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Multnomah County Bicycle and Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Committee

Draft Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Board Room, Multnomah Building, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Portland, OR

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Rubenstein
Gary Purvine
Joel Huffman
Andrew Holtz
Rory Renfro
Susan Watt
AJ Zelada
Jim Couch
Ryan Farncomb
Greg Olson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Carolyn Briggs
Art Graves

STAFF: Joanna Valencia (Transportation Planning and Development Program Manager),
MaryJo Anderson (SRTS Coordinator)

GUESTS: Caroline Crisp, RJ Sheperd, Michael Espinoza

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. There was a quorum of members present.

2. Approve February 2019 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Joel Huffman moved to approve the January 2019 meeting minutes. Andrew Holtz seconded the motion.

VOTE: All voted in favor with Greg Olson abstaining.

3. Public Comment

Greg Olson shared information on the Springwater mile marker project and how he has been working with Lake McGighe at Metro to address milepost locations.

Andrew Holtz showed the video of the Hawthorne Bridge issue on the sign and sight distance near the courthouse and cars encroaching on the bike lane due to sight distance reduction because of the placement of the signs. The County is working on addressing this.

Susan Watt shared that Newberry Road is about to re-open.

RJ Sheperd shares that Cambridge Mass passed new standards for new repaving that requires new standards for bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

AJ Zelada shared that the Division Transit Project received federal funding.

4. Chair Report

Rory reiterated the news that AJ shared of the Division Transit Project receiving federal funding.

5. Staff Report

Joanna Valencia provided an update on the Committee's membership and recruitment. A press release and the website will be up later. Committee members will get more information on renewing their membership status when Kate is back.

6. Membership and Recruitment Update

Joanna covered most of this agenda topic in her staff report above. The County expects a number of vacancies on the Committee and is hoping to recruit enough members to fill all of them. In addition to recruiting new members, every current membership is either past due or up for renewal this summer.

7. Regional Travel Options Grants

MaryJo Anderson, the County's Safe Routes to School Coordinator, provided an update on the Regional Travel Options grants. Committee members asked about the concept of "transportation demand management", or TDM, over the West Hills. Joanna shared that these grants are for projects within the MPO regional urban boundaries. MaryJo also shared information on the Transportation Growth Management grant process through the Oregon Department of Transportation, and the County exploring options for a TGM grant to look at TDM options. Several members asked about the West Side Bypass. Joanna shared that she met with Washington County awhile ago about it, but had not heard anything on forward movement for the project.

MOTION: Susan Watt moved to approve the letters of support for the County's Regional Transportation Option grant applications. Joel Huffman seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.

APPROVAL: The Committee voted to approve the draft letters of support.

8. Safe Routes to School Update & Davis Elementary Event

MaryJo Anderson also provided an update on the County's Safe Routes to School program, in particular the Davis Elementary event and shared a slide show. She shared the future spring events are scheduled such as Moving Mondays, as well Troutdale 5k Fun Run. MaryJo will work with Kate to email out dates/times of events to the BPCAC. Committee members asked about sustaining the program. MaryJo said she is working on turning volunteers into more regular walkers, signing routes, and continuing to work with schools. In addition to working with schools, MaryJo share that she is moving towards sharing and working with the east Multnomah County city councils. For instance, MaryJo shared the challenges with trying to prioritize cut through streets by Davis for the City of Gresham and sharing with City the challenges that Davis Elementary School faces.

9. Federal Transportation Funding

AJ Zelada shared information on the federal funding, particularly around the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and the efforts from The League's National Bike Summit to make changes to the HSIP. AJ provided hand outs for the Committee.

10. Open Share / Project Updates

Mike Espinoza shared that the Corbett community may be losing the resource officer on July 1 which is a concern for traffic enforcement. Folks shared that they would like to hear more about this at a future meeting.

Gary mentioned that the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is receiving comments for locating a bike hub at the Women's Forum (on the Historic Columbia River Highway) versus other locations. Greg will send info in case folks want to comment.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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Meeting minutes written and submitted by: Joanna Valencia

The next scheduled BPCAC meeting: Wednesday, May 8, 2019