

**BIKEWAYS AND WALKWAYS COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2020 at 12:00 PM**  
**Courtyard Conference Room**

**Member Attendance:**

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

**City/Staff/Council Liaisons:**

Tyler Flaming (City Council)  
Daren Fowler (County Commissioner) - Absent  
Wade Elliott (Public Works Assistant Director)  
Rob Brandes (JoCo Public Works)  
Jenna Stanke Marmon (ODOT)  
Aaron Cubic (City Manager) - Absent

**Public:**

Tom Bradbeer  
Trish Barretta (County Commissioners Office)

**1. Roll Call:**

- Chair Yoho opened the meeting and took roll.

**2. Introductions:**

- Members from the public introduced themselves.

**3. Public Comment:**

- a. Chair Yoho stated that he attended a meeting with Mayor Lindsey and other committee chairpersons. Mayor Lindsey said he would like all committee meetings structured so they are consistent throughout the City. Chair Yoho will explain the new procedures as the meeting progresses on the specific topics.
- b. Tom Bradbeer talked about the project “Sidewalks for Seniors”. He lives on Schaefer Lane, which is off the first ½ mile of Lower River Road. Along that stretch there are about 450 senior citizens that live in the community. There are no sidewalks on that stretch of Lower River Road making it difficult and unsafe to walk along Lower River Road to Lincoln, and Lincoln to Reinhart Park. He would like this committee to support a recommendation to the County Commissioners that an allocation be made in the new budget to build out the sidewalks and bike paths along the first ½ mile of Lower River Road. He handed out a map of the area, a narrative describing the need along with a letter to the County Commissioners.
- c. Chair Yoho stated that they would bring this up during the updates from Staff.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

- Approval of minutes from February 11, 2020

**MOTION/VOTE**

**Member Kuhlman moved, and Member Orr seconded the motion to approve the minutes from February 11, 2020. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Yoho, Vice Chair Lange, Members Orr, Collier, Dennerlein, Edwards, Kuhlman, Morris, and Hart. “NAYS”: None. Absent for vote: Member Christensen.**

**The motion passed.**

**5. Action Items:**

- a. Review Committee applications (if applicable) – None.

## 6. Matters from Committee Members and Staff:

### a. City/County Project Update –

- Chair Yoho explained how the Mayor wanted to structure this portion of the meeting. He wants to make sure everyone gets a chance to comment on a topic. He explained the 5-step process. He stated that they start with an update, anything that has happened over the last month, then they go into questions from the members to the staff member. Chair Yoho stated that this is not a back and forth conversation, it is just to get their basic questions answered. After that they go into questions from the public, which again is not a back and forth conversation. Next they start the actual discussion and deliberation. He stated that it is important to follow this procedure particularly if they are going to vote on the topic. Member Dennerlein asked about having a place in the beginning of the meeting where a committee member can discuss something that isn't on the agenda, like the Public Comment section. He said he would like to have a section for items from committee members. Wade Elliott stated that item #6, Matters from Committee Members and Staff covers that. Discussion followed. It was decided that # 6 covered this concern.
- Rob Brandes said he and Tom Bradbeer have talked about the "Sidewalks for Seniors" project and his hope is to budget for design of the project this year and build in FY 21/22. He said that as part of a jurisdictional exchange with ODOT, they are already conditioned to rebuild 28 ADA ramps in that area. He said it is likely that they will only do sidewalks on the south side because the ditch is too close on the north side. Member Orr asked if he needed anything from the committee to encourage the Commissioners. Rob said it was up to the committee, but he thinks he has enough direction. He said if the committee wanted to formally write a letter that was fine, but it is already happening. Rob said the first phase of the Beacon project is moving along. GPID replaced a siphon that was across the road. He said they will come in the back side and replace a stormdrain in the next couple of weeks. It will go out to bid later in the spring. Rob said they have the flashing signs for Fruitdale Elementary ready to go in. They are planning on putting them up during spring break. He reported that at the last Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee recommended using the \$100,000 towards a planning and light design on the Rogue River greenway. He also stated that Jenna helped him get an application together for a Transportation Growth Management grant for another \$200,000 that would be for design. He said this is a somewhat competitive grant but there could be some refining. Member Dennerlein questioned what side of the river this was planned for. Rob said the South side would go from the Depot Bridge and link into 99. Rob mentioned that beyond Beacon they are looking for alternatives for that NE corner of town getting into the park. They have additional funding that they will be looking at for Tenth Street sidewalks. There was discussion on Lincoln Road and future projects there. Member Orr talked about a new Citizen Advisory Committee that is starting up and said that they need one more person who is a county resident and interested in transportation issues. She said that they still need volunteers for Merlin and Rogue River.
- Wade gave a Transportation System Plan update. He said they just got the final documents and forwarded them to ODOT. They have 10 days to

