



**BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**City Hall, Periwinkle Room**  
**333 Broadalbin Street SW**  
**March 22, 2016**  
**7 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

Commission Members Present: Tim McCloud, Terry Virnig, Jim Lawrence, Bill Pintard, Mark Siddall, Stephen Van Buskirk, Rob Bornheimer

Commission Members Absent: None

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

Others Present: None

**CALL TO ORDER**

McCloud called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Virnig made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of February 23, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

**BLOCKED BIKE LANES PRESENTATION**

Irish said that he had reserved a 15-minute time slot for the Commission presentation at the City Council work session on Monday, April 11, 2016. The work session is from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The agenda with specific times is posted on the internet the Friday prior to the meeting. Virnig said he will be out of state and unable to attend the work session.

Irish has photos of trash cans/leaves left in bike lanes and he will prepare a PowerPoint presentation for the work session. Commissioner Lawrence said he will do the presentation. Quite a bit of discussion ensued. Lawrence felt the trash cans could be placed in the apron of a driveway instead of the sidewalk or bike lane. Commissioner Bornheimer advocated education. Irish said that now that the Commission is identifying a problem they need to be decide what they want the Council to do. A suggestion was made to leave trash cans on the sidewalk on pick-up day, but that creates ADA issues; and doesn't address the issue of leaves in the bike lanes.

After extensive discussion, it was suggested that documenting and presenting a problem to the Council and recommended solutions would be a helpful. Some suggestions were: stickers that reminded homeowners to put their trash cans away after trash pick-up, an electronic board reminding people to remove their trash cans and have the sign relocated to different neighborhoods, public education (City Bridges, the DH), and possible an ordinance with enforcement.

A group with representation from various groups might be the start of a possible solution—a representative from the Bike Ped Commission, from APD, Republic, and from code enforcement might be a good group.

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## **ALBANY BIKE EVENT**

Commissioner McCloud will talk to the Parks & Recreation Director about potential dates, locations, and insurance costs.

## **PROJECT UPDATES**

Irish discussed the possible alternatives to the intersection changes for Gibson Hill and Crocker for a build out to 2040. He said the cost estimates were high. A short-term solution would be a stop sign, but Irish commented the Albany City will also want to review longer term solutions. Other solutions could be a single lane-traffic signal, a traffic signal with turn lanes, a modern roundabout, or a mini-roundabout. The streets are still under Benton County jurisdiction, and David Evans & Associates (DEA) was hired to review possible intersection treatments. The full report is now available and will be posted on the City's web site. Irish said the Council is seeking public input and will have a place for public comment on the web site, information on the City Facebook page, and a press release about the project alternatives. Irish will also hold a neighborhood meeting.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Lawrence shared the recent newspaper article on cyclists being upset by light penalties for vehicle accidents. Discussion followed.

*Commissioner Bornheimer left at 8 p.m.*

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Mann  
Executive Assistant to the Public Works Director