

**BIKEWAYS AND WALKWAYS COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2019 at 12:00 PM**  
**Courtyard Conference Room**

**Member Attendance:**

Paul Hart (Chair)  
Dana Christensen (Co-Vice Chair)  
Lesley Orr (Co-Vice Chair)  
Mark Collier  
Chip Dennerlein - Absent  
Daniel Edwards  
Cliff Kuhlman - Absent  
Bob Lange  
Brett Rasmussen - Absent  
Keith Yoho

**City/Staff/Council Liaisons:**

Roy Lindsay – City Mayor  
Tyler Flaming – City Council  
Lora Glover – Parks & Community Development  
Wade Elliott – Public Works

**Guests/visitors:**

Citizens: Dianne Amberg, Brian Hawkins  
Linda Berkey. One other person [inaudible].

**1. Roll Call:**

- Chair Hart opened the meeting and took roll.

**2. Items from Public:** For items not on the agenda.

- Citizen, Diane Amberg said she hopes to get direction from someone to move the River Road project forward. It's been a year and here we are again. She would like to know what is going on. Lora Glover explained a presentation is being prepared for the Council for the March 18 Council meeting.
- Citizen Brian Hawkins thanked the committee for all they do and likes hearing about all the positive things that are happening. Says he will donate to the favorite charity of two members if they will read Goal Kids or Life Child in the Woods and learn about Nature Deficit Disorder.

**3. Consent Agenda:**

- Minutes: January 08, 2019

**MOTION/VOTE**

**Member Edwards moved and Member Collier seconded the motion to approve the minutes from January 08, 2019 as presented. The vote resulted as follows: "AYES": Hart, Collier, Orr, Rasmussen, Edwards, Christensen, Yoho, and Lange "NAYS": None. Abstain: None. Absent for vote: Dennerlein and Kuhlman  
The motion passed.**

**4. Work Session Items:**

**a. TSP Update**

- Member Orr updated the committee about the latest TSP information. She indicated there isn't anything new at this point.

**b. Dollar Mountain property acquisition**

- Committee discussed the latest information about Dollar Mountain. The property has been purchased. Chair Hart has a call out to Nick McDaniel. He is part of the BLM in Medford who helped build the MOTR Trail in Rogue River. He was the main contact person for IMBA. The IMBA has a trail solution team that is specific for building trails for projects that cities and counties own. He hopes to obtain a contact name for a person that wrote a lot of grants for trails. Councilor Flaming mentioned there will need to be a forestry study for fire mitigation and logging. The City will do an RFP to have a group look at the land and give their recommendations. Committee would like Nick to come to a future meeting.

Chair Hart also reached out to Darin Yawn. He and Dean Stern are two citizens that wanted to figure out how to develop that mountain for recreation. They may be open to coming to a meeting as well.

- Lora Glover added that the number one Council goal is moving forward on Dollar Mountain. Funding will be allocated. It is a slower process because funding that is allocated doesn't come available until July.
- There was a question about use for horses on these trails. It is unknown at this point what the trails will be. No planning has been done thus far. What horses want, and mountain bikes or hikers want are different.

### **c. Agenda Building Process**

- Chair Hart said that member Dennerlein asked for this to be on the agenda for the purpose of getting items on the agenda for the following month. He asked if there was anything for the next agenda that needed to be added.
- Councilor Flaming talked about City Manager Cubic's presentation about what is left from past Strategic Planning. One of the parking lot items for Strategic Planning is the Council would like committee meetings to be run the same way. They would like them to run like City Council meetings. They will set up a meeting with the Mayor, Aaron Cubic, Council President Flaming and all the committee Chairpersons to go over how the meetings are going to be run. One of the topics will be how to get items on the agenda. There needs to be consensus on adding items to an agenda and not continue to have items there month after month.

