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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

November 7, 2016

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

Commissioners Present: Chair David Swift, Vice-Chair Katie Hammer, Bill Braly, Fred Bray, Shirlee Evans, Andrea Green (*absent: Mike Ricketts; 4 vacancies*)

Youth Ex Officio: Vacant

City Staff: Scott Woodford, *Senior Planner*; Mike Caccavano, *City Engineer*; Keith Witcosky, *City Manager*; Cameron Prow, *TYPE-Write II*

Visitors: Don and Susan Pope, Brian Pouillon

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 Swift opened the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meeting at 4:07 p.m. with a quorum of members (6 of 7) present.

ACTION ITEMS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Subcommittee Updates

1. **Safe Routes Draft Action Plans:**

Sage Elementary School: Mr. Swift reported meeting with the principal and other staff to discuss their concerns about parking lot congestion during morning drop-off and afternoon pickup of students by parents. He presented (PowerPoint) slides and outlined changes suggested by school staff (Note: numbers in parentheses refer to map reference points):

- Allow parking on school side of Wickiup Avenue
- Include crosswalk (1) within the school zone and add a pedestrian-activated beacon.
- Construct an off-street bike path – school has agreed to pay for the part of the path that crosses school property
- Add new crosswalks at (4) and (5)
- Eliminate parental parking in fire lanes.

Mr. Caccavano said the City could conduct vehicle counts of motorists to develop objective data about parents' driving behavior during morning and afternoon peak-use periods. He

suggested constructing a wider multi-use path, instead of a bike-only path, and extending the end of the multi-use trail along Xero Avenue. He said encouragement and education were needed at Sage in addition to engineering solutions.

BPAC concerns included student traffic patterns, changing parents' travel routes, changing the 35 mile-per-hour sign to 25 miles per hour, pedestrian island on 27th Street, included student use of surrounding streets and sidewalks in the count survey, and educating parents about how their driving routines are contributing to the congestion. Following discussion, BPAC members agreed by consensus Chair Swift should move forward with the school on the plan as proposed.

- John Tuck Elementary: Mr. Woodford said Commute Options did four Walking School Busses/Bike Trains and will do more in spring 2017. The route started from the fire department and the Fire Marshal provided hot chocolate to the students.
- Vern Patrick Elementary: Mr. Woodford said this school decided to do their own program and give students incentives (prizes) for riding bikes or walking to school.
- Tom McCall Elementary: Mr. Bray said the bike train he led on October 5 (Bike to School Day), was well attended (53 students, 4 teachers). He outlined the route which started at Quince Park. The weather was a misty but everyone had a good time. The parents, teachers, and principal were happy with the level of participation. He is planning to do another bike train in spring 2017. He will work with school staff and the Parent Teacher Association to encourage their taking responsibility for continuing this program without BPAC involvement.

Mr. Woodford requested photos of the next bike train event.

2. **Downtown Bike Corral**: Mr. Woodford said there was little change since the last BPAC meeting. DURAC (Downtown Urban Renewal Advisory Committee) requested an update (Mr. Caccavano or Chair Swift) as the bike corral will be funded by urban renewal dollars.

BPAC requested an updated list of surrounding businesses and suggested using City-owned public parking to offset the loss of an on-street vehicle parking space converted to bike use.

Mr. Caccavano said he would talk to Chuck Arnold, Economic Development/Urban Renewal Project Coordinator, about public parking inventory near the proposed bike corral.

3. **Marketing – Bike, Walk, and Roll Implementation**: Mr. Woodford reported posting a video of Commute Options' Brian Potwin leading a walking school bus and 15th Street improvements on Facebook. He invited members to join the subcommittee he shares with Vice-Chair Hammer. One of the subcommittee's tasks is to create and implement an event and activity calendar to assure in-time postings on Facebook and other social media.
4. **Wayfinding/Bike Map**: Chair Swift accepted Mr. Woodford's recommendation to skip this topic due to Agenda Items B and C below which addressed map concerns.

B. Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Plan

Mr. Woodford presented his staff report, PowerPoint, and the draft plan including a June 7, 2013, map of Redmond Bicycle Network Improvements. Finalizing this network plan is included in BPAC's 2016-2017 work plan. He reviewed recommendations for immediate, near-term, and long-term strategies to increase active bicycle transportation. Related planning tools included the

Bicycle Master Plan and the adopted Bicycle Refinement Plan. Key findings to date indicated Redmond is a good place to ride a bike, most people ride bikes for recreation, women feel less safe riding on roads, and most parents do not feel safe letting their children ride bikes on streets. Input on the existing infrastructure provided by stakeholders including BPAC members, has suggested the City use a design vehicle (“Isabella”) that targets a 13-year-old girl, multiple facilities, and signage. The subcommittee (Chair Swift, Mr. Braly, Mr. Bray, Mr. Caccavano) recommended the draft plan presented here. He outlined the City’s review process. Next steps included adding the map to the Parks and Open Space Master Plan and soliciting public feedback on the draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Plan.

Mr. Caccavano said he and Mr. Woodford will present the map at a City Council work session prior to the next BPAC meeting.

Following discussion, BPAC members agreed by consensus to support the subcommittee-proposed map concept and recommended staff present the concept for a formal vote at the next BPAC meeting following the Council work session.

C. Bicycle Comfort Map

Mr. Woodford presented the staff report, PowerPoint, and a June 7, 2013, map of Redmond Bicycle Network Improvements for the Bike Comfort Map). This task is also on BPAC’s 2016-2017 work plan. The industry is moving away from rating trails by the facility type and toward rating routes based on how comfortable they are for the basic user to ride. The proposed color scheme was based on mountain bike trail colors: green (easy), blue (medium), and yellow (less comfortable). He asked who to contact about how to make the “comfort map” more user-friendly and requested BPAC members field-test the “comfort” trails and report back at the next meeting.

BPAC concerns included proposed trail colors (brighter colors for easy, dashed lines for less comfortable) and suggested ratings of some trail segments, wayfinding signage, rider education, and designating a separated multi-use path behind Home Depot as “easy.”

D. Integration of Bicycle Infrastructure with Larger Area

Mr. Woodford provided a “Cycling in Vancouver” map from Washington State.

Chair Swift presented a list of his ideas entitled Wider Area Connectivity which included recommendations for connecting with scenic bikeways, populated areas and destinations, mountain bike trails, and the ditchrider/North Unit Canal trail. He suggested the North Unit Canal ditchrider trail be made ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)-compatible and said the Redmond Hot Shots were willing to build this trail.

BPAC reviewed the map and list and recommended updating the Redmond map on the RideOregonRide website (<http://rideoregonride.com/rides/scenic-bikeways>).

Mr. Caccavano agreed to provide updates to the RideOregonRide website to show connections between scenic bikeways and Redmond trails.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Morgan invited BPAC members to e-mail photos of recreational trail moments to him for posting on news@redmondnewstoday.com.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Mr. Bray requested a status report on the 15th Street improvements. Mr. Caccavano said the improvements were done and counts will be done to record how residents are responding to them.

