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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

January 6, 2020

Redmond City Hall – Room 207, 411 SW 9th Street, Redmond, Oregon

Committee Members Present: Chair Fred Bray, Kevin Briggs, William Dilg, Katie Hammer, Shaun Larson, Justin Peterson, Ken Piarulli (*absent: Vice-Chair Bill Braly, Donald Hundt, Hayes McCoy, Mike Ricketts*)

Youth Ex Officio: *Emily Pedrazzi absent*

City Staff: Scott Woodford, *Senior Planner*; Deborah McMahon, *Planning Manager*; Annie McVay, *Parks Manager*; Mike Caccavano, *City Engineer*; John Roberts, *Deputy City Manager*; Keith Witcosky, *City Manager*; Cameron Prow, *TYPE-Write II*

Visitors: David Thomson, *Deschutes County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee*

Media: None

(Agenda items appear in discussion order. The 3 digits after a motion title show the number of committee members voting in favor/opposed/abstaining.)

CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Bray called the regular meeting of the Redmond Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) to order at 4:05 p.m., Monday, January 6, 2020, without a quorum present (4 of 11 members).

ACTION ITEMS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Telima Trail – Review Trail Concept Linking Redmond to the Deschutes River

Ms. McMahon presented (staff report, PowerPoint) a trail concept to link the City of Redmond with Deschutes River west of the city boundaries. She discussed advantages to a direct river connection and noted Chris Cheng of ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation) was effective at identifying potential funding sources.

BPAC comments included the trail surface and the potential route (private and/or public land). Ms. Hammer reported RAPRD (Redmond Area Park and Recreation District) would be interested in route-planning discussions. BPAC members generally agreed with the Telima Trail concept.

Mr. Woodford introduced Dave Thomson, chair of the Deschutes County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (DBPAC).

Mr. Piarulli arrived at 4:12 p.m. and Mr. Peterson at 4:15 p.m., establishing a quorum (6 of 11 members). Mr. Dilg arrived at 4:23 p.m. after approval of the minutes (7 of 11 members).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 7, 2019

Ms. Prow informed BPAC the October 7, 2019, minutes had been approved at a prior meeting.

B. November 4, 2019

Motion 1 (6/0/0): Ms. Hammer moved to approve the minutes of November 4, 2019, as presented. Mr. Piarulli seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

B. Quartz Park – Provide Input on Park Concept Located at Quartz Avenue and Dry Canyon Trail

Ms. McVay discussed (staff report, PowerPoint) plans for a new park at the intersection of the Dry Canyon Trail and Quartz Avenue. Her summary included the park boundary, planning timeline, public outreach, and comments received to date. The next step will be adding Quartz Park to the Redmond Comprehensive Plan as a long-term project. She requested BPAC feedback on park amenities and other concerns and encouraged BPAC members to participate in the online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/quartzpark>.

BPAC discussion covered car parking options, amenities (bench, bike repair station, restroom, shade structure, water fountain), bike parking, trailhead, wayfinding signage, and examples of a beginning bike skills park. BPAC members generally agreed the City should move forward with the Quartz Park project.

C. Regional Trail Concept – Continuation of Pilot Butte Canal Trail Discussion Between Redmond and Smith Rock

Mr. Woodford outlined (staff report, PowerPoint) a regional trail concept to connect the City of Redmond with Smith Rock State Park. COID (Central Oregon Irrigation District) has indicated its support but wants the City to negotiate trail easements with the multiple property owners. His summary included advantages (recreational, economic development) and an example of a trail in New Zealand that runs along a former railroad track route.

Mr. Caccavano identified a potential alternate route along the North Unit Canal.

Mr. Thomson, Deschutes County BPAC (DBPAC) chair, identified DBPAC's goals which included looking for trail connections to recreational opportunities and connecting Central Oregon communities with low-stress transportation networks. He stated DBPAC was willing to work with Redmond BPAC. He will talk with Chris Cheng, ODOT, about the best approach to take with the county commissioners. DBPAC's next meeting: Thursday, February 6, 2020, in Redmond.

Mr. Thomson stated, as his personal opinion, it was important to get ahead of piping projects.

Ms. Hammer and Mr. Larson volunteered to participate on DBPAC subcommittees.

BPAC concerns included potential routes and public safety. BPAC members generally agreed the regional trail concept to Smith Rock State Park should move forward.

D. Bike Map – Discuss Content and Style for Proposed Bike Map

Mr. Woodford presented (PowerPoint) a brief overview of BPAC's bicycle map efforts to date and asked which direction BPAC wanted to go to create a Redmond bicycle map. Map handouts included Redmond Bicycle Network Improvements (revised September 9, 2015) and bike maps from Austin, Texas, and Denver, Colorado. Portland, Oregon, has a phone app for lost bikers.

BPAC suggestions for Redmond's bike map included:

- Readable map (larger print size) and user-friendly (map on one side, extra data on back).
- Areas to avoid.
- Color-coding routes by comfort levels helpful, especially for inexperienced riders.
- Include route coding in the map legend.
- Link QR codes to BPAC’s website.
- More east and west routes.
- Route distance inside and outside Redmond should be shown in miles.
- Show connections to trails outside Redmond city limits.
- Statistics on paper map usage? Is it worth BPAC’s time to generate a paper map when no one uses them anymore?
- Other concerns: Work with Deschutes County to develop a Central Oregon trail map. Does the county have a scenic bikeways map?

Mr. Thomson said paper maps were effective marketing tools to inform people about places to ride. He invited BPAC members to contact him with information about Deschutes County map links.

Mr. Woodford encouraged BPAC members to e-mail potential regional trail routes to him.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Chair Bray invited BPAC members to attend the City’s volunteer appreciation and training event: Monday, January 27, 2020, 5:30 p.m., at City Hall.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Caccavano said the “quiet street” signs for 4th Street were still under development. He reported attending a Smart Cities Workshop in Bend on December 16, 2019, and suggested BPAC consider siting a bike-sharing system near the Cascades East Transit hub.

Mr. Roberts briefly discussed the importance of BPAC’s discussion to Redmond’s comprehensive plan update process.

ADJOURN

Next BPAC meeting: February 3, 2020, 4 p.m. (1st Monday)

With no further business, Chair Bray adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

APPROVED by the Redmond Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and SIGNED by me this 3 day of February , 2020.

ATTEST:

 /s/ Fred Bray
Fred Bray
Chair

 /s/ Scott Woodford
Scott Woodford
Senior Planner