## **5. Information Sharing:**

Items from Staff –

City -

- Wade Elliott spoke about the TSP update. It started early in 2018. They set some goals and objectives then we took an inventory of the study area within the UGB area. They got a lot of traffic counts and obtained some data from Portland State University, so we modeled our traffic volumes after that. Those numbers were then projected out over the next 30-years. As an example, the Redwood area we know will become more densely populated so we know there will be more trips and vehicles. Now we can develop a list of projects that will help to alleviate or eliminate some of the congestion issues. This is the phase we are in now. They will meet this week with the TAC (technical advisory committee) to go over proposed projects. The next step will be to create a prioritized project list. Then the CAC (Citizen Advisory Committee) can get together as well. Some important dates will be a public open house in March. In May or June there will be an online open house to look at the full project list. There was an open house back in September of 2018, but turnout was poor.
- City Council awarded the Willow Lane project from Redwood Highway to Redwood Avenue. Timber Mountain will be starting that project soon. It will be full street improvements including bike lanes and sidewalks. There will also be some green paint for bikes.
- An application was submitted to the MRMPO for another CMAC (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality) grant to finish the sidewalks in the joint project with Josephine Community Transit. It will create paths to transit stops.
- Member Lange asked about the path behind Red Robin. Lora Glover said it has stalled out for now until the owner of the property decides to further develop the property. Member Orr asked if there was anything this

committee can do to help. Lora said the owner, Ben Dean, is trying to leverage the easement against reactivating the Advanced Finance District for the light at the intersection.

Josephine County Public Works -

- Rob Brandes said the County is at about the same place with the TSP. He also spoke about the Railroad crossing at Merlin Galice Road. It is progressing, and the next step will be to with ODOTs rail person.
- Bike racks for Merlin. They are working on locations for those for installation in the spring.
- Highland sidewalk design. They have a tentative design on that. They will design both sides. They are doing the east side from Cooke to Vine in this budget year.
- Williams Elementary got a Safe Routes to School grant for about \$150k. They are trying to schedule a meeting with the school and ODOT, so they can address some concerns.
- The Galice guardrail is making progress. They will have about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of it done for this spring. The rest will go in next fall or winter. They will also be chip sealing the 3 turnout areas. The weigh station will be coming down. More changes coming.
- Timber Mountain will be starting the Sand Creek Bridge in late May. Due to complete by September 15.

Items from Commissioners –

- None

Items from City Council Liaison –

- None

Items from Committee Members –

- Member Orr got the dates for the Ride the Rogue which is September 21, 2019. Routes are still under discussion and the cost of each route is the same as last time. They will also have Taylor Sausage, a beer garden and live music. The coordinator of the event is looking at some ideas for non-riders to participate in as well.
- She also got construction drawings to show the next segment of the Greenway that will be constructed this summer. It is about 2.5 miles from North River Road near Valley of the Rogue State Park and go all the way to Gold Hill.
- She asked if there were any updates on Allen Creek Road. Wade Elliott said they will bring it to the City Council at a Workshop on March 4. They may do it as a jurisdictional exchange with the County. It is unclear at this time if they will be able to acquire property outside of the city limits but still in the UGB.
- Member Lange asked about the signal at 6<sup>th</sup> and M. The timing is off. Rob Brandes said he talked to Jerry Marmon about it already and said they are aware.
- Member Collier had a question about citizens not being able to comment on agenda items. Chair Hart clarified that comments on items on the agenda need to defer until that agenda item is discussed.
- A member mentioned the party in Merlin stating he is happy to help. He also noted that the owner of the Riffle Café is very pleased with the sidewalks. He also had a question about Dollar Mountain not being enforced by City police. The Mayor mentioned that it is a major talking point and under negotiation.
- Member Collier mentioned it would be nice to get a drone up there to see the before and after images.

- There was a general question about what the process will be going forward? That would be a question for Lora Glover as the Parks & Community Development Director. Chair Hart stated this committee is advising on what they would like to see for hiking and biking. Councilor Flaming stated there will be a public process where there will be forums for public opinions. Then a master plan will be developed. We are months away from this part. Mayor Lindsay said the parking lot situation is in limbo right now because we have no idea what it's going to look like. The forums will also be a big help to determine where some of the items will look like. It is moving forward.

**6. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting**

- a. Nothing added.

**7. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

<b>Next meeting date:</b> March 12, 2019 at 12:00 pm in the Courtyard Conference Room
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Minutes prepared by Donna Anderson, City Administration.