



BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION
City Hall, Periwinkle Room
333 Broadalbin Street SW
December 22, 2015
7 p.m.

MINUTES

Commission Members Present: Steve Pensinger, Tim McCloud, Terry Virnig, Jim Lawrence, Mark Siddall
Commission Members Absent: Stephen Van Buskirk (unexcused)
Staff Present: Ron Irish (Transportation Systems Analyst), Irene Mann (Executive Assistant to the Public Works Director)
Others Present: None

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pensinger called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of September 22, 2015, were approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

ARTS SAFETY PROJECT UPDATE

Irish informed the Commission that all three of the projects he submitted were funded. He said the projects would most probably be completed during 2017-2018.

There was a discussion about the RRFB (Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons located at some pedestrian crosswalks), and an explanation of a "dog house" signal – a signal that has two columns of yellow and green signals below a single red head. "Dog houses" are most commonly used to indicate protected left turns.

"Tattletale reds" are small cylindrical lights mounted above traffic signals and flash blue when the traffic signal turns red. It allows a police officer to verify that the traffic signal was red when a motorist passed through the intersection, even if the officer wasn't in position to see the traffic signal change.

US 20 CORRIDOR SAFETY PROJECT

Irish said there will be a stakeholders meeting looking for low cost fixes for the issues on Highway 20. Irish has email from ODOT that he will forward to the Commission.

LYON/ELLSWORTH SHARROW REQUEST

Irish reported that the City Council liked the request and asked Irish to make the request as part of the discussion on the new fire station.

ALBANY SPRING ROLL BIKE EVENT

Irish reported that the Corvallis Spring Roll event was scheduled for May 22, 2016. He said that he talked to the City of Albany Parks and Recreation Department and that two parks were available in June for an Albany event. There was discussion of a different type of event in Albany and maybe there could be joint publicity. It was agreed that it was too late to plan an Albany event for 2016. McCloud suggested a sub-committee be formed to come up with some recommendations and there could be synergy between the two events. He suggested meeting from 8-9 p.m. after the Bicycle Pedestrian

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OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioners Lawrence and Virnig discussed the issues of riding a bicycle with obstacles in the bike paths. The obstacles are both a safety issue and a hazard and the Commissioners asked Irish how the items could get moved from the bike paths. Irish explained the vehicle codes, and the legal issue of trying to enforce leaves not being raked into bike paths.

Lawrence and Virnig suggested that the public could be educated about the danger issues and raising awareness would be helpful. They discussed strategies for a solution.

- More signs (City staff can help)
- Removal of leaves from bike paths (work with Republic)
- Prompt removal of trash cans from bike lanes

Pensinger said that Bill Pintard would be submitting his application to be on the BPAC.

McCloud mentioned that Eugene just received a grant for the Safe Routes to School program.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., in Albany City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Mann
Executive Assistant to the Public Works Director