made available for the public at City Hall because it could be conceived that the City is promoting the law firm.

Eggers asked about handing the cards to bicyclists not following the laws. Pintard said it would be received negatively. The Commission then discussed possible ways of getting the cards and information to students so that they could learn bicycle laws, and it was suggested that bike shops be given a supply of the bicycle maps along with the cards to distribute to customers. Lawrence discussed the need for enforcement.

ACTION: No action.

BIKE FRIENDLY CITY: COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Pintard reported that the Commission Sub-Committee for the Bike Friendly City status (Virnig, Siddiqui, and Pintard) recently met and said due to costs and liability issues, the City cannot go forward with the bicycle loaner program discussed at the last meeting.

Irish said some of the marks against the City that were listed on the Bike Friendly City status report was the City not having a Bike-Pedestrian Coordinator or a staff person who spends more time on Bicycle-Pedestrian projects, and not enough hard data on bike ridership. He suggested a date be set to station volunteers at major intersections

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in the City to physically count the number of bike riders. This could be done in the spring and again after school starts in early Fall. A ridership database would then be established to compare data from year to year. Pintard suggested that Commission members also make commitments to speak at civic meetings to promote cycling, and Lawrence suggested offering bicycle repair classes and offered to talk to the Parks & Recreation Department about arranging for a class to be offered.

Pintard had researched and presented pictures of busycles that are pedal-powered. Siddiqui suggested that the Bicycle Friendly City status be publicized by having an entry in the Veterans Day Parade. Lawrence said he would invite some of the North Albany Elementary School students who completed the Bike Safety Program to participate in the parade. Albers suggested that Albany's Bike Friendly City signs be made of cardboard and laminated to attach to bicycles and bicycle trailers for the parade. Irish said he would make the signs. Also the Commission agreed to have a supply of the bike maps to hand out on the parade route.

ACTION: A motion was made by Pintard to participate in the Veteran's Day Parade. It was seconded by Lawrence and passed unanimously.

INTERSECTION ISSUES

Lawrence asked about having the markings painted on the road at Highway 20 and North Albany Road to show riders where to stop for the loop detectors to work. Irish explained that it is a state intersection and before the state will agree to change their loop markings, the City will first need to change all the markings within the City-controlled intersections, which is approximately one-third of all intersections in the city limits.

ACTION: No action.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Pintard asked about having the Commission meeting at the new Transportation Center.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

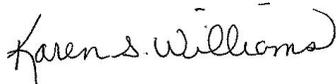
NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting has been scheduled for November 9, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. in the Periwinkle Room. *(This meeting was cancelled. Commission members participated in the Veterans Day Parade with bicycle riders and walkers promoting Albany's Bicycle Friendly status.)*

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Williams
PW Project Coordinator