



CITY OF ALBANY
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by vice-chair Virnig at 7:06 pm

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Chair Terry Virnig, Justin Peterson, Ann Ketter, and Rob Bornheimer
Commissioners absent: Dennis Pendley, Lori Fluge-Brunker, and Jim Lawrence
Staff present: Transportation Systems Analyst Ron Irish and Clerk III Lisa Kanaski
Others present: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the February 25, 2020, meeting were approved unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

Dennis Pendley was not in attendance and will be introduced at a future meeting.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

STATUS UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS

Irish updated the committee on the two safe routes to school projects open right now, stating that the application period closes at the end of August. He is going to council on August 10 to outline the two potential projects. City Council will decide whether to apply for one, both, or neither. Irish explained the projects in detail and stated that there is a staff recommendation to apply for both.

The first project is a sidewalk infill project on Geary Street from Grand Prairie Road south to 34th Avenue. Irish stated the project would cost 1.6 million dollars. This project would include right-of-way acquisitions, which would require contacting each property owner along the span of the project work area and buying frontage of their property. This grant would fund 80 percent of the work, and the City would pay 20 percent of the cost. The 20 percent the City matches would come from System Development Charge (SDC) funds.

The second project is on the north side of Queen Avenue from Periwinkle Creek to Geary Street. This project would include converting the sidewalk and on-street bike lane into a multi-use path. This would be the first step for the City to have a more direct path for the Periwinkle bike paths that are north and south of Queen Avenue. They would also be installing two enhanced crosswalk systems to benefit Sunrise Elementary. This project is also eligible for 80 percent funding and 20 percent City SDC funds.

Irish asked the commission to decide on which project to apply for so staff could present their vote at the upcoming council meeting. A discussion ensued about both projects and which one the commission preferred. Ann Ketter requested a vote. The commission agreed to apply for both grants but to prioritize the first project on Geary Street if the council asked them to choose only one project; however, the commission is concerned about right-of-way acquisition on Geary Street.

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Irish reviewed projects under construction, which included the construction of a traffic signal at the intersection of Gibson Hill and Crocker Lane, improvements on Lochner Road from Marion Street to Oak Creek, an Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) safety project to modify four traffic signals, and a Highway 20 safety project that ODOT is working on a design for. The commission discussed the Bike Share System in Corvallis; however, Steph Nappa, with the Council of Governments who agreed to present to the commission, was out of town for this meeting. She will attend a future meeting for discussion and a presentation. Ketter asked about the Old Salem Road sidewalk project; discussion ensued. The commission inquired about a church property on North Albany Road and Gibson Hill Road; discussion ensued. Virnig mentioned how children were having to walk on the road going to school at Oak Grove Elementary; discussion ensued.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Virnig asked about receiving feedback on the projects discussed above. He also inquired about the budget and would like to discuss further in future meetings. He discussed being hopeful for events, that have been canceled this year, happening next year and would like start planning now. Irish will work on donations for the bike rodeo and walk downtown.

BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

None

NEXT MEETING DATE

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on file

Lisa Kanaski
Clerk III

Reviewed by,

Signature on file

Ronald G. Irish
Transportation Systems Analyst