review it and then it will be sent out to the Citizen Advisory as well as the Technical Advisory for a final review. He said they will be holding an online open house as well as an in person open house late this month or early next month for public input. Wade said the City is going through the budget process. He said they have a couple of new projects, one of them being the Hillcrest Improvement Project. They are going from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to Beacon and the County is doing some of Beacon from Madrone to Quail Crossing. There will be sidewalks and bike paths from 9<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> Streets on Hillcrest on both sides. Wade mentioned that they will be putting in some water infrastructure and tie in on 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The County will finish the sidewalk on 10<sup>th</sup> Street from Dewey to Hillcrest. They are hoping to have this complete by FY21' FY22'. Wade said the County will be doing some work on Beacon soon, then ODOT will come in the next year to do the Southern Oregon Seismic Bridge Triage project. They will be retrofitting all the overpasses. After that the City will be working on Hillcrest. It will be busy for three years, but it will be nice when it is complete. Wade reported that the Parks Department will be putting in the Beacon Hill Park during this time as well. Wade said they are getting ready to put some plans out for Western Avenue Sewer Replacement. He expects to get a lot of bidders from outside the area as this is a big project. He said they are redoing some ADA ramps and sidewalks around that project. Wade said they just bid Edgewater/Evergreen stormdrain project which is down towards the river by the County shop. This will go before Council on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Wade also talked about Allen Creek Road. The consultant they had for this project said they were too busy to do the project now, so Wade asked ODOT if they could go out for a mini RFP to hire another one of their preferred consultants. There was discussion on the M Street project. Wade said it was listed as a high priority project on the TSP.

- Jenna Marmon reported that the Oregon Active Transportation Summit is next week in Portland. The Oregon Coast Bike Route Planning Project is hosting its second online open house. She said they didn't thoroughly look at 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets from a pedestrian or bike traffic standpoint. She is looking at how to get a corridor plan that looks closer at 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Streets. Jenna stated that the Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Grants are opening again. If anyone has projects that could help kids get to school safely and that are within a mile of a school, they might want to check into those. Member Orr asked if Jenna had looked at any of the feedback on the Coast Route. Jenna stated that it is a 380-mile corridor, so it makes it difficult to have a policy or advisory committee to convene a meeting. She said they used a webinar format so people could communicate with them through the sounding board. She said they did have primary jurisdictional contacts before talking to the sounding boards. Member Orr asked about city's responses to proposed reduction in their parking because of this route. Jenna stated that only one of the proposals includes removing parking and that is one side of the street in Brookings. They don't want to remove the parking; however, the parking utilization is low in the area. Member Dennerlein stated that from south of Seaside, there are State Parks all the way down the coast. He said some people are camping at Seaside and biking to town. He feels this will be a pattern. Jenna agreed and said this helps elevate these projects. She said the project portion of this is unfunded. They are developing a list of

priorities and some cost estimates with a goal of completing this list when they get funding. The planning money is from ODOT.

- Chair Yoho asked Vice Chair Lange for input on how the Dollar Mountain meeting went. Vice Chair Lange said they met two months ago. He is looking forward to the next meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 in the Council Chambers. He said the biggest piece was the cooperation with the other entities, which are BLM and Josephine County. He said they have voiced full support of the project. One of the items that came up in the meeting was data collection and to assess what is currently on the ground of these different land parcels. The BLM portion is complete. The biggest discussion and feedback from that is the motorcycle use. They also discussed the fire mitigation and access to the BLM land. Chair Yoho asked Councilor Flaming to recap what was discussed about grants for fire mitigation. Councilor Flaming stated that it would be about \$485,000.00 over three years. This is coordinated through Firewise.
  - Councilor Flaming reported that the City Council discussed the appropriations of proceeds from the sale of the River Road Reserve. He said the purchase price was \$3.5 million. \$1.1 million will go to pay back the debt on Dollar Mountain. They have tentatively agreed to allocate \$700,000 towards deferred park maintenance, \$485,000 to develop a Forest Stewardship and Recreational Use Plan for Dollar Mountain, \$450,000 towards replacing and repairing Caveman Pool, \$300,000 towards development of Beacon Hill Park, of that at least \$80,000 will be used for a new pump track, \$100,000 towards security cameras in all City parks, and \$75,000 for new playground equipment for Westholm Park.
- b. Red Robin Update
- Councilor Flaming stated that the Council will discuss this at next Monday's workshop.

## **7. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting**

- a. Red Robin Update
- b. Ride the Rogue

## **8. Adjournment**

- **Chair Yoho adjourned the meeting at 12:54**

**Next meeting date:** April 14, 2020 at 12:00 pm in the Courtyard Conference Room

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