



BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION
City Hall, Periwinkle Room
333 Broadalbin Street SW
August 25, 2015
7 p.m.

MINUTES

Commission Members Present: Mark Siddall, Steve Pensinger, Tim McCloud, Terry Virnig (arrived 7:20 p.m.), Stephen Van Buskirk (arrived 7:55 p.m.)

Commission Members Absent: Jim Lawrence (unexcused)

Staff Present: Ron Irish (Transportation Systems Analyst); Irene Mann (Executive Assistant to the Public Works Director)

Others Present: None

CALL TO ORDER

There was not a quorum until 7:20 p.m. At that time, Chair Pensinger called the meeting to order.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER (Stephen Van Buskirk)

This agenda item was skipped. Stephen Van Buskirk did not arrive until 7:55 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Virnig made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2015, meeting, and Commissioner Siddall seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

NORTH ALBANY ROAD PROJECT UPDATE

Irish said the project was ahead of schedule and the road had already been open. Irish added the county had voted to keep the roundabout, but it would be 'tweaked' a bit.

ALBANY SPRING ROLL

Irish reported that Corvallis had a tentative date for their Spring Roll and it was the same date Albany had tentatively planned. Ilene McClelland offered to help Albany plan their event. Corvallis is having their first organizing meeting on August 26, 2015, and Irish said Albany Commission members were welcome to attend. Commissioners Virnig and Pensinger said they would try to attend the September organizing meeting.

Irish also discussed the Safe Routes to School convention that was researching a site to have their convention – during the same June time frame. Irish will follow up on the progress with the Mayor, and Commissioner Virnig will also communicate with the Mayor and City Manager.

SHARROWS LETTER

The Commission decided all the Commission members would sign the sharrows letter and Irish will forward it to the City Council.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSION MEMBER

New Commissioner Buskirk introduced himself and provided some details on his background.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Siddall said he will be unable to attend the September, October, or November meetings due to a conflict.

Commissioner Van Buskirk asked about trash cans sitting in bike lanes. Irish mentioned this had been discussed at the July 2015 meeting. Irish had 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 remove their cans as soon as their trash is picked up.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 27, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., in Albany City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Mann
Executive Assistant to the Public Works Director