

**CITY OF ALBANY
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION
City Hall, Periwinkle Room
333 Broadalbin SW
Tuesday, March 8, 2011
12 Noon**

MINUTES

Commission Members Present	Terrance Virnig, Chair; Kelly Albers, Vice Chair; Bill Pintard; Juanita Eggers; Jim Lawrence
Commission Members Absent	Matthew Hasek; Tim Siddiqui
Staff Present	Ron Irish, Transportation Systems Analyst; Karen Williams, PW Projects Coordinator
Others Present	None

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 8, 2011, meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Pintard and a second by Albers.

NOMINATIONS: CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

ACTION: At the February meeting, Hasek volunteered to fill the position of chair if Vice Chair Albers wasn't interested in the chair position. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Virnig to nominate Albers as Commission Chair and volunteered to be Vice Chair. Eggers seconded the motion. The Commission unanimously approved the nominations, electing Albers and Virnig as Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

2011 OREGON ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT

The 2011 Oregon Bike Summit is being held March 29-30 in Salem. The cost of registration is \$50 per person, which includes continental breakfast, lunch, and evening reception. Irish explained the City will reimburse the registration fee for Commission members who attend the summit, adding that the Summit covers several modes of transportation – biking, walking, and transit. Pintard said the first day there will be speakers and break-out sessions in the afternoon, and the second day will be held at the State Capital meeting with legislatures. Commission members can register on the internet at info@cycleoregon.com.

BIKE FRIENDLY CITY: COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Pintard will draft a resolution for next meeting supporting Parks & Recreation's plans for a Bike Park.

Pintard also shared the Jan-Feb 2011 American Bicyclist magazine with the Commission. He explained the magazine discusses the blueprint for the Bicycle Friendly America program and what other cities have done to earn their designation. More copies will be requested to share with Commission members, Council, and a few community members.

ACTION: The Commission requested that Barry Hoffman be invited to the next meeting, and asked about holding the meeting at the new Transit building.

2011 BIKE COMMUTE CHALLENGE / 2011 BIKE TO WORK WEEK/MONTH

Virnig said he thought it should be held in the summer to get more participants. Pintard added that the month of May is actually the national celebration, but a different date may be chosen. Virnig will e-mail the Commission with more information about the dates for the 2011 Bike Commute Challenge after checking the State Bicycle Transportation Alliance's (BTA) website and will check with Troy Mickelsen with the Albany Police Department regarding any local activities being planned for this event.

INTERSECTION ISSUES

Hwy. 20 and North Albany Road: Pintard asked about the status of repaving of Highway 20. Irish explained that the project is scheduled for this summer, with plans to widen the shoulder in some areas, put in guard rail around the curves, and replace the reflectors. At the intersection of North Albany and Hwy. 20, it will be necessary to grind off the old pavement before repaving; therefore the detector loops will be replaced.

ACTION: Irish will check ODOT's striping plans in regards to the bicycle detectors and striping on the North Albany Road – Hwy. 20 project.

Lowe's Project: The Lowe's project was also discussed, and Irish said street logos and striping could perhaps be added to that street design project. Pintard said once a project with the new logos and striping is done, it could be publicized.

Takena Street: Irish updated the Commission on Council's decision to retain parking on Takena Street. The options presented to Council were: a) to do nothing; b) to reconstruct and widen the road; c) to leave the existing curbs along the street in place, but make changes to the shoulder area between the curb and sidewalk; or d) to restrict parking along one side of the street, alternating between sides of the street, in order to provide a wider vehicle travel area and using sharrows, creating a bicycle boulevard. Property owners supported Option D; however, Council was reluctant to eliminate parking. Albers said the Commission needs to be informed so they can be involved as an advisory body.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at noon in the Periwinkle Room.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Williams
PW Project Coordinator