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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

Monday, November 24, 2014

City Hall Conference Room A, 716 SW Evergreen Avenue, Redmond, Oregon

Committee Members Present: Bill Braly, Fred Bray, Sharon Carrell, Bill Groesz, Katie Hammer, Bill Hilton, Mike Ricketts (absent: *David Alward, Shirlee Evans, Eric Heile, David Swift*)

City Staff: Heather Richards, *Community Development Director*; Scott Woodford, *Associate Planner*; Annie McVay, *Parks and Administration Division Manager*; Mike Caccavano, *City Engineer*; Cameron Prow, *TYPE-Write II*

Visitors: Hank Therien, *Visit Bend*

(scribe CP's note: The minutes were created from an audio record and notes taken at the meeting.)

COMMENCE MEETING

Mr. Woodford opened the meeting at 4:08 p.m. without a quorum as only 5 of 11 members were present. Mr. Hilton arrived at 4:18 p.m., establishing a quorum. Mr. Ricketts arrived at 4:28 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Scenic Bikeway

Mr. Woodford said this topic was part of an earlier discussion about how to incorporate Redmond into the regional bikeway network. He recommended posting Redmond bike routes on the Bike Walk Roll Redmond website.

Mr. Therien presented a handout on the Three Sisters Scenic Bikeway and summarized its background, including Senator Wyden's support, for developing recreational assets. He discussed cycle tourism demographics, revenue impact on local communities, value of state designation, how/what to map, strategic signage, maps, economic driver (family bike tours), and marketing (Facebook, Flickr, word-of-mouth). Visit Bend has eight bike routes on its website, four of which are state-designated (Camp Sherman loops, McKenzie River Pass, Sisters to Smith Rock, Twin Bridges out of Bend). Routes not state-designated include one in Madras. Friends of the Three Sisters Scenic Bikeway Committee meets every other month and is working to connect all Central Oregon communities with bike routes. He suggested that BPAC set its goals for Redmond bike routes and recommend routes to achieve those goals. He indicated interest in providing a link on the Visit Bend website to the Bike Walk Roll Redmond website.

Mr. Caccavano said Dan at the Redmond Chamber of Commerce has mapped some bike routes.

BPAC concerns included the state's obligation to designated routes (signage, marketing), public safety, potential of state or federal dollars to improve roads, interconnectedness of Central Oregon (adding Redmond-originated bike routes to Visit Bend website), multimodal access to U.S. Forest Service trails, target rider demographics (new, intermediate, advanced), and membership criteria for Friends of Three Sisters Scenic Bikeway. Following discussion, members agreed to begin collecting route ideas.

BPAC Subcommittee Reports

a. Media Campaign

Members: Ms. Carrell, Ms. Hammer, Ms. Richards, Mr. Woodford, Mr. Caccavano

Work Plan Strategy: Brand the System

Action: Develop information campaign with a website and bicycle map.

Ms. Hammer reported the subcommittee discussed media outreach, developing a marketing plan, launching the Bike Walk Roll Redmond event, engaging middle and high school students (possibly through a Facebook scavenger hunt), and a proposed timeline (spring 2015).

Mr. Caccavano said it was important to engage and get feedback from people of all ages.

Mr. Woodford said the City is encouraging public feedback on safe biking and walking routes to school and work via online (interactive map on the Bike Walk Roll Redmond website) and print media (brochures, flyers, wrist bands) but has experienced a minimal response. Bike riding by students goes up when this activity is supported by school administration. He emphasized the importance of engaging the community in BPAC efforts.

BPAC ideas about improving feedback included having a consistent meeting schedule for this subcommittee and using social media with simple messages.

b. Bike and Pedestrian Infrastructure

Members: Mr. Alward, Ms. Evans, Mr. Swift, Ms. Richards, Mr. Woodford, Mr. Caccavano

Work Plan Strategy: Infrastructure Improvements

Action: Develop a bike and pedestrian infrastructure map identifying routes and types of infrastructure to deploy.

