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## **BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### Minutes

Monday, June 1, 2015

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

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

**Youth Ex Officio:** Brennan Buckley-Noonan

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

**Visitors:** Dan Serpico, *Oregon Department of Transportation*;

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

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair Braly opened the meeting at 4:07 p.m. with a quorum of members (8 of 11) present. Ms. Hermanek arrived at 4:09 p.m.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Dan Serpico, ODOT Bicycle Infrastructure Presentation

Mr. Serpico, Senior Traffic Analyst with the Oregon Department of Transportation, attended a week-long Comprehensive Bicycle Planning and Design workshop at Portland State University. He made a PowerPoint presentation based on the IBPI (Initiative for Bicycle and Pedestrian Innovation)-sponsored workshop that included bicycle travel alternatives (Sunday Parkways, bike signals, green and buffered bike lanes, one-way and two-way cycle tracks, bike parking, and Copenhagen left turns). He discussed causes of bike crashes/fatalities, noting that bike riders should be aware of their behavior as well as that of motorists. He recommended Mia Birk's book, *Joyride: Pedaling Toward a Healthier Planet*.

BPAC concerns included motorist education about bike signals and other bike safety features, how to convert vehicle parking to bike use, retrofitting older neighborhoods for safe bike use, and creating a bike-friendly atmosphere in a car-centric society.

2. Sustainable Cities Initiative – Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Course

Mr. Woodford invited BPAC to attend an official presentation by University of Oregon students on Monday, June 8, 2015, 12 noon-2 p.m., Conference Room A. The instructor, Marc Schlossberg, Ph.D., co-authored the book: *Rethinking Streets: An Evidence-Based Guide to 25 Complete Street Transformations*.

Committee concerns included grant-funding options for future projects and an update on the "Hunting for History" event on May 16, jointly sponsored by the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission and BPAC. Mr. Woodford said the history event drew about 80 people (split 50/50 between bike riders and pedestrians) and introduced historic preservation to a new demographic.

3. Safe Routes to Schools Project Update

Mr. Woodford presented an Action Plan spreadsheet, showing Redmond public schools with contact data, BPAC assignments, Spring '15 Activities, and Fall '15 activities.

Ms. Evans reported the results of her survey of 23 fourth-grade students at John Tuck Elementary. She said focus groups were more effective with Parent Teacher Organizations and parents than with elementary school students.

BPAC members discussed barriers to greater bike use by students (need to transport books and sports gear to/from school, lack of respect by motorists, conflicts with cars, car speeds, teenage driver judgment, longer commuting time vs. current sleep schedule, sexy image of car-driving vs. bike-riding), changing outreach targets for elementary schools from students to parents (younger kids can only do what parents allow), and moving bike access to back of schools to avoid conflicts with cars and busses.

Mr. Buckley-Noonan explained why driving a car served his needs better than biking.

Mr. Caccavano requested that anyone wanting to report traffic safety issues contact him directly.

4. Bike and Pedestrian Counts

Mr. Woodford presented the 2014 Redmond Bike and Pedestrian Count Results on September 11 and September 14 and asked if BPAC wanted to increase the count frequency.

Following discussion about the number of volunteers, recruitment sources, volunteer burn-out, and difference between manual and automated counts, BPAC members decided to retain the current annual count by volunteers in September. Automatic counters, when available, could be used to gather more data more often in key locations such as the Dry Canyon.

**COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS**

None.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Mr. Woodford said development proposals coming for the southwest part of town could impact the trail system.

Mr. Caccavano announced the City was planning to install sidewalks and bike facilities along 15<sup>th</sup> Street and on Highland Avenue in fiscal year 2015-2016.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

Ms. Carrell requested an update on the May 16 "Hunting for History" event, jointly sponsored by the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission and BPAC. Mr. Woodford said the event drew about 80 people (split 50/50 between bike riders and pedestrians) and introduced historic preservation to a new demographic.

Ms. Evans said a four-way stop was needed at the intersection of Larch Avenue and North Canal Boulevard. Poor visibility makes this a dangerous intersection for all users. Mr. Caccavano said he would research the situation.

Mr. Swift asked how other small cities add bicycle infrastructure to older neighborhoods.

Mr. Buckley-Noonan announced Ridgeview High School will host a "Ravens Fun Run" and auction on Saturday, September 12, 2015. He'll provide more details as they become available.

**ADJOURN**

The next meeting is scheduled for 4 p.m., Monday, July 6, 2015.

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

APPROVED by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and SIGNED by me this 6th day of July, 2015.

ATTEST:

/s/ William Hilton  
William Hilton  
Chair

/s/ Heather Richards  
Heather Richards  
Community Development Director