

BIKEWAYS AND WALKWAYS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2020 at 12:00 PM
Council Chambers

Member Attendance:

Keith Yoho (Chair)
Bob Lange (Vice Chair)
Lesley Orr
Mark Collier - Absent
Chip Dennerlein - Absent
Daniel Edwards - Absent
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 (Jo Co Public Works)
Jenna Stanke Marmon (ODOT) - Absent
Aaron Cubic (City Manager) - Absent

Public:

Brian DeLaGrange

1. Roll Call:

- Chair Yoho opened the meeting and took roll.

2. Introductions:

- None.

3. Public Comment:

- Brian DeLaGrange gave a presentation on expanding the trails at Gilbert Creek Park. The Parks Committee is agreeable to the idea, but they wanted to make sure this committee was aware of the discussions and they would like their input. There was a discussion on the material that would be used on the paths, as well as the available room for a path in certain areas.
Brian also talked about the bike trail from Tussing Park to Redwood Avenue. He stated that there is a narrow spot with a couple of blind turns in the trail between the fairgrounds and the creek. He wanted to make the committee aware of the hazard in that location.
Brian was also concerned about the Street Sweeping and the Bikeway Lane cleaning schedule on county roads. Member Orr informed Brian that he can report those hazards to Rob Brandes, Superintendent of Public Works for the County.

4. Approval of Minutes

- Approval of minutes from June 9, 2020

MOTION/VOTE

**Member Orr moved, and Member Morris seconded the motion to approve the minutes from June 9, 2020. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Yoho, Vice Chair Lange, Members Orr, Morris, Kuhlman, and Hart. “NAYS”: None. Absent for vote: Members Collier, Dennerlein, Edwards, and Christensen.
The motion passed.**

5. Action Items:

- Review Committee applications (if applicable) – The committee received five applications for review. Member Orr asked about Member Collier, who has missed several meetings. Chair Yoho will reach out to him to see if he is still

interested in being on the committee. Discussion on applicants followed. Wade will email the list of current members and their expiration dates to the committee.

MOTION/VOTE

**Member Orr moved and Member Morris seconded the motion to nominate to the City Council Melissa Pingree to fill the vacancy on the Bikeways and Walkways Committee. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Yoho, Vice Chair Lange, Members Orr, Morris, Kuhlman and Hart. “NAYS”: None. Absent for vote: Members Collier, Dennerlein, Edwards, and Christensen.
The motion passed.**

6. Matters from Committee Members and Staff:

- Ride the Rogue
 - Member Orr reported that the City of Rogue River and the City of Gold Hill stepped up to sponsor one of the rest stops. They are still in need of volunteers for rest stops. Member Orr said they are applying to Northwest Credit Union to see if they can get funding for the PPE requirements. The date for this event is September 26th.
- Merlin Railroad Crossing
 - Inaudible.
- City/County Project Update –
 - Rob Brandes reported that they are working on the overlay and relining Azalea Drive north of Ewe Creek to Upper River Road. Phase 1 just finished, and they will start Phase 2 in the next couple weeks. This project is expected to be complete the end of August.
 - The Highland Sidewalk project is scheduled to begin in the next couple of weeks.
 - The County and City staff meet to discuss the water line on Beacon Street. It was decided to lower the existing water line causing the Beacon Street project to be put on a short-term hold.
 - The Fruitdale School light and crosswalk project is complete. They are planning on putting sidewalks in that area as well.
 - Rob stated that they need to reapply for the Williams Area project, with the round-about included.
 - He discussed the street sweeping and asked Member Orr to send the route for Ride the Rogue so they can take care of that area as well.
 - They have not started the study on the Rogue Trail yet. They are finalizing their TSP and when it is complete that will be the next project.
 - Wade stated that the City will be doing a reconstruction on Sun Glo from Redwood Avenue to North Star. They will be installing bike lanes and sidewalks in the next couple of weeks. This will be a full closure, other than for local access.
 - The Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon project on Hillcrest and Hawthorn is on hold. They are having issues getting imports of the LED lighting from Canada due to Covid and an LED shortage.
 - Wade said they are also working on the 10th Street and Pepperwood Stormdrain Project. They will be getting rid of some bubblers and putting everything underground. This will be a full closure project as well.
 - Wade stated that they are getting ready to put the FY21 Overlays out to bid. The road sections will be Crown from Starlite to Morgan, J Street from Booth to 4th Street, and Hawthorne from A Street to Manzanita.

- They will also be putting Ausland Drive out for rehab.
- Wade said they are wrapping up the Transportation System Plan update. There is a link on the website for the final Open House as well as a link to the County's Online Open House.
- Wade reported on the B Street sidewalk project that was funded through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality. He said they went out to bid but the prices didn't come in well. They rejected all bids and they will put it out again this winter with a phase line.
- Wade said the 6th & 7th Street crosswalks should be done in a couple of months. ODOT is also working on another ADA Ramp Replacement on Rogue River Highway by Parkdale as well as the Southern Oregon Bridge Retrofit Project. This will be on the overpasses on 6th & 7th Streets and Hillcrest.
- Councilor Flaming stated that the Parks Committee voted unanimously to recommend to City Council to look at the BMX track as an option for Beacon Hill Park. City Council decided to resurvey the neighborhood as well as sending it back to Planning. Discussion followed.
- Paul Hart handed out a letter he wrote to BLM regarding the multiuse trails that are already designated for a specific use only. He asked the committee to read through it and give their input.

7. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting

- ODOT Letter regarding multiuse trails

8. Adjournment

- Chair Yoho adjourned the meeting at 12:52

Next meeting date: August 11, 2020 at 12:00 pm in the Council Chambers

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