

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Minutes

February 4, 2000

Present

Greg Bennett, Vice Chair
Susan Christie, Chair
Tony Howell, Council Representative
Susan Nelson
Keith Olsen
Justin Roach, ASOSU
John Lee
Maria Monteleone
Michael Clark

Staff

Steve Rogers, Public Works Transportation
Greg Wilson, Public Works Transportation
Ron Noble, CPD

Visitors

Walt Prichard, Mid Valley Bike Club
Dean Codo
Dave Chiller

Summary of Discussion

Agenda Item	Inform- ation Only	Held for Further Review	Recommendations
Downtown east/west bike facilities		X	see minutes
Review of sidewalk safety program information	X		
Sidewalks in cul-de-sacs			X see minutes
Parking commission update	X		

Content of Discussion

1. Introductions

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as read.

3. Visitors Comments

Dean Codo had several questions regarding bicycle parking. They included:

1. Do the police site people for tying their dogs up to bike racks ?
2. Can a bicycle park on the street like a car ?
3. If I have my bicycle and an attached cart at Fred Meyers, can I park in the parking lot ?
4. Can I use my blue handicapped tag to park my bicycle in a handicapped parking

spot?

Ron Noble (CPD) answered the first question by stating that pet owners are cited for attaching dogs to bike racks. He agreed to have answers for the other questions by the next BPAC meeting. The responses are as follows:

2. Can a bicycle be parked on the street like a car ?

The code states that "No person shall allow any motorbike, motor scooter, motorcycle or bicycle to be parked in any parking space within a public street or off-street free parking area within the downtown parking area except within a space or area marked as reserved for the parking of motorbikes, motor scooters, motorcycles and bicycles."

3. If I have my bicycle with an attached cart at Fred Meyers, can I park in the parking lot rather than the bike rack ?

It would be up to Fred Meyer's to make this determination as it's a private parking lot.

4. Can a person with a blue handicapped tag park a bicycle in a handicapped parking spot?

Everything I have found on handicapped parking refers to "vehicles" and not "motor vehicles." So, from what I can tell, it appears that they can.

4. Follow-Up Items from Previous Meetings

Street Funded bike rack policy - During the January meeting several members stated that they thought the commission had recommended removing the cost-sharing requirement from the bike rack installation policy. The minutes for the December meeting show that it was retained. Members clarified the policy and stated that there was to be no cost to property owners for high priority racks, but that the cost share would be in effect for low priority racks, i.e., those that are located in areas of low demand by cyclists.

Downtown East / West Bicycle Facility - The members decided to form a subcommittee to begin to address the issue. Walt Pritchard, Keith Olsen and Greg Bennett agreed to sit on the committee with Susan Christie attending when she is available. It will be staffed by either Steve Rogers or Greg Wilson. It was agreed that the subcommittee would meet twice prior to the March meeting of the BPAC. A list of concepts that the commission wished the subcommittee to attempt to address included:

- there be more than one E/W route
- the committee look at the feasibility of adding contra flow bike lanes
- Madison Ave. be considered as a thoroughfare for bikes
- the feasibility of turning one or more streets into bicycle boulevards be investigated
- one way bike lanes be considered

- N/S routes be retained or improved
- the E/W route link to the transit mall
- bicycle parking be considered when locating routes
- an elevated facility be considered

Councilor Tomlinson attended the meeting to address specifics regarding his initial request for the BPAC to look into the E/W connection. He stated that his concerns revolved around the need to provide access to the downtown and river front for “family type cyclists”.

He stated that he was aware that it may require a shift from angle to parallel parking which could impact parking. He also suggested that Jefferson and or Monroe might need to be switched from one to two way which may also result in a net loss in parking.

5. **New Business**

Review of Sidewalk Safety Program information - Several months ago the BPAC requested that a list of alternatives to tree removal be included in the packets that are sent to property owners whose trees are damaging public sidewalks. The list of options currently available was presented for review. The commission requested that the City’s new arborist attend the next meeting to answer their questions regarding tree removal in City right of way. They also requested a presentation on the Street Tree Plan.

Sidewalks in Cul-de-sacs - The issue of sidewalks in cul-de-sacs is being addressed in the review of the development standards. Steve Rogers stated that sidewalks four to five foot in width are currently required on cul-de-sacs greater than 600 foot in length and asked if the members felt that sidewalks were necessary. The members stated emphatically that:

- cul-de-sacs should have sidewalks
- the sidewalks should be five foot in width
- if cul-de-sacs are to be built, they should be required to build bike / ped. connections through the end of the cul-de-sac to adjacent streets

Bulbed Intersections & Bike Lanes - Steve Rogers presented a drawing of 99W and Rivergreen that had been developed by planning staff. It depicted the intersection as being bulbed (on Rivergreen) with bike lanes cutting through the bulbs. It was proposed as a way to incorporate both bulbs and bike lanes into the design. The members did not like the option proposed and felt that the bike lanes should remain contiguous with the travel lanes because having the bike lane run through the bulb:

- places the cyclist out of the line of view of right turning motorists, and
- requires pedestrians to cross a bike lane to reach the pedestrian bulb

The members also believe that the cross section for River Green west of 99 should include a median.

6. **Information Sharing**

Parking Commission - The commission had a presentation on the Emergency

Ride Home (ERH) Program for which the Transportation Division has requested ODOT funding.

Parking comm. continued:

If funded, the ERH program will be offered to the employees of all businesses or organizations with active representation on the City's Employee Transportation Coordinator (ETC) committee. The committee is composed of representatives from fifteen of the largest employers in the area. They encourage their employees to make commute trips by alternate modes, i.e., bike, bus, car pool, van pool, walking and telecommuting. Under the grant, any employee who uses an alternative mode to get to work and then needs an emergency ride to attend to a sick child or spouse, etc., will be able to utilize a taxi or rental car to get where they need to go with the cost being born by the ERH program. The Parking Commission is also working with the Madison Avenue Task Force on the changes being proposed to the street.

Getting -There - Representatives of the group will be meeting to review the impact of the changes proposed to the Land Development on bicycling. They will also be meeting with the director of the Chamber of Commerce.

Jim Munford - Would like letters sent to the commission by citizens included in the minutes.

Circle/99 - The question arose as to whether or not before and after studies would be done on the effect of the changes recently made to the intersection. Staff response was that studies would be have and will continue to be done and that the changes should improve the function of the intersection for 20 years.

River Front - The members believe that the lighting levels at the parking lots are too high. They were informed that numerous complaints have been received and that efforts are underway to lower the current lighting level.

CPD Stats - Ron Noble (CPD) was requested to give the members an update on the latest statistics relating to bicycle and pedestrian violations and bike theft at their March meeting.

Mixed use Zoning - The members requested a presentation by the Planning Division on the mixed use zoning elements of the Land Development code.

Citizen Survey - There was a request that the Commission talk about the citizen survey results at the next meeting.

Next meeting: March 3, 2000 at Burton's Restaurant, 7:00 a.m