

BIKEWAYS AND WALKWAYS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – May 14, 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 - ABSENT
Chip Dennerlein
Daniel Edwards
Cliff Kuhlman
Bob Lange
Brett Rasmussen - ABSENT
Keith Yoho

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Tyler Flaming – City Council
Valerie Lovelace – City Council
Dan DeYoung – County Commissioner – ABSENT
Wade Elliott – Assistant Public Works Director
Ed Burke – Public Safety
Rob Brandes, JoCo Public Works
Jenna Stanke Marmon – ODOT – ABSENT

Guests/visitors:

None.

1. Roll Call:

- Chair Hart opened the meeting and took roll.
- Chair Hart stated that Member Collier called him to say that he would not be attending the May 14th meeting.
- He wants it noted that regardless of his personal opinion, he is supportive of whatever consensus that the committee reaches on decisions.
- Member Dennerlein arrived.

2. Introductions:

- None.

3. Public Comment:

- None

4. Approval of Minutes

- Approval of minutes from April 9, 2019.
- Member Dennerlein stated that on page 3, item J, his comment “*noted that the public gets to comment about things that aren’t on the agenda*” should read *the agenda as written does not include opportunity for the public to comment on action items*.
- Chair Hart explained that when they open the meeting, the public can speak about anything that is not on the agenda; however, the committee will allow public comment on each action item before the committee discusses the item.
- Member Lange clarified his statement under item 4A, third paragraph. He stated that if the committee meets with the City of Medford, they will meet them in Medford, not Grants Pass.

MOTION/VOTE

Co-Vice Chair Orr moved and Member Dennerlein seconded the motion to approve the minutes from March 12, 2019 as amended. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”:
Chair Hart, Co-Vice Chairs Christensen and Orr, Members Dennerlein, Edwards, Kuhlman, Lange, and Yoho “NAYS”: None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent for vote:** Members Collier and Rasmussen
The motion passed.

5. Action Items:

- None.

6. Matters from Committee Members and Staff:

a. Allen Creek Road

- Wade Elliott discussed where the City was at in the process with the road cross section.
- He noted that it is not finalized and that the Council, and possibly the Board of County Commissioners (BOC), will have to approve it.
- He stated that they are pursuing a jurisdictional exchange of that section of road, but the City is in a holding pattern until the BOC completes its process, which includes collecting feedback from public hearings and comments, and then making a formal action to transfer that section of road to the City.
- Once this is complete, the City will start the project, beginning with finalizing the street cross section and mobilizing their acquisitions specialist to work on the right of way.
- There was discussion about adding more trees to the cross section and how they benefit pedestrians as an added safety measure.
- Councilor Flaming stated that he spoke with Lily Morgan (County Commissioner) and she is opposed to a jurisdictional exchange.
- Wade continued with updates from the City regarding projects for Willow Lane, Allen Dale School and Sun Glo Drive.
- Rob Brandes provided an update on Beacon.
- He stated they have 30-40% plans and will be scoping it with and without sidewalks to see how that affects the budget. He believes the sidewalk would add approximately \$250,000 to the project.
- He stated there has been outreach to citizens regarding having speed bumps or not.
- There was discussion about the pros and cons of speed bumps.
- He also stated that Lower River Road and Lincoln now belong to the county and will be receiving a higher level of maintenance.

b. Merlin Railroad Crossing

- There was discussion regarding what to do about bike accidents happening at the skew and what are potential solutions to correct it.
- Rob stated that the Highland sidewalk is now under design by Rogue Civil and they should have a final product by late Fall.
- Valerie discussed the Sea Crest School Grants that the state gives out through ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation) and how they are applying for the program by the end of the month.
- She was requesting support from the committee via a letter she can send in when they apply for the program.
- Co-Vice Chair Orr stated that she had already written a draft letter and will be sending it out to the committee members for feedback.

c. River Road Reserve (RRR)

- Councilor Flaming stated that at a workshop in mid-March, the Council gave direction to staff to look into three options: selling, leasing or a combination of the two.
- He noted that the information obtained from this direction will be discussed at a future workshop.

- Member Dennerlein discussed his experience at the last PAVE (Performance Audit, Visioning and Enhancement) Property Committee.
 - He stated that their consensus was to not sell.
 - There was discussion about the pros and cons of selling RRR, as well as ideas for use.
 - Shaun Hill with the Daily Courier gave information on upcoming meetings discussing the RRR:
 1. PAVE Property on May 23rd at 9:00am.
 2. Lora Glover, Parks and Community Development Director will be giving a presentation at a public forum on May 23rd at 4:00pm.
 3. City Council will be discussing it at their workshop on May 28th at 11:45am.
- d. Dollar Mountain/Trail Design/Trail Workdays/SOTA (Southern Oregon Trail Alliance)
- There was discussion on how committee members should be representing the committee to the public even if their personal opinion is different from the consensus of the committee.
 - There was discussion about the committee's right to ask the council to have someone removed and what that process entails.
 - Member Lange stated that they will be meeting the corrections crew at Dollar Mountain to remove poison oak from the trail way.
 - He also stated the June 1st is a work day.
 - There was clarification on the property history with the BLM (Bureau of Land Management).
 - The City had a recreational lease with BLM that expired in 1991. The City recreational person is planning to provide a Memorandum of Understanding and attempt to renegotiate a recreational lease for the property at the entrance of the trail.
 - The discussion returned to the topic of Rogue River Reserve. Some members wanted to reinforce the committee's position regarding RRR.
 - Member Lange continued discussion on Dollar Mountain.
 - He stated that they are actively working on grants for a base trail, and some infrastructure for the parking lot, which is currently on hold.

7. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting

- Chair Hart stated that this is his last month as chair and the committee will need to vote on a new one in June.

8. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 1:06 pm.

Next meeting date: June 11, 2019 at 12:00 pm in the Courtyard Conference Room

Minutes prepared by Julia Wright, City Administration.