



Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

August 13 – 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Springfield City Hall Council Chambers, 225 5th Street, Springfield

Attendance

Staff:

Michael Liebler, Emma Newman, Jolynn Barker

BPAC members:

Allison Camp, Brian Sorensen, Holly Rockwell, Laughton Elliott-DeAngelis (Safe Routes Liaison Alternate), Claudia Denton, Simon Daws (Willamalane Liaison), Sandy Coffin, Karla Berg, Matthew Nelson, Andrew Landen (Planning Commission Liaison), Matt Keeler, Garry Swanson, Raymond Linneman

Excused Absence:

Robin Mayall, Sam Miller, Sheri Moore (City Council Liaison)

Absent:

Public:

Shelly (UO student), Josh Peterson

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

Welcome/Introductions

Introductions were made.

Agenda Review

No agenda changes.

Committee Business

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Meeting Minutes

Karla Berg moved to approve the minutes from the April and June meetings.

Brian Sorensen seconded the motion.

All approved.

BPAC Orientation Recap

Emma Newman reminded the committee that a quorum is 60% of voting members attending. Please let her know in advance if missing a meeting.

Claudia Denton spoke about committee members being allowed to do what they want in their free time, as long as they are only representing themselves and not the committee.

Also, if you want to see something addressed in the meetings, speak to Emma, Claudia, or mention it during Info Share.

Planning/Programming Subcommittee Update

Allison Camp gave an update on the Planning Subcommittee. Education on bike-path etiquette is on their work plan. Signs were installed. The next Wheels by the Willamette they will provide a questionnaire to path users.

They also discussed how the BPAC can support the bike share program in Springfield.

Garry Swanson asked Simon Daws if there is a way to tell if a path was closed before they get there, for example the Middle Fork Path.

Simon replied that social media is an option to stay informed about closures. He will also discuss sending an email to biking clubs about closures with their social media coordinator.

Karla Berg suggested combining the Planning questionnaire with the Programming one.

Emma added that the questionnaire should only be about three questions long.

Claudia suggested allowing people filling out the questionnaire to choose how in depth they want to go.

Emma thought it might be a good idea to do one in the fall and the other in the spring.

Karla proposed doing them online to get a more widespread response.

Allison sought some opinions on a center stripe on bike paths.

Laughton Elliott-DeAngelis said that he liked them on curves.

Brian Sorensen said that he thought they are more work to maintain but does give a good visual indicator.

Simon said that they can give the impression that the path is just for biking when it is multi-use.

Karla gave an update on the Programming Subcommittee. They discussed coordinating with Willamalane for bike light giveaways.

Emma suggested giving them away at Willamalane's 75th Anniversary Celebration.

Karla Berg said that the subcommittee had some articles that they would like to post on social media. They also discussed bike-friendly businesses.

Emma Newman had some subcommittee news. The next Wheels by the Willamette is October 4. She also mentioned doing a bike light giveaway on Day Light Savings.

Claudia Denton would like to coordinate the giveaway at the next meeting.

Future BPAC Agenda Items

Emma Newman revisited the Future Agenda Items that are on the back of the meeting's agendas. She would like to know if anyone would like to add something.

Holly Rockwell would like a discussion on when bike facilities end. She shared that she has crashed with other people at the West D Street and Northbank Path connection and would like vision clearance to be improved and the pavement to be smoothed. She suggested the possibility of a mirror to see around the corner.

Garry Swanson said that they are currently working on 5th St identified on the committee's work plan.

Garry suggested an agenda item to discuss speed control on the bike paths.

Simon Daws said that they could tie in speeding issues with rules for e-bikes.

Brian Sorensen commented that Seattle has posted speed limit signs of 15 MPH on paths that are unobserved by path users.

Laughton Elliott-DeAngelis would like to see a Safe Routes to School group engagement agenda item.

Allison Camp would like a placeholder on future agendas to discuss topics brought up during a subcommittee that could eventually go to City Council.

Karla Berg added BPAC surveys to the list of future agenda items.

Claudia Denton encouraged the committee to give agenda items suggestions and to remind friends and family to attend the meetings and give a public comment.

Allison would like an update on the Street Bond Measure when it gets near completion.

Willamalane Capital Improvement Program Input

Every five years Willamalane updates their Capital Improvement Program (CIP), and Simon Daws gave some examples. He would like some suggestions for additional projects from the BPAC.

Allison Camp asked if the projects have a size restriction.

Simon answered that he thinks there is a project minimum, possibly of \$10,000.

Claudia Denton thinks path lighting would be a good project for Willamalane.

Emma Newman asked if a lighting feasibility study for the Northbank Path would be appropriate for the Willamalane CIP.

Simon replied that it would probably need to happen.

Emma Newman would like the Planning Subcommittee to continue to think of projects and the committee can discuss them at the next meetings.

Holly Rockwell asked if there is a list of projects that they are already considering.

Simon Daws said that there is and he will bring it to the next meeting.

Updates

City of Springfield

Emma Newman gave an update on what is happening in Springfield. Bike wayfinding through Glenwood is underway. Progress is being made on the EWEB multi-use path maintenance and improvements project. Transportation System Implementation Plan is going to the City Council for another work session. Main Street Safety Project is going into its next round of outreach Nov - Jan. Walking and Biking Safety Improvements Project is a set of projects and the school crossings are currently under construction in order to open in time for the school year starting. Virginia-Daisy Bikeway is still under design, and it will go out to bid for phase 1A this fall.

Michael Liebler gave a rundown of the different projects and their progress for the Walking and Biking Safety Improvements Project. Michael shared that the concrete work for the Main Street pedestrian crossing between 66th and 67th is complete and is waiting for signal poles to come in later this fall for full project completion.

Liaison Updates

Simon Daws gave an update on projects that Willamalane is doing.

Emma Newman gave an update on the Main Street Governance team. They met and recommended removing EmX from further study as a short term transit solution for Main Street and moved Enhanced Corridor forward.

Laughton Elliott-DeAngelis gave an update on Safe Routes to Schools. He asked for ideas to spend some funding on, especially regarding bike safety and encouragement. This year he is wanting to organize a student crash response team and an infrastructure educator program. He will be seeking volunteers.

Info Share

Emma Newman informed the group about GetThereOregon.org.

Emma Newman and Laughton Elliott-DeAngelis met with police to discuss a Bike with a Cop event. The committee indicated that evening or weekend times would be best for being able to participate.

Emma announced that there would be a community Oregon Friendly Driver training at the Library on September 9th.

Matt Keeler spoke about members volunteering for the Willamette River Festival.

Next Meeting: Oct 8, 2019; 6-7:30

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