

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission**  
**MINUTES**  
**March 2, 2007**

**Present**

Susan Nelson, Vice Chair  
 Rosie Toy  
 Andrew Ross, Vice Chair  
 Jack Schubert  
 Josh Storer  
 Mike Beilstein, City Council  
 Brad Upton

**Staff**

Joe Whinnery, Public Works  
 Steve Rogers, Public Works  
 Lisa Namba, Public Works  
 Sgt. Jim Zessin, Police Department

**Visitors**

Walt Prichard, Mid-Valley Bike Club  
 Laura Duncan Allen

**Absent**

Joel Rea  
 Kenyon Solecki, ASOSU

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION**

Agenda Item	Information Only	Held for Further Review	Recommendations
I. Call Meeting to Order/ Introductions	X		
II. Approve February 2, 2007 Minutes			Approved, as amended
III. Visitor Comments	N/A		
IV. Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report on Presentation of Safety and Education Recommendations to Urban Services Committee</li> </ul>		X	
V. New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commission Work Plan and Development Recommendations</li> </ul>			Established work plan for staff use
VI. Information Sharing	X		

**CONTENT OF DISCUSSION**

**I. Call Meeting to Order/Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Nelson and introductions were made.

**II. Approve February 2, 2007 Minutes**

Corrections:

Page 4, under Information Sharing, second bullet, the second sentence shall be stricken.

Page 4, under Information Sharing, fourth bullet, first sentence, the word “most” shall be added before the word “areas”.

**Commissioners Upton and Storer, respectively, moved and seconded that the Commission approve the minutes, as amended. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **III. Visitor Comments**

There were none.

### **IV. Old Business**

- **Report on Presentation of Safety and Education Recommendations to Urban Services Committee**

Mr. Rogers presented the recommendations report to Urban Services Committee (USC). Commissioners Storer and Upton represented the Commission at the meeting. The staff report gave USC three options to consider. The first option was to refer the report back to BPAC for further work. The second option was to have staff complete an implementation analysis, i.e. what it would cost to fully implement the plan. The third option was to implement a more limited version of the plan now, given the current resources available. USC was open to all three options. Mr. Rogers said staff will create alternatives for the Budget Commission to consider at its May meeting for funding options to implement all or parts of the plan. BPAC will discuss the matter at its April meeting in advance of the Budget Commission’s May meeting.

Mr. Rogers anticipated the education portion of the recommendations would be fairly simple to implement. Staff has not yet had discussions with the Police Department on budget enhancement requests.

BPAC will prioritize the recommendations referred back from USC. Mr. Rogers agreed to include a copy of the USC minutes in the April BPAC meeting packet.

- Vice Chair Nelson asked Mr. Whinnery about the City’s role in the Rails With Trails grant submitted jointly by the City and Benton County. Mr. Whinnery said Benton County is the lead entity and the City is involved because a small portion of the proposed path alignment is within City limits.

### **V. New Business**

- **Commission Work Plan and Development Recommendations**

Before this meeting, Commissioners were asked to determine which Commission projects were most relevant for the Commission to work on in the coming year and what level of

time and resources would be needed to successfully complete the work. The following are suggestions, broken down into categories, made by the Commission:

- **Bike/Ped Missing Links** - An example of this category is the City completing work on 14<sup>th</sup> Street from Monroe to Harrison after OSU completes work on 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> Street. Another example is the need for a multi-use path or island on the east side of Highway 99, between NE Circle Boulevard and Conifer Boulevard.
- **Safety** - This category has been, and will continued to be, developed by the Commission, specifically the Subcommittee's safety recommendations. Sidewalk barriers, like those at downtown cafes, are already being considered by City Council.
- **Security** - This category includes bike lockers and other amenities to keep bikes secure. The City has begun using space-conserving bike racks. Increased lighting would aid in night time security.
- **Signage** - Signage could be used to inform bicyclists that 10<sup>th</sup> Street is calmer than 9<sup>th</sup> Street because 10<sup>th</sup> Street has bike lanes and less vehicle traffic.
- **Promotion of Bike/Ped Usage** - Increased use of "Bike to Work Day" and other like programs (see Subcommittee's safety recommendations).
- **Monitoring of Bike/Ped Amenities for New Developments, Development Review Division** - Monitoring of past and ongoing development to ensure bike/ped amenities are constructed as designed.
- **Use of Bike/Ped Promotional Advertising in Various Private and Public Media** - One suggestion is to promote bicycle use in the Rental Tax collection envelopes.

The Commission was asked to prioritize the categories listed above. Prioritization is being done to help staff manage its workload and to know what is important to the Commission. Councilor Beilstein suggested prioritizing capital projects and non-capital projects into two separate categories. It was agreed that Commissioners would bring their priority lists to the April meeting. Mr. Whinnery said he will soon email last year's capital projects list to the Commission.

It was later decided that the Commission will not prioritize the categories. Instead, the categories will be kept on file by staff to refer to if and when funding becomes available to the project.

## VI. Information Sharing

- Staff from Benton County, City of Corvallis Public Works and City of Corvallis Parks & Rec jointly crafted a proposal for a bicycle grant to fund an educational program at Lincoln Elementary School. The program would take bike parts and create working bikes that the children would keep at the end of the program. A major focus will be teaching safe bike riding skills. Mr. Prichard offered to publicize the program through the Mid-

Valley Bike Club. Parks & Rec's Summer Youth Volunteer Corps will be actively involved.

- Mr. Whinnery reported that a significant portion of the organizational work on the Safe Routes to School program has been done by interns. If funding is lost for the intern position, it would be difficult to maintain momentum for the program in its current form. There is an opportunity to garner state funds but applications would need to be completed soon. Mr. Whinnery said he would ask the Commission to review an application before it is submitted.
- Mr. Rogers recently attended an ODOT meeting on the proposed Van Buren Street Bridge project. Discussions continue on various proposed alternatives. Mr. Whinnery said bridge repainting, slated to begin in a week, will last up to eight months. During this time, the bridge will be completely closed from 6:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m. and pedestrian and bike traffic will be banned entirely on the sidewalk portion of the bridge deck. Harrison Boulevard will be converted to accommodate two-way traffic during this time.
- Sgt. Zessin distributed bike accident information dated October 1, 2006 - December 31, 2006. There were four injury accidents during this time, all involving bicycles and motor vehicles. There have already been four injury accidents from January 1, 2007 to January 31, 2007. Sgt. Zessin speculated that the increased rate may be attributed to OSU being back in session and more favorable biking weather.
- Mr. Rogers reported on the Commission's recommendation to the Riverfront Commission two years ago to remove stop signs on 1<sup>st</sup> Street at each cross street from Washington Avenue to Harrison Boulevard. The Riverfront Commission asked staff for a follow-up report stating possible impacts to the area and impact other communities have experienced in similar situations. The Riverfront Commission was particularly concerned about the possible impact on pedestrians crossing 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Mr. Whinnery said a report containing accident information for 1<sup>st</sup> Street was forwarded by Public Works staff to Parks & Rec in September, 2006. The report stated that there were no accidents in the area. It is unclear if Parks & Rec reviewed the report with the Riverfront Commission.
- Commissioner Upton will attend the National Bike Summit in Washington, D.C. in several weeks. He will report to the Commission his findings.
- Mr. Whinnery is in the process of renewing Corvallis' application for certification as a Bicycle Friendly Community. Communities are certified by the League of American Bicyclists. The application due date is March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- The Commission set 5:15 pm, April 23<sup>rd</sup> as the time and date for the next bike path cleanup.

**NEXT MEETING: April 6, 2007 7:00 a.m., Madison Avenue Meeting Room**