

**CITY OF ALBANY
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION
City Hall, Periwinkle Room
333 Broadalbin Street SW
September 11, 2012
12 Noon**

MINUTES

Commission Members Present: Kelly Albers, Chair; Juanita Eggers; Jim Lawrence (arrived 10:25); Matthew Hasek; Bill Pintard; Steve Pensinger

Commission Members Absent: Terry Virnig (unexcused)

Staff Present: Ron Irish, Transportation Systems Analyst; Jeff Woodward, Civil Engineer II; Irene Mann, Public Works Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Albers called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pintard corrected a sentence in the minutes from August 14, 2012, and with that change, the minutes were approved 5 to 0.

SIDEWALK INFILL

Albers moved this agenda item to the end of the meeting.

BIKE MAP DISTRIBUTION

Woodward said he had ordered 5,000 maps. Public Works administrative staff will fill bulk requests for maps but there is no money in the budget for mailing. Irish can drop some maps off in Corvallis and Pintard said he would check with health clubs for distribution and the Commission members would make a list of who they thought needed the maps and the number needed. Distribution would be tailored to the location.

VETERANS DAY PARADE (Saturday, November 10, 2012)

Albers suggested the Commission walk as a group in the parade. She said it is an investment of time, not money, and the Commissioners agreed. They will get the banner from Marilyn Smith and contact the Albany City Manager since he regularly bikes to work. Eggers said she would talk to the Albany Fit Walkers.

BIKE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY - SILVER CRITERIA

Pintard distributed information on becoming a Bicycle Friendly Community – Silver Level. The Commission discussed their goal would be to do something in the five areas: Engineering, Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, and Evaluation/Planning. Pintard said he would invite Brad Upton, Chair of Corvallis' Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board, to the November meeting to discuss other ways Albany might be able to achieve the Silver level. Corvallis is a Gold Level -- Bicycle Friendly Community.

BICYCLE ACCIDENTS

Pintard said he had a minor accident while on his bicycle. He also discussed other accidents. Unless it is posted, bicycles are permitted on I-5.

INTERSECTION ISSUES

Knox Butte has always been an issue for bicyclists. Staff will contact ODOT.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

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The Ad Hoc group (Pintard, Albers, and Pensinger), looked at ways to provide exposure to bicycling in Albany. Among the items discussed were being visible at the Saturday Market, River Rhythms, and the Northwest Art and Air Festival; having a temporary, portable bike rack; awareness of being a Bicycle Friendly Community, lobbying for Albany ADA access to make it easier for bicyclists, and inviting a Parks and Recreation staff person to the Bike/Ped meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS

Lawrence asked about the bike path and requested an update. Irish reported that he had submitted a Notice of Intent and out of ~155 grant applications, ODOT had invited 60 to submit a Notice of Intent and Albany was included in that 60.

Eggers said that the Albany Fit Walkers were walking at Talking Water Gardens on September 15, 2012.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 9, 2012, at noon in the Periwinkle Room.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Mann
Public Works Executive Assistant