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## **BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**City Hall, Periwinkle Room**

**333 Broadalbin Street SW**

**July 28, 2015**

**7 p.m.**

### **MINUTES**

Commission Members Present: Mark Siddall, Jim Lawrence, Mary Reed, Steve Pensinger, Terry Virnig  
Commission Members Absent: Tim McCloud (excused), Stephen Van Buskirk (unexcused)  
Staff Present: Ron Irish (Transportation Systems Analyst); Irene Mann (Executive Assistant to the Public Works Director)  
Others Present: Kathleen Magnuson (YMCA), Juanita Eggers

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Pensinger called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

### **INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER (Stephen Van Buskirk)**

This agenda item was skipped. Stephen Van Buskirk was not at the meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the May 12, 2015, meeting, were approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mark Siddall introduced Kathleen Magnuson, Y-Mentoring Director of the Albany YMCA. Magnuson wanted to ask the Bicycle Pedestrian Commission members for their input on whom to invite to the YMCA 'Bicycle Safety Education Ask Luncheon' on Wednesday, September 9, 2015. She invited the members of the Commission. There will not be a cost for the luncheon, but it is a fund-raising event. Magnuson said she is currently looking for sponsors. She will do a news release to send to the Democrat-Herald and said she is hopefully 75 people will attend and she will try to raise \$5,000, to keep the program going for a year.

One of the things she wanted to do was pursue a grant to replace the fleet of 37 bicycles that are ~9 or 10 years old. She added that the helmets had a two-three year life left.

Irish suggested placing an article in the City of Albany's City Bridges newsletter. He also suggested contacting the Albany Fire Department because Albany Police and Fire were working together with Target on providing helmets to children. There is an annual Heritage Mall Family Safety Fair on Saturday, August 29, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### **NORTH ALBANY ROAD PROJECT UPDATE**

Irish said the project was a little ahead schedule. Virnig commented that the road was improving for bicyclists while construction was ongoing.

Lawrence commented on trash cans left/or placed in the bike lanes. Virnig wondered if an ordinance was needed. Irish said the situation was almost insolvable. ALS does not want to upset their customers. Irish said it was difficult to write code language to include all the possibilities of where a trash can could and could not be placed. If a trash can is blocking the sidewalk, it becomes an Americans with Disabilities (ADA) issue. The easiest fix is for ALS to create awareness of the issue and request their customers to

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remove the cans as soon as their trash is picked up.

### **ALBANY SPRING ROLL**

The Commissioners discussed possible dates for an Albany event similar to the Corvallis Spring Roll. The Commission decided on June 5, 2015. Irish will contact Ilene McClelland from Corvallis and invite her to the Bike/Ped September 2015, meeting. Other event names were discussed as possibilities for the Albany event- Albany Spring Roll or Albany Bike Fest. Once the event was definitely scheduled, Irish will contact the Parks and Recreation Department and have them add it to their brochure. If it is a City sponsored event, no additional insurance is necessary. Potential sponsors for the event were discussed; suggestions included the Mom's Club in Albany, the Boys & Girls Club, the Kiwanis, the Eagles, and the YMCA.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Lawrence distributed and read a letter he wrote that discussed sharrows on bike lanes for safety. The Commission discussed where sharrows should be placed. ODOT has agreed to consider the installation of sharrows as requested by the City. Lawrence will modify the letter and email it to Irish. Irish will then discuss it with the Public Works Director and ultimately take it to Council.

Virnig asked staff to look at the storm drainage grates on the bridge deck. He was concerned about their height for safety.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 25, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., in Albany City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Mann, Executive Assistant to the Public Works Director