



BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION

AGENDA

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Periwinkle Room, City Hall

333 Broadalbin Street SW

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. November 19, 2019
4. SCHEDULED BUSINESS
 - a. Business from the Public
 - b. Bike Friendly City Designation
 - c. The Parks & Recreation Department Master Plan Update
5. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMITTEE
6. NEXT MEETING DATE: February 25, 2020
7. ADJOURNMENT

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CITY OF ALBANY
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
Periwinkle Room, 333 Broadalbin Street SW

Approved: DRAFT

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by vice-chair Virnig at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Terry Virnig, Justin Peterson, Ann Ketter, and Lori Fluge-Brunker
Commissioners absent: Jim Lawrence, Rob Bornheimer
Staff present: Development Services Manager Matt Ruetters, Lieutenant Steve Dorn
Others present: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the October 22, 2019, meeting were approved unanimously.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chair Virnig mentioned a recent newspaper article that talked about unspent safety funds and wondered if there was a grant program or opportunity to apply for the remaining funds. Ruetters said that staff will research the program.

Virnig said that he saw an email announcing that the City had received Bike Friendly City bronze level status.

ALBANY POLICE DEPARTMENT ENFORCEMENT DISCUSSION

Chair Virnig noted that the data the Albany Police Department (APD) provided helped with the Bike Friendly City application recently submitted by the City. Lieutenant (Lt.) Dorn noted that the Street Crimes unit is now focusing more on traffic citations. The shifts generally result in seven officers on shift. Traffic enforcement is digressionary time for officers, with most time spent on call response. There is a direct correlation between enforcement and serious crashes. The obstacle in additional enforcement is time and staffing. Virnig related recent instances of encountering cyclists riding the wrong way and at night without lights.

Ketter asked if there were actions that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission could do to assist to help address cycling and pedestrian issues in town. Lt. Dorn said that educational efforts to wear contrasting clothing at night and use of lights would help. Peterson asked if it would be possible for officers to prioritize digressionary time at high violation areas/time, if those could be identified. Lt. Dorn responded that APD does use a computer system to identify high crash and crime area, and that data is passed on to officers as priority locations for use at digressionary time.

Virnig asked how familiar officers are with bicycle and pedestrian statutes. Lt. Dorn responded that officers have a basic understanding of applicable statutes and that the decision of whether to stop for an offence is a value-based judgement. Ketter asked if bikes need both front and rear lights at night. Lt. Dorn noted that a white front light is required along with a red rear light or reflector. Lt. Dorn noted that most stops of cyclists are educational warnings and do not generally result in citations.

Lt. Dorn described the recent situation in Corvallis on the Oregon State University campus regarding a cyclist riding the wrong way being stopped by an Oregon State Police officer. In Albany, the situation would likely

have resulted in an obstruction citation.

Commissioner Bornheimer arrived at 7:40 p.m. He asked if APD had any resources to point cyclists to that need things like light and helmets. Lt. Dorn said the department did not have the resources to do that. If items were to be donated, he wasn't sure if APD would be able to help with distribution.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Virnig asked about the schedule for the Parks & Recreation Department (Parks) Master Plan update and when input was needed. Ruettgers noted that the work on the plan was just starting and would be an on-going effort lasting a year or more. Providing connectivity between Parks and across the city is a topic that the City is interested in pursuing. Commissioners discussed possible connections to Linn Benton Community College, along the Periwinkle Path, between Monteith Park and Takena Landing, and along Water Avenue.

Commissioners will review the draft Parks' plan, have additional discussion, and prepare a response at their December meeting.

BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

Ketter noted the City is updating the Development Code, and it might be a good time to add language encouraging bike facilities.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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