CITY OF ALBANY
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

Tuesday, January 28, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Periwinkle Room, 333 Broadalbin Street SW
Approved: February 25,2020

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, Lori Fluge-Brunker, Jim Lawrence, and Rob Bornheimer
Commissioners absent:	Dennis Pendley
Staff present	Ron Irish
Others present:	Steph Nappa

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the November 19, 2019, meeting were approved unanimously with one spelling correction.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

Steph Nappa noted that she had attended the meeting held by the Parks & Recreation (Parks) Department concerning their master plan update and could provide the commission with information if there were any questions about that process.

BIKE FRIENDLY CITY DESIGNATION

Irish noted that the City of Albany had been designated a Bike Friendly City but had not yet received a review concerning the City's application. When it arrives, Irish will forward it on to the commission via email. The commission discussed passing that review out to other members of the local cycling community to get their impression of the process and review.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Irish described the status of the Parks Department master plan update and distributed a preliminary map of potential path projects. The public process of the plan will be starting shortly. Jim Lawrence is on the stakeholder group that was established to help direct the update process.

Commissioners discussed the preliminary plan, specific identified projects, and whether there was a design philosophy that it was trying to implement.

BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

Irish discussed a request from the City of Corvallis for a letter of support to deviate from the State of Oregon's standard for guide signs along multi-use paths. Irish showed an example of the sign style Corvallis was interested in using. Commissioner's had questions concerning how that design differed from the state standard.

Irish agreed to research how the proposed design differs from the State standard before deciding whether to provide Corvallis with a letter of support. Commissioner's generally supported the concept of having consistency in the region for guide sign design.

Commissioner's discussed a recent pedestrian fatality that occurred on Third Street in South Corvallis where a young child was struck while in a crosswalk. Irish noted that reports in the media indicated that the crossing had a median island refuge and flashing light system, but there were some indications that the light system had been previously struck by a vehicle and was not fully operational. Commissioner's discussed the type of flashing light system that had been in place and if there had been a delay in the repair of the system after it had been damaged. Irish did not have direct knowledge of the circumstances but noted that the installation was on a state highway and jurisdiction could have been the City, the State, or a combination. Irish noted that the situation of having a flashing light system damaged by vehicles was rare, but it does happen. A situation occurred in North Albany at the corner of Gibson Hill Road and Crocker Lane, and repair of the system took quite some time due to the need to order replacement parts and the particular installation circumstances. Commissioners indicated that the repair of damaged flashing light systems at crosswalks should be a priority.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on File

Ronald G. Irish
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