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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

December 5, 2016

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

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

Youth Ex Officio: Vacant

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

Visitors: Brian Potwin, *Commute Options*; J. Jantzen; Neil Ware

Media: None

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Swift opened the regular meeting of the Redmond Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) at 4:05 p.m. with a quorum of members (7 of 7) present.

ACTION ITEMS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 3, 2016

Motion 1 (7/0/0): Ms. Hammer moved to approve the minutes of October 3, 2016. Mr. Braly seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2017 Event – Play Streets – Discussion with Brian Potwin, Commute Options

Mr. Potwin reported Commute Options (CO) just signed a contract with the City of Redmond to work on the possibility of hosting a Play Streets and/or Open Streets event. He outlined (PowerPoint) CO's work with its Safe Routes to Schools program at John Tuck Elementary and Vern Patrick Elementary. CO hosted a "Walk and Bike to School Day," helped both schools start a weekly activity of kids biking and walking to school together, and provided bicycle and pedestrian education. He provided additional details about what these two schools were doing, noting that Commute Options will organize more events for the 2017 school year.

Mr. Potwin presented a PowerPoint and a movie, *The Rise of Open Streets*. He outlined what CO learned from the inaugural Bend Open Streets event on September 18, 2016: planning, outreach, attendance (2,500), route (2.5 miles), benefits to businesses along the route, related activities, clean-up, and feedback. This international movement started in Bogotá, Colombia. He showed slides of similar events held in other areas; there are 133 different initiatives across the United States. He discussed the difference between Open Streets and Play Streets, the importance of

sufficient planning time and advance education to stakeholders, what a Play Streets event might look like in Redmond, and potential goals for a Redmond event. He recommended starting small to build something sustainable. Next steps, if interested: build a steering committee, develop a proposal (budget, goals, timeline, core objectives), establish political support, and final a lead organizing entity.

Mr. Woodford reported what he observed about the Bend Open Streets event and summarized the background of the Play Streets program.

BPAC concerns included the impact of street closures on businesses, time of year/weather, starting point (new city hall), potential routes, showcasing City achievements (bike boulevard, Homestead Canal trail), connections to downtown businesses, safe highway crossings, education (Council and community), target audience, planning time, funding (grants), and potential stakeholders/partners (St. Charles Medical Center, City, Redmond Area Park and Recreation District, Downtown Urban Renewal Advisory Committee [DURAC], downtown merchants). Following discussion, BPAC members agreed to the value of a brainstorming session on the Play Streets idea. Mr. Potwin said he would e-mail an invitation to a Doodle poll to schedule a date and time.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Jantzen said the Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Plan was exciting. He commended the bike-friendliness of 19th Street and Northwest Way. Ideas for improving bike-friendliness of streets included using smaller rocks when chip-sealing bike lanes, removing detritus, raising sewer drains to street level, reorienting sewer grates so slots don't align with bike wheels, and preventing extra exhaust from being discharged by diesel trucks. He asked if citizens could volunteer to drive the City's sweeping equipment on streets such as South Canal Boulevard and 27th Street.

Mr. Ware suggested painting circles around the sunken drains so cyclists could see them in advance and said Highway 126 was not safe to bike on since the last chip-sealing process was done. He identified 23rd Street as one needing improvement for bike friendliness.

Mr. Caccavano responded to citizen concerns about maintenance of City streets. He discussed bike lanes and other improvements planned for South Canal Boulevard between Obsidian and Yew Avenues.

Ms. Evans left at 5:23 p.m., reducing the number of members present to six.

B. Subcommittee Updates

- 1. Safe Routes Draft Action Plans:** Mr. Woodford reported nothing new.

Tom McCall Elementary: Mr. Bray said he was waiting for the new PE (Physical Education) teacher to arrive before trying to set up more activities for spring 2017. He thanked Mr. Potwin for pencils and stickers he sent which were popular with the 52 student riders. Mr. Potwin said the materials he supplied came from the Bicycle Transportation Alliance.

Sage Elementary: Mr. Caccavano and Mr. Woodford requested a copy of the latest plan for Sage. Mr. Caccavano said he would meet with the Transportation Division to identify what the City could do right away.

- 2. Downtown Bike Corral:** Mr. Woodford reported nothing new. He recapped BPAC's recommendation to postpone installing a bike corral on 6th Street and look at the Deschutes Avenue/6th Street intersection instead. He said DURAC was willing to fund the portion of the proposed bike boulevard along Deschutes Avenue within DURAC's boundary.

3. **Marketing – Bike, Walk, and Roll Implementation** (Ms. Hammer, Mr. Woodford): Mr. Woodford said this subcommittee has been promoting activities as they come up but needed to start meeting again on a more regular basis. Ms. Green volunteered to join. Ms. Hammer said she would work on setting up an event calendar.
4. **Wayfinding/Bike Map:** Mr. Woodford said staff were still working on color schemes, but will pursue making this map more user-friendly based on discussion at the last BPAC meeting. Mr. Caccavano said he had an Engineering intern working on this project: first, at the motorist level; second, at the pedestrian/bicycle level.

BPAC concerns included map technology (paper, digital), map locations, and not allowing the motorist sign system to dictate bike/ped signage design.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Plan Adoption
BPAC members reviewed the October 31, 2016, map and identified gaps in bike improvements proposed for new developments. Chair Swift pointed out a lack of bike connections in the Wickiup/Helmholtz neighborhood. Mr. Braly said he wanted this plan to be a living document, subject to modification as new information becomes available.

Mr. Woodford responded to members' concern about the flexibility of the plan, noting bike facilities might be slightly different and a different alignment might be drawn to fit conditions on the ground.

Motion 2 (6/0/0): Mr. Braly moved that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee recommend that City Council approve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Plan. Mr. Bray seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Chair Swift asked if the 3-way stop sign coming from the north at 15th Street/Canyon could be moved as it was too far back, not placed where people expected to see a stop sign. Mr. Caccavano said he would research why this sign was not sited closer to the sidewalk.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Caccavano said liability issues for the City would prevent citizens from operating City equipment to help maintain bike lanes on streets.

Next meeting: To be determined.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Chair Swift adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

APPROVED by the Redmond Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and SIGNED by me this
____ 6th ____ day of ____ February ____, 2016.

ATTEST:

_____/s/ David Swift_____
David Swift
Chair

_____/s/ Scott Woodford_____
Scott Woodford
Senior Planner