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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
July 6, 2015

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

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

Youth Ex Officio: Brennan Buckley-Noonan

City Staff: Heather Richards, *Community Development Director*; Deborah McMahon, *Principal Planner*; Mike Caccavano, *City Engineer*; Cameron Prow, *TYPE-Write II*

Visitors: Richard King

Media: Dave Morgan, *Redmond News Today*

(The 3-digit number after a motion title shows the number of members voting in favor/opposed/abstaining.)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hilton opened the meeting at 4:05 p.m. with a quorum of members (7 of 11) present.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. King discussed cyclist safety concerns in Redmond and recommended a bike registration program.

Ms. Richards replied that the City explored a bike registration program in the past, but saw it as a barrier to increasing bike ridership which was a higher priority.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion 1 (7/0/0): Ms. Carrell moved to approve the minutes of May 4 and June 1, 2015. Mr. Bray seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Review 15th Street Sidewalk Concepts

Mr. Caccavano reviewed (PowerPoint) concepts to improve pedestrian and bike facilities along 15th Street from Highland Avenue to Deschutes Avenue. His summary covered the project background, existing conditions, and public input process. Next steps include presenting a new draft sidewalk concept at the August 3 BPAC meeting and sharing the BPAC-recommended concept at a neighborhood meeting.

Ms. Richards outlined City Council priorities regarding bicycle and pedestrian connections between downtown and Sam Johnson Park. She suggested combining the proposed sidewalk and bike lane into a wider, two-way multi-use path to improve accessibility of Sam Johnson Park. She recommended incorporating ideas from the University of Oregon students participating in the Sustainable Cities Initiative class.

Committee members clarified their understanding of the sidewalk concepts presented. Additional concerns included improving public safety and ADA access at the Deschutes Avenue entrance to Sam Johnson Park and the Spud Bowl and improving bike safety along 15th Street and at the Highland/15th Street intersection through signals and signage.

Following discussion, Committee members agreed by consensus to recommend the City construct a 10-foot multi-use path along the west side of 15th Street as a demonstration project.

2. Safe Routes to School Project – Review Site Visits

Mr. Caccavano reported receiving great input and cooperation from the schools visited.

Ms. Richards said Mark Horn is working with Eric Helie, a local business owner, to buy a fleet of 30 bikes for students at Elton Gregory Middle School. Mr. Helie is designing bike and scooter racks and exploring a partnership with one of the high school classes to build them. Education on how to use the bikes will be added in fall 2015. Mr. Horn and Mr. Helie are talking with other administrators about doing similar programs. Their efforts are a good model for other schools.

Ms. Hammer said Mr. Helie had a fund-raising proposal that would not cost the schools anything.

3. Central Oregon Bike Hubs

Chair Hilton reported attending a tri-county summit. He, Vice-Chair Braly, and Mr. Caccavano met a week ago to discuss Redmond's participation in this program. When he spoke with Michael Duncan today, Mr. Duncan said he was going to e-mail all local governments in Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties regarding their interest in this program.

Mr. Caccavano noted Sisters is working on a bicycle network. He skimmed through the PowerPoint presentation on the Central Oregon Hub System and discussed the Columbia Gorge process and system. Hood River and Mosier have completed their part of the system. Phone-charging systems appear to be greatly desired by riders. Next steps include identifying partners (Cascades East Transit, others), refining the project scope, and selecting a consultant.

Committee concerns included the importance of getting all Central Oregon communities to participate, "branding" the Central Oregon route, wayfinding signage for distance and local riders, potential Redmond locations, and goal for connecting to the regional system (bringing tourists into local communities).

Ms. Richards suggested BPAC consider how to serve the Redmond community first and then tie that into the regional system. Ashland's bicycle-pedestrian network serves its downtown.

COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Chair Hilton suggested BPAC start planning its second annual bike and pedestrian count project which is due in September 2015. He recommended continuing the manual count program for at least the first two years of an automated counting system if the City decides to implement one.

Mr. Swift requested information on why permits allowing races on City streets are hard to get. Ms. Richards explained the public assembly permitting process. Mr. Swift suggested BPAC review the bicycle refinement plan. Ms. Richards recommended BPAC also review its 2015-2016 work plan and suggestions from the University of Oregon students about wayfinding marketing.

