

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

**MINUTES**

Commission Members Present: Terrance Virnig, Vice Chair; Matthew Hasek; Bill Pintard; Juanita Eggers

Commission Members Absent: Tim Siddiqui; Jim Lawrence; Kelly Albers, Chair

Staff Present: Jeff Woodward, P.E., Civil Engineer II; Mark Shepard, Public Works Director; Ron Irish, Transportation Systems Analyst; Karen Williams, PW Project Coordinator

Others Present: None

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Pintard made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2011, meeting. The motion was seconded by Hasek and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**VETERANS DAY PARADE**

Pintard said he didn't know the Commission's placement in the parade as yet, and was told the 5<sup>th</sup> graders from Oak & Lafayette will not be riding in the parade as the school is concerned about liability. He reported that Mark Siddall, Terry Virnig, and Wes Harr will be on bikes in the parade, and he will help carry the banner unless he has another volunteer offer to do so. Pintard added that he will leave his car at the end of the parade for use in transporting participants back to their cars.

Virnig said he would bring his bike trailer to display the Bike Friendly City signs. Pintard added that he had flags for walkers to carry.

**BIKE MAP UPDATE**

Woodward reported funding has been established for printing the maps. Willis Hill with the City's Geographic Information Systems group has agreed to update the City map and Linn County said they will update the County portion. Pintard agreed to work with Linn County on the update and will talk to Jimmy Lucht, Albany Visitor's Association, about a picture to use on the front of the maps. Virnig suggested the picture be an activity where kids were involved.

There will be no charge to the public for the maps, and it was agreed to stay with the same quality of paper that was used in the last printing.

**BIKE ACCIDENT REPORTS**

Irish reported that he talked with Officer Adam Davis with the Albany Police Department in regards to what triggers an accident report when a bicycle is involved. Ron described Jim's accident, and Officer Davis said a bicycle is considered a vehicle and the laws pertaining to filing an accident report is exactly the same for a bike

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as they are for a car. If damage is above a certain dollar amount, or if there is an injury, an accident report should be filed. It is generally the responsibility of the Police Department to do an accident report and is the responsibility of the people involved in an accident to submit one as well. Officer Davis admitted that in the case of bike only accidents, only a few were actually getting reported. The officer who arrives at the scene of an accident first is more involved in coordinating the response, calling for an ambulance, and doing traffic control, and would find it difficult to write an accident report since they don't have the information as to the cause of the accident. Accidents involving a bicycle and another vehicle where there is liability will almost always have accident reports filed.

Irish further explained accident reports are tracked for the purpose of knowing where there are problem areas that need to be fixed and rarely would there be a cluster of bike accidents in one location other than around railroad tracks. If Jim's accident was due to the street construction, it would be nice to have that accident report as it may trigger a change in the way Public Works looks at the construction management of a project.

Irish suggested the Commission send e-mails to him describing the problems in that construction zone, and he will contact ODOT's project manager.

### **INTERSECTION ISSUES**

None.

### **COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

Irish said he will be contacting Sheila Lyons, ODOT Bike Coordinator, regarding the problems Albany is having with the placement of the City's "Bike Friendly City" signs along ODOT roads.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Pintard shared an article in the *Albany Democrat-Herald* about a Sweet Home couple cycling their way through Europe and said they are members of his bike club. He talked to them about the possibility of attending a Commission meeting to talk about the bike infrastructure that exists throughout Europe. Pintard will contact them about attending the January 2012 Commission meeting.

Pintard shared the latest issue of *American Bicyclist* (Sept.-Oct. 2011) regarding an article on Bike Share and said he would share it with Tim Siddiqui, who was leading the discussions regarding a bike share program in Albany.

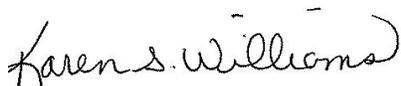
### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2011. The Commission discussed holding the meeting at Siddiqui's new pizza restaurant in the Linn-Benton Community College area. Woodward will check into this.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen S. Williams

Public Works Project Coordinator