

BIKEWAYS AND WALKWAYS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – March 8, 2016 at 12:00 PM
Courtyard Conference Room

Member Attendance:

Joel Peterson (Chair)
Paul Hart (Vice Chair) - Absent
Ken Behymer - Absent
Chip Dennerlein - Absent
Larry Turpen - Absent
Cliff Kuhlman
Mark Lansing
Leslie Orr
Mark Acosta
Dana Christensen - Absent

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Fred Saunders (PCD Senior Planner)
Rob Brandes (JoCo Public Works)
Dan Dorrell (ODOT)
Valerie Lovelace (City Council)
Keith Heck (County Commissioner) - Absent
Ed Burke (Public Safety)

Guests:

I. Business – Continuing

A. Approval of Minutes – February 9, 2016

MOTION/VOTE

Committee Member Orr moved and Committee Member Kuhlman seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2016 meeting as presented. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Committee Members Peterson, Kuhlman, Orr, Acosta, and Lansing. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Committee Members Hart, Turpen, Behymer, Dennerlein, and Christensen. The motion passed.

B. Updates From Staff/Liaison and questions for Staff/Liaison

1. City

- Repairs on the Allen Creek Trail by Allendale School will be done during spring break to coincide with work that the school will be doing. The cottonwood trees roots bumped up and there will need to be a more permanent fix done, Streets was able to grind the roots down which helped a little.
- The plan is to repair some sections and remove some of the cottonwood trees.
- It was asked if the City had tried any of the experimental surfaces. Not at this time, the plan is to try in the future with a root barrier. Some experimental surfaces have been used and are working well Baker Park, however it is very expensive.
- Money is being set aside for maintenance on the trail, little bit more each year.
- Red Robin is moving forward. The City is updating the easements for bridge and two creek crossings, finishing the paths at Red Robin which connects to

the path at Allen Creek Ranch PUD, to Coulson, to Allendale School, and so on and so forth.

- Sidewalk project on Rogue River Ave is in the hands of the engineer. There will be a curb relocation to accommodate right of way constraints. The plan is to bid this spring and build it this summer.
- A committee member asked about 7th and M St – Fred said that they will be not be cutting the concrete out but were planning on striping a bikeway around it to draw attention to it for the riders.
- The City started on Lincoln Rd and there will be sidewalks clear from Bridge St. to the All Sports Park. The ODOT permits came through.

2. County

- The slide on Galice Rd hasn't moved in a week so fingers crossed that it won't continue to worsen. Slide is at mile post 13, the road is down to a single lane. Jersey barriers were put up.
- Working on budget, the big one of interest is the Allen Creek Project. Demolition on the houses starts next week. The plan is to keep the bike path open with construction flagging.
- The Fairgrounds are trying to hammer something out with the BMX folks.
- Budgeting for south middle school sidewalks. They want to start on that when school lets out.
- Clean up mode from weather.
- A committee member mentioned that the new BLM map shows the access area from Cathedral Hills to Williams Hwy. It previously was blocked off with private property signs but the landowner had to remove them.

3. ODOT

- The bikeway on Redwood Hwy in front of Haggen and McDonald's is getting bumpy and could use some repairs.
- The intersection at Merlin-Galice and Monument will need to be widened to meet truck turning templates, there will likely be junction boxes added to make it wide enough for trucks.
- Putting programmable heads at Highland.
- Caveman bridge will be all night work.

4. Public Safety

- Public Safety went to a pedestrian safety conference. Received information and training to give to agencies about cross walk enforcement grants.
- ODOT crash stats show that crashes are more heavily pedestrian fault rather than driver.
- Public Safety will work on more pedestrian enforcement.
- Valerie asked about getting curriculum for teaching kids at the end of the school year.

II. Business – New

- Email from Lisa Fogelquist, the secretary from Redwood Elementary inviting bikeways to an end of year fair for community outreach. The committee would like to attend and possible pass out helmets.

- Fair is on June 2nd. Bring bike maps with family rides and other pamphlets. Will need to see about getting more pamphlets.
- Ride the Rogue is cancelled. Possibly due to Cycle Oregon being in the area and people not stepping up for the key functions needed.
- Need to look into options to fund the Greenway as Ride the Rogue was going to help provide funding.
- Pedalsnpears.org

Next meeting date: April 12, 2016 at 12:00 pm in the Courtyard Conference Room

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