



Pedestrian/Bikeway Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

Meeting Held Remotely via Zoom

<http://www.clackamas.us/engineering/pbac.html>

6:30 p.m. Welcome and Introductions

Ray Atkinson, Pete Ihrig, Del Scharffenberg, Melinda Montecucco, Bruce Parker, Dick Weber, Kelli Grover, Dale Guenther, Dave Weber, Steve Adams, Bradley Bondy

Staff: Scott Hoelscher – Engineering Division (ED), Brett Setterfield – ED, Abe Moland – Public Health/Transportation

Representatives: Megan Newell – Graphic Designer,

Members of the Public: Alexander Ernst

6:35 p.m. – Approval of February Minutes

Pete made a motion to approve the minutes, Mindy seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

6:40 p.m. – New Member Welcome

The new members in attendance (Dave Weber, Steve Adams, & Bradley Bondy) gave a brief introduction of themselves.

6:45 p.m. – Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Update

Abe gave a follow-up presentation on the CHIP that he presented to the committee a few months back. He briefly went over the background of the plan, and three of the goals: Access to Care, Culture of Health, and Healthy Behaviors. They conducted 16 interviews with County and community based stakeholders, and he provided the general responses to a number of different questions asked of these stakeholders.

One of the responses from stakeholders was normalizing all modes of travel, and Kelli asked Abe to expand on that. Abe said it focuses on transit and other modes of travel that don't revolve around single-occupancy vehicles. Kelli said maybe it should be "normalizing alternative modes of travel," and Ray said to add "healthy" modes of travel as well. Mindy said to add something about off-street trails/paths.

When discussing road safety, Bradley said to include both a qualitative, along with a quantitative aspect when it comes to reducing crashes and saving lives. Mindy said it may be helpful to be more specific on the significant barriers portion of the plan, and Ray said to potentially change "car culture" to "car first culture."

Bruce said under the barrier's portion there's a lack of funding, as well as funding that's so fragmented that it can be challenging to track down. Bradley said when discussing the 8 to 80, it would be important to have an emphasis on infrastructure as his nephews can't ride their bikes to school even though there's a bike lane, because it's too challenging.

7:10 p.m. – Active Transportation 101 & 2021 Projects and Programs

Scott and Brett gave an overview of what the Department of Transportation and Development (DTD) does, as well as some of the department's major adopted plans, and upcoming projects.

7:40 p.m. – PBAC Logo

Scott gave a background on the process of seeking out a graphic designer, and introduced Megan as the one staff selected. Megan talked about her background and asked the committee to give her some answers to several questions. The first question for the Committee was to discuss the purpose of PBAC, and Bruce said it's to provide safety to bicyclists and walkers alike and Del added to get people on the sidewalks, bike lanes, and trails. Dick added the importance of bike parking once you get to your destination. Mindy said advocating for safety and security, and what that brings, such as health, equity, and community. Ray said that incorporating both the rural and urban aspects of transportation.

The next question asked who do you collaborate with, and who might that be in the future? Del said anyone who will give the group money, and Scott added that could be state & local grants, and collaborating with the other jurisdictions in the county such as cities, non-profits, other departments (parks dept.), and other committees.

The next question asked who needs to see this name and logo, and how will it benefit PBAC? Ray said anyone the Committee writes letters of support for, having this letterhead would be beneficial. Mindy said the public as well, as they'll see the organization and have a better idea who to contact. Dick said other bicycle groups/clubs in the Portland metro region. Bruce said the logo will explain who the Committee is.

The next question asked how the Committee reaches its audience? Del asked if the Committee has an audience, and Dick said through word of mouth. Kelli said the Board of County Commissioners is an audience, as letters of support go directly to them, and Del agreed.

The next question asked why PBAC is needed at this point in history? Steve said the growth and investment in infrastructure in the region is becoming more walk and bike friendly, as some of the original layouts of cities such as Milwaukie were not built for active transportation. Ray said diversity, along with the Black Lives Matter movement and how it impacts walkers and bikers.

The next question was to share a recent success story. Mindy shared the story of the old Molalla Forest Logging Road and the grant that was just received for planning a portion of that road for a bicycle/pedestrian path. Bruce said the Hot Spots project near Sunnyside and the placement of the detection for a bicyclist to trigger the signal was nice to see how quickly that was applied. Del said the Trolley Trail might be one of the biggest success stories in the county.

The next question asked which words come to mind when describing PBAC? Bruce said "advocate." Kelli said "safety conscious." Mindy said "active." Ray said "healthy living." Mindy said "advocacy." Scott said "urban/rural."

The next question asked what visual imagery comes to mind when thinking about PBAC? Mindy said outdoors. Bruce said the county likes using a silhouette of Mt. Hood. Ray said family biking, instead of racing bikes. Mindy said motion. Bruce said when he was in San Diego, on their off-street paths had not just pedestrians and bikes, but also rollerbladers, skateboarders, and other users and he'd like to incorporate that somehow in the logo. Pete said the logo examples he saw that he liked were the ones that were simpler. Dave said using the Mt. Hood silhouette with

people in the foreground might be good. Scott asked about people's views on Mt. Hood, and Del said it doesn't seem that important and Pete agreed.

The next question asked if there are other committee's logos that PBAC liked. The group looked over the examples Scott shared in previous meetings.

The next questions asked if there's anything we need or include, or ensure we don't include? Ray said potentially include Willamette Falls or Mt. Hood, and not need the name of the County. But Bruce said he felt the opposite way.

Megan said that the Committee can send her any more information in the coming days, and Scott said members can send anything his way and he'll forward them on to Megan. Scott said at the next meeting the Committee will have drafts to look over.

8:30 p.m. – Canby Bike/Ped Letter of Commitment

Bruce said Canby is looking for another grant, this time from the National Park Service for the Traverso section of the Molalla Forest Road Path. Mindy said they help coordinate partnerships. Dick made a motion to approve the letter from the Committee, Dave seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

8:35 p.m. – Bike & Pedestrian Hot Spots

Scott gave a brief overview of the Hot Spot process for the new members.

The first spot the committee looked at was SE East Ave in Oak Grove where the utility pole was placed directly in the middle of the sidewalk. Dick said the solution might be to add sidewalk concrete in a "C" on either side. Dale said it might be best to have the utility move the pole at their expense. Dave agreed, that PGE has to move utilities all the time. The committee agreed that would be the best course of action for this Hot Spot.

The second spot was along SE River Road where vehicle are illegally parked in the bike lane. Scott said signage might be the best course of action, and added that enforcement is necessary as well. Del agreed, saying there needs to be some tickets given out. Scott said adding more bike lane markings, along with the signage might be the way to go. The committee agreed that would be the best way to move forward.

Dick asked about the bicyclist signage on Clackamas River Road that the Committee went over a few meetings back, and Scott said that has moved forward.

8:50 p.m. – Open Committee Discussion

Next meeting will be held on April 6th.

8:55 p.m. – Adjourn

Dick made a motion to adjourn, Ray seconded and the motion passed unanimously.