

**CITY OF ALBANY
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION
City Hall, Santiam Room
333 Broadalbin SW
Tuesday, August 11, 2009
12:00 Noon**

MINUTES

Commission Members Present	Bill Pintard, Chairman; Jim Lawrence; Matthew Hasek; Mark Siddall
Commission Members Absent	Terrance Virnig, Vice-Chair; Kelly Albers; Steve Pensinger
Staff Present	Jeff Woodward, P.E., Civil Engineer II; C. Marie Redner, PW Project Accountant; Ron Irish, P.E., Civil Engineer II
Others Present	

CALL TO ORDER

Pintard called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 14, 2009, were unanimously approved following a motion by Siddall and a second by Hasek.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL – REPORT (Pintard)

Pintard reported there was a meeting scheduled today at 4:00 p.m. regarding Oak School. They are arranging for a demonstration of the pedestrian safety program. He also reported that Wes Hare had notified him that the grant was approved for funding a coordinator for the Safe Routs to School project.

ACTION: None

CRITERIUM, AUGUST 15, 2009 - REPORT (Lawrence)

Lawrence said the plan was to close off the downtown streets and there would be signage regarding the closures.

Pintard said this event is sponsored by the Oregon Bicycle Racing Association (OBRA) and will include varied age groups of competitors. The event begins at 10:00 a.m. and continues to 6:30 p.m. There will be fourteen events in all and he expects a good crowd.

Discussion was held regarding the routes and changing the traffic patterns on Calapooia and behind the Post Office.

ACTION: None

SEPTEMBER 2009: BIKE MONTH/BIKE TO WORK WEEK (Siddall)

Siddall reported on the schedule for team captains and kick-off events that are being held in Salem and Portland. He stated the need for a team of volunteers to contact businesses and recruit participation. A suggestion was made to contact the Calapooia Brewery as a possible sponsor.

Pintard shared a poster on Bike to Work from the BTA. He reported there were seven teams last year including a team from the City of Albany.

Lawrence suggested contacting HAP (Healthy Albany Partnership), the Kiwanis, Rotary Club, and other service organizations to get on their meeting agendas to spread the word. He noted the official sign-up date is August 17, 2009.

ACTION: None

INTERSECTION ISSUES (Commissioners)

Pintard reported there are no children crossing 34th to get to Oak School, but there are, however, those crossing to Lafayette School. He spoke about a coordinator implementing a program at the schools for educating children on how to be safe.

Irish reported on the current overlay projects at Waverly, Liberty, Salem, Geary, and Santiam from Geary to Main. He stated they will be striped to include bike lanes. This will remove the turn lane. He said new loops will be going in at all signaled intersections and they will be capable of picking up bicycles but they need to be tested. Lawrence suggested the striping needs to indicate where a bicyclist needs to ride to activate the loops.

ACTION: None

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS (Commissioners)

1. Pintard wants to address the Bicycle Friendly City when the criterium is over. He noted we can apply for this two times per year. He further reported many who are awarded this status don't necessarily meet all of the required criteria.
2. Siddall inquired as to what grant applications are coming up for consideration. Irish reported that:
 - a. ODOT Bicycle/Pedestrian grants are every other year and are not out as yet.
 - b. Mini-grants amounting to \$5,000 are possible for bike parking at Oak School. He said the Albany Police Department has turned in a request to put on a bike rodeo. There can be only one application per year and theirs is it.

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3. Hasek asked if the Dave Clark bike path could be lit under grant funds. Irish said it depends on the grant. Part of the path had conduits added along it for future lighting. He stated that Bicycle/Pedestrian grants can only be spent in right-of-ways and that the Dave Clark path is an easement, not a right-of-way. Irish further said there are possible grants for park-related projects that may be used and it would be best if these were to go through the Parks Department. Irish reported the Wheelhouse Project at the old Buzz Saw site will have a bump-out along the path that could highlight the desire for path lighting.

ACTION: None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting has been scheduled for September 8, 2009, 12:00 p.m., in the Periwinkle Room at Albany City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

C. Marie Redner
Public Works Project Accountant