

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
October 7, 2016
DRAFT

Present

Meghan Karas, Chair
 Ron Georg, Vice Chair
 Brad Upton
 Brian Bovee
 James Whittemore
 Emersen Price
 Mike Beilstein, City Council

Staff

Greg Wilson, Public Works

Visitors

Wendy Byrne, Corvallis Right of Way
 Jenna Berman, Oregon Department of
 Transportation
 Dylan Horne
 Trevor Heald

Absent

Trevor Heald

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Agenda Item	Information Only	Held for Further Review	Recommendations
I. Call Meeting to Order/Introductions	X		
II. Review of September 2, 2016 Minutes			Approved
III. Community Comments	X		
IV. Old Business • Bike-o-Rama	X		
V. New Business • None	N/A		
VI. Information Sharing	X		
VII. Commission Requests and Reports	N/A		
VIII. Pending Items	N/A		

CONTENT OF DISCUSSION

I. Call Meeting to Order/Introductions

Chair Karas called the meeting to order and those present introduced themselves.

II. Review of Minutes

Board Member Whittemore moved to approve the September minutes; Board Member Bovee seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously with two abstentions.

III. Community Comments

Visitor Wendy Byrne, representing Corvallis Right of Way (CROW), presented a location map for a report that CROW has compiled on bicycle and pedestrian crashes in Corvallis. It incorporated Corvallis Police Department crash reports from 2011-2014. She noted that one of

the intersections that the Board is recommending installing green pavement markings on (Kings and Buchanan) is one of the most dangerous intersections in the city, but that the other two show no bicycle or pedestrian accidents. She suggested using this map to select three intersections for the green pavement markings. Ms. Byrne agreed to email the map to Mr. Wilson. Chair Karas noted that the reason the intersections were chosen for the pilot was because they met the criteria established by the working group and were in a relatively short section along the Kings Boulevard corridor. Board Member Upton noted that the map noted only crash locations and contained no information regarding causation for the crashes or whether any citations were issued.

Visitor Dylan Horn introduced himself. He is working on his PhD in Civil Engineering at Oregon State University, studying intermodal traffic conflicts. He stated that he is interested in getting more involved in bicycle and pedestrian issues. He has filled out an application to be appointed to the Board.

IV. Old Business

Bike-o-Rama

Mr. Wilson reported that the Board's Bike-o-Rama event is scheduled for October 27, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Old World Deli. He is placing ads in the Gazette Times, posting on the City's Facebook page, and sending to a number of email lists. The Board discussed the format of the event.

V. New Business

None.

VI. Information Sharing

Mr. Wilson reported that the City Manager suggested reducing the City Councilors' obligations, which may lead to the Council not having Liaisons attending Board meetings. Councilor Beilstein noted that there are no official proposals, but that this is a possibility.

Board Member Whittemore reported that he and Mr. Wilson attended a work session for the Benton County Board of Commissioners, which included discussion on the Corvallis to Albany Bikeway. He stated that he had voiced concern over the fact that farmers involved in the path wanted to have a private meeting with the Commissioners. He is concerned with disaster preparedness, noting that in the event of a major earthquake this path will be an important alternative travel route for people.

Mr. Wilson reported that City Engineer Greg Gescher has asked the Street Maintenance Supervisor to get cost estimates together for doing some green pavement marking installations, with possible first installations going in Spring and Summer of 2017.

Mr. Wilson reported that the City is looking into doing an "Open Streets" style event much like those currently being done by the cities of Eugene, Bend, and Portland. Staff is meeting with the Sustainability Coalition's Transportation Action Team to discuss who the lead coordinators of the event might be and what would be involved.

Jenna Berman, from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), stated that she has been talking with her colleagues about the concept of the advanced bicycle signal. Portland has done a number of these, but they are doing this on City streets without ODOT's involvement. She provided information on some of ODOT's concerns with the installation at Highway 99W and Circle Boulevard, including the relatively low volume of bicyclists that might utilize it.

Mr. Wilson reported that the City will be getting some leftover funding from local ODOT projects that came in under budget. The funds will be used for pedestrian and bicycle safety improvement projects. Staff is developing a list of potential projects such as curb extensions and crosswalk improvements.

Board member Georg noted that he would like to see efforts focused on improving the 9th Street corridor. He stated that there is limited bicycle and pedestrian access along the corridor and that there are a great number of commercial attractors that are located there. Mr. Wilson noted that a large retail development may soon be starting construction in the block that was formerly occupied by the Habitat for Humanity facilities, further increasing the demand for improved pedestrian and bicycle access and facilities along the corridor.

VII. Commission Requests and Reports

None.

VIII. Pending Items

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: November 4, 2016, 7:00 a.m., Madison Avenue Meeting Room