



Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2016 – 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Springfield City Hall Jesse Maine Room, 225 5th Street, Springfield

Attendance

Staff: Emma Newman, Michael Liebler, Jolynn Barker, Jeff Paschall

BPAC members: Kevin Schaper, Allison Camp, Claudia Denton, Darla Robbins, Robin Clevenger, Steven Braun, Jerry Hooton, Jeffery Sakacs, Andrew Landen (Planning Commission Liaison), Joel Krestik (Eugene BPAC Liaison), Simon Daws (Willamalane Liaison)

Public: Andrew Martin, Matthew Fisher

CALL TO ORDER. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Welcome/Introductions

The members of the committee and guests introduced themselves.

Agenda Review

Nothing was added to the agenda.

Committee Business

Public Comment

Joel Krestik spoke on behalf of his coworkers from the BLM who would like to see a bike lane added to 28th St. from Main to Centennial, or another north-south connector.

Robin Clevenger added that there is a lot of major shopping down there.

Joel also commended the Springfield staff for fixing the traffic lights outside of his work at 28th and Marcola.

Approve Meeting Minutes

Claudia Denton moved to approve the meeting minutes from February 9, 2016.

Jerry Hooton seconded.

The committee voted in favor.

Subcommittee Reports

Claudia Denton spoke on behalf of the programming subcommittee. They spoke about three items: every corner is a crosswalk and crosswalk safety education, distribution of bike lights, and focusing on a Springfield Sunday Street.

Kevin Schaper added that they were going to look for grants for the lights, and he saw that GEARS offered some, but he has not contacted them yet.

Robin Clevenger suggested contacting LTD because they have had bike light giveaways in the past.

Allison Camp also suggested Planet Bike for a possible grant source.

Darla Robbins asked Emma Newman about the “every corner a crosswalk” material and where the process is at for it.

Emma replied that graphic has been updated. The city is currently focusing on the RRFB and PHB education and there are educational cards throughout city hall.

Darla spoke about reaching out to Eugene for advice on Springfield Sunday Streets event.

Robin asked if Eugene told them what the event timeline was.

Darla replied that she does not have the details, but the event started in 2011 and she was looking at the more recent report from 2014. They had two events last year that were well attended. From the information she already has, Darla guessed it would take at least a year to organize the first event.

Allison Camp spoke on behalf of the planning subcommittee. They discussed the Virginia-Daisy Bikeway project, improving the connection between the river path and D St, and started a map to identify potential infrastructure improvements.

The committee discussed the need for a better connection from the river path to D St. because of safety hazards. It will be added to a future agenda.

Work Plan Approval

Emma Newman went through the proposed work plan. The work plan will be presented to the City Council and they could make suggestions or changes, if they wanted to.

Allison Camp thanked both committees for such well thought out items.

Allison moved to approve the work plan and present it to City Council.

Steven Braun seconded.

All approved.

Steven asked if there would be an opportunity to make a work plan for larger projects that may take years to complete.

Michael Liebler replied yes, longer-term visions are put into larger planning documents. The work plan is for smaller projects and the Bike and Ped. Master Plan will be for larger ones.

Allison asked if they would be able to give any progress updates to the City Council.

Emma replied that they can.

Michael added that at the end of the year the committee will list their accomplishments.

Discussion of Virginia-Daisy Site Visit

Robin Clevenger spoke about visiting the Virginia-Daisy bike path and identifying areas for future improvements.

Jeffery Sakacsi added that he thinks 42nd St. is the troublesome spot.

Steven Braun asked if there would be space for safety islands.

Emma Newman said that a consultant team is working on solutions for the whole Virginia-Daisy corridor and will come back with suggestions and ideas.

Steven asked about stormwater management along the corridor.

Michael Liebler replied that a lot of it depends on the funding resources.

Emma added that there will be some places along the corridor where you will see some stormwater treatment.

Claudia Denton mentioned that it would be great to have a better gate at Weyerhaeuser Rd.

Emma said they will talk to Willamalane about the Weyerhaeuser Rd. improvements.

Steven asked if the city purchased the path west of 42nd to 25th.

Michael replied that it is city owned and there is a plan to develop it into a multiuse path.

Steven then asked if it will connect to the Mill Race Path.

Emma replied that it will.

Allison Camp asked Emma if she could talk about the funding sources.

Emma said that the main source is a transportation enhancement grant that came from the Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee. There are also overlay funds from the Surface Transportation Planning Urban funding through the federal government.

Allison asked if they had planned on using the two grants.

Emma replied that they had planned it.

Robin asked if there was a way to inform the public that they are getting better roads because of bicycles and pedestrians.

Michael replied that when they get to the public outreach portion, they will ask the committee for help with it.

By-Law Change Proposal

Allison Camp informed the committee that they have created a proposal to add the Springfield Safe Routes Coordinator as a liaison.

Claudia Denton asked if liaisons could vote or suggest agenda items.

Emma Newman replied that they can sit on the table and add information to discussions, but not vote.

Claudia Denton moved to approve the new by-laws.

Robin Clevenger seconded.

The committee voted in favor.

Capital Projects

Jeff Paschall, Principal Engineer from the City of Springfield, gave a presentation on capital budgeting.

Robin Clevenger asked Jeff if funds for right-of-way use also include sidewalks.

Jeff replied that it typically does.

Robin asked Jeff to clarify 'preservation.'

Jeff replied that it could mean overlays up to full reconstruction. There are several levels. It also means signal and lighting repairs. The city's biggest need is the street system.

Jerry Hooton asked about the gas tax revenue.

Jeff replied that it has been flat and usually brings in about a million dollars a year in local revenue.

Claudia Denton asked about funding for non-infrastructure items like community outreach.

Jeff replied that the general fund is usually used for such things.

Emma added that they also get local sponsors, pair up with other events, donations, and vendor's fees.

Claudia said that it seems that staff time is the biggest issue.

Jeff explained what a local improvement district was.

Allison Camp asked if the whole neighborhood has to agree to the improvement and if it more affordable to do large portions.

Jeff replied that they do it a block at a time but there is economy in scale.

Steven Braun asked about the rumor that they will be receiving CMAQ money.

Emma answered yes but that she does not have any details at this time.

Steven added that he has been reading about how other cities have spent their CMAQ money.

Robin Clevenger asked if the money is to be used on anything nonautomotive.

Steven replied that it can be used on anything that will reduce congestion.

Next Steps

Emma Newman talked about Wheels on the Willamette on May 20th.

Claudia Denton, Robin Clevenger, Joel Krestik, Jeffery Sakacsi expressed interest in volunteering.

Emma said that they try to do two Wheels on the Willamette events during the summer and ask which committee members would be interested.

Allison Camp, Claudia Denton, and Holle Schaper said they are interested.

Claudia added that it would be a good time to distribute bike lights.

Robin Clevenger asked if it was coordinated with Breakfast on the Bridges or anything like that.

Emma replied that this is Springfield's version of it.

Info Share

Jerry Hooton asked if anybody has a problem with blinking left turn signals while biking. He has had a couple of close calls.

Emma Newman said she will pass that on to the traffic engineer who is working on lights.

Andrew Landen added that his greatest danger when cycling is people turning right.

Joel Krestik told that committee that there is a business community challenge on May 14th and 20th.

Joel asked if the Gateway Cycle Track is done.

Michael Liebler replied that it is not done yet.

Allison Camp added a reminder to participate in the BCC.

Emma informed that committee that on Wednesday, April 20th she will be presenting at the GEARS at the Eugene Garden Club from 6:30 to 8:00.

Next Meeting: June 14, 2016; 6-7:30