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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

November 2, 2015

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

Commissioners Present: Chair William Hilton, Vice-Chair Bill Braly, Sharon Carrell, Andrea Green, Katie Hammer, Mike Ricketts, David Swift (absent: *Fred Bray, Shirlee Evans, Karen Hermanek, Rand Hill*)

Student Ex Officio: Brennan Buckley-Noonan

City Staff: Scott Woodford, *Associate Planner*; Mike Caccavano, *City Engineer*; Bill Duerden, *Public Works Director*; Cameron Prow, *TYPE-Write II*

Council Liaison: None assigned

Visitors: None

Media: Dave Morgan, *RedmondNewsToday.com*

(The 3 digits after a motion title show the number of members voting in favor/opposed/abstaining.)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hilton opened the meeting at 4:03 p.m. with a quorum of members (6 of 11) present. Ms. Hammer arrived at 4:08 p.m. after approval of the minutes.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion 1 (6/0/0): Ms. Carrell moved to approve the minutes of September 8, 2015. Mr. Swift seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

D. Update on Homestead Canal Trail

Mr. Duerden said he presented information on this project to BPAC two years ago. He summarized (PowerPoint) the background, project parameters, design, funding, community support, progress to date, and relationship of this trail project to other Canal Boulevard improvements. Homestead Canal Trail follows Pilot Butte Canal from the north end of town south to a location across from Ridgeview High School. Phase 1 was funded by an Oregon Parks and Recreation trails grant. The City's previous application for *ConnectOregon V* funding scored in the Top 3 of bicycle/pedestrian projects statewide but did not compete successfully with other transportation modes. The 12-foot paved path is intended to connect the Professional Business Medical District to downtown shopping and the transit hub through Homestead Park, the industrial area near the airport, and neighborhoods with limited options for transit. He requested a BPAC letter of support for his *ConnectOregon VI* application which is due on November 20, 2015.

Mr. Caccavano explained how this project related to the South 97 Corridor Study.

Mr. Morgan asked about the grant application process (evaluation criteria, project ranking).

BPAC concerns included safe trail crossings of major roadways, source of *ConnectOregon* funds, results of September 2015 bike/ped counts at Maple Avenue, reallocating flag monument funds to this project, opportunity to review trail design and alignment, and flooding risk along the canal.

Motion 2 (7/0/0): Mr. Braly moved to approve drafting a letter of support for the Homestead Canal Trail project. Mr. Ricketts seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

A. Update on 15th Street Bike/Pedestrian Demonstration Project

Mr. Caccavano recapped (PowerPoint) prior BPAC discussion about a two-way bike lane on the east side of 15th Street. Staff met with City Council and residents last week. Councilors asked if 15th Street was the best location for this demonstration project. Resident concerns included narrow travel lanes against the west side of the street, two-way bike lane (confusion, enforcement), planter strip (effectiveness, maintenance), parking, speeding, cut-through traffic, traffic increase due to new playground in Sam Johnson Park, stop-sign running by cyclists and motorists, crosswalks, landscaping, fences, historic stone walls, and closing the 15th Street entrance to Sam Johnson Park since other options exist. No one disagreed with the need for a sidewalk but some did disagree about the need for a bike lane in this location. Staff also consulted experts in Portland, Oregon. He presented the Oregon Department of Transportation's 2011 Bicycle and Pedestrian Design Guide and the Washington County Design Toolkit 2012. *Next steps* will include additional research (sidewalks, comfort of all users, safety improvements, parking, control speeding and cut-through traffic, decrease impacts to adjacent properties) and presenting a revised design to BPAC and the neighborhood.

BPAC discussion covered Dry Canyon access alternatives (Redmond High School, Spud Bowl), student preference for direct routes, origin of bike lane concept instead of bike boulevard, allowing parking bays to interrupt the bike lane, one-way traffic on part of 15th Street, reducing/eliminating conflicting traffic, connection to re-routed path in Sam Johnson Park, and impact of any demonstration path on parking. Members agreed to discuss potential bike boulevard locations and how these will fit into the transportation network at their next meeting.

Mr. Woodford suggested getting feedback from the Parks Master Plan Update Advisory Committee.

B. Update on Safe Routes to School Project

Mr. Woodford thanked committee members for their participation during Back to School nights. He reviewed action plan assignments and Phase 2 outreach projects that should be done before the holidays. He recommended members reach out to the school contact person to share what they learned on the Back to School night. He recapped project goals (safer school commutes, improving traffic flow) and benefits to raising community awareness about these issues. He asked members to e-mail summaries to him of what they learned at Back to School nights.

Mr. Caccavano said knowing about dangerous street crossings and missing sidewalk segments will allow him to work those into Public Works' project schedule. Additional benefits he has seen included schools investing in bike fleets.

Committee members shared what they heard at the Back to School nights: lack of public awareness (places to go, what is available, how to get there), lack of continuous sidewalks, lack of snow removal on 10th Street, lack of crossing guards (Obsidian Middle School), bike racks fuller

than in 2014 (Sage Elementary), poor lighting, and need for more lighting options (streetlights, student flashlights).

C. Review BPAC Marketing Plan

Mr. Woodford presented the draft marketing plan (Version 4, November 2015). He summarized the background of this project, including work done by University of Oregon students in their spring 2015 Bicycle Planning course and by a BPAC subcommittee. He requested BPAC feedback at today's meeting or via e-mail.

BPAC comments included referencing the University of Oregon plan which contained a lot of useful information, not all of which made it into the draft plan. Members also discussed how to increase awareness and get people involved. Ideas included asking event promoters to speak to BPAC, bike decorating contest for the 4th of July parade, BPAC article in the City newsletter, and joint events with other groups instead of hosting events. Ms. Carrell reported that Eric at Trinity Bikes was very interested.

Motion 3 (7/0/0): Mr. Braly moved to adopt the draft marketing plan. Ms. Carrell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

None assigned.

Mr. Caccavano said he would ask Council when a liaison will be appointed.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Chair Hilton requested more frequent review of BPAC's annual work plan. Following discussion, members recommended including a progress check/status report in the monthly meeting packets.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Woodford presented the latest (August 2015) draft of the Trails Amenities Plan for BPAC review prior to the next meeting. Central Oregon Irrigation District has reviewed this plan and is supportive.

Mr. Caccavano said he has been working with the GIS (Geographic Information System) class through the Sustainable Cities Initiative. Projects include a walkability analysis of Redmond. BPAC will be invited to view the student presentation. He also reported working on an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) transition plan which will include identifying routes and destinations. The City just signed a contract for a consultant to inventory substandard ramps. BPAC concerns included what outcomes were expected.

Mr. Woodford reported the results of his research into temporary wayfinding signage. Community Development Director Heather Richards has recommended doing the overall wayfinding plan first and allocated some staff resources to this effort. He assured members that BPAC would have an opportunity to provide feedback on the wayfinding signage plan.

Next meeting: Monday, December 7, 2015, 4 p.m.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Chair Hilton adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

APPROVED by Redmond Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and SIGNED by me this

8th day of March, 2016.

ATTEST:

/s/ David Swift
David Swift
Chair

/s/ Heather Richards
Heather Richards
Community Development Director