Mr. Woodford said this subcommittee has met a couple of times and discussed standards for existing bike lanes, bike boulevards, multi-use paths, and protected bike lanes. Starting in January 2015, the City plans to engage consultants from Portland, Oregon, and/or the University of Oregon to help move this project forward. He recommended aligning BPAC efforts with the Redmond Bicycle Refinement Plan. All BPAC members will review these standards before they move forward in the process.

Mr. Caccavano recommended using real-life examples to balance best practices with cost effectiveness. He requested BPAC feedback in January 2015 on the design process for three projects: 15th Street into Sam Johnson Park, 15th to Obsidian, and South Canal Boulevard between Obsidian and Salmon Avenues.

c. Trails Amenities Plan

Members: Mr. Braly, Ms. Evans, Mr. Hilton, Mr. Woodford, Mr. Caccavano

Work Plan Strategy: Infrastructure Improvements

Action: Develop an infrastructure standards methodology-type of infrastructure and determine when to deploy it.

Mr. Woodford presented his staff report and a written summary of the subcommittee's meetings on October 15 and November 19, 2014, noting that much of those discussions focused on trailheads. He recommended the subcommittee review where amenities should be located to accommodate public use of the trail network at points other than at trailheads. He suggested that the subcommittee meet again before the full BPAC reviews the draft trails amenities plan.

BPAC discussion covered appropriate sites for amenities and potential trailhead sites.

Work with Schools to Identify and Improve Safe Routes to School

Work Plan Strategy: Infrastructure Improvements

Action: Develop a bike and pedestrian infrastructure map identifying routes and types of infrastructure to deploy.

Mr. Caccavano reported meeting with the principal of Sage Elementary who identified several problem areas near the school. He recommended BPAC members personally observe students at individual schools to gather data about biking and walking routes, map the routes used, and identify improvements needed (crosswalks, multi-use paths, educating students about safer practices). Developing a plan based on personal observation would help build community support.

BPAC concerns included getting permission from individual schools; making sure school staff (principals, crossing guards, teachers, maintenance staff) know why BPAC members are at the school; interviewing students, parent teacher organizations, and parents waiting to pick up their children after school; differing needs at each school (grade levels, traffic patterns/congestion, time of day, crosswalk locations vs. student crossing habits, missing sidewalk segments); funding; educating students, parents, and school staff about new infrastructure; and how school contacts should be made (BPAC partnering with a City staff member). Following discussion, members volunteered to contact schools individually: Mr. Swift (Sage), Mr. Bray (Tom McCall), and Ms. Hammer (wherever needed).

Mr. Caccavano said he and Mr. Woodford would compile a list of schools with starting and ending times and identify key points for BPAC members to cover when communicating with the schools.

Ms. Richards commented that several school administrators have volunteered to coordinate student groups to help identify where students are going and how they are getting there.

Trail Surfacing Proposal

Work Plan Strategy: Infrastructure Improvements

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Ms. McVay postponed discussion to the next meeting due to lack of time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (None)

LIAISON COMMENTS (None)

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Woodford encouraged current members to apply for this committee and said he would e-mail an application form to anyone interested. Ms. Richards explained the appointment process. Applications are due December 5, 2014. A Chair and Vice-Chair will be elected at the January 5, 2015, meeting.

Ms. Richards reported that Matt Arnold/Portland BPAC, Jerry Norquist, Mark Schlossberg/University of Oregon, and others have volunteered to donate their time and energy to speak to BPAC. Mr. Woodford announced that the City will host a webinar by Mr. Schlossberg entitled "Rethinking Streets" on December 3, 2014.

BPAC COMMENTS

Mr. Groesz expressed disappointment about the Forest Service's lack of support for the Sisters trail. Ms. Richards noted that public engagement is vital to the success of this type of project. The group supporting this trail will try again when they have more community engagement.

