



Pedestrian/Bikeway Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

150 Beavercreek Road, Oregon City, OR 97045

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

6:30 p.m. Welcome and Approval of August Minutes

Members: Bruce Parker, Mindy Montecucco, Ray Atkinson, Del Scharffenberg, Peter Ihrig, Kelli Grover, Dick Webber, Hans Tschersich, Kenath Sponsel

Staff: Scott Hoelscher – Engineering Division (ED), Brett Setterfield – ED, Nicole Perry – Safe Routes to School Coordinator

Representatives: Tonia Williamson – North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District,

Members of the Public: Hal Ballard – City of Hillsboro resident

Dick made a motion to approve November minutes, Peter seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

6:35 p.m. Public Comment

Hal served on the BTA board of directors (Now the Street Trust), and a league coach and proctor for the League of American Bicyclists. He said he also provides legal services for those effected by crashes between bikes and vehicles, bikes and cars, and pedestrians. Hal said Washington County doesn't have a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and so he's attending to get some feedback on how this committee was formed and how he could get a similar committee together in Washington County. He said he's attending the Multnomah County meeting next week as well to get more insight as well, and attending the Washington Co. Board of Commissioners meeting next month. He said he's experienced increased conflicts between bicyclists and vehicles, and he's been an advocate for many years since he was run off the road in Beaverton. He just wants feedback from members and his email is bicyclist@comcast.net.

6:45 p.m. Oak Grove – Lake Oswego Bridge Project

The committee discussed developing a letter of support for the project at the last meeting, but that never materialized as the project was in more trouble than expected with Lake Oswego City Council opting to remove any support for the project. With that knowledge, those tasked with writing the letter didn't see it feasible to write that letter based on the movement by Lake Oswego. Ray said he spoke with someone at Metro and they're considering including a trails bridge portion to the T2020 bill going to the ballot this November, but he's not sure about specifics or if that will indeed be moving forward. Del said he read something that made him feel the bridge project is not completely dead, and Scott said he's under the impression that although the project may not be dead, political influences are making it close to ended. The committee agreed that they'll wait until next month's meeting to learn more about where the project lies, and if it makes sense to write that letter discussed last month. Scott said there's a January 13th meeting at Metro headquarters to hear public feedback on the project.

6:50 p.m. Blueprint for a Healthy Clackamas County

Abe gave a presentation on Health and Transportation in the County, and some work he does with Health, Housing, and Human Services (HHHS) & the Department of Transportation. He's on the Population and Health Strategies team in the HHHS department, and works on air quality/housing/climate change projects with the Transportation Department. Abe then asked the committee what health means to them, and Mindy said at a conference she was struck by the statement that health is impacted more by zip code than you DNA. Some other things brought up by the committee was air quality, exercise, and outdoor impact on mental health. Ray said there is a new report out that shows Oslo, Norway had only one traffic-related fatality last year, that being a vehicle driver, meaning no bike or pedestrian deaths. That was attributed to the car-free city center of Oslo. Abe then brought up equity, and how to operationalize ways every person has to thrive through eliminating barriers and ensuring access to resources. He provided a graph as an example how to help understand equity, showing the difference between a predominantly white neighborhood and predominantly Hispanic neighborhood in Tucson, AZ barriers to walking.

Abe then showed the County's Health Improvement Plan website (www.blueprintclackamas.com), showing the committee how to browse the site, looking at a number of different things such as data on zip code trends, funding and demographics. He then transitioned to the Walkability Action Plan, and the County's team that went to Atlanta, GA for a weeklong conference on walkability health. When they returned, they were in charge of developing the Walkability Action Plan with 4 goals specific to the County (two focusing on Hillside Park project and Park Ave project). The fourth goal is to identify one community ready traffic calming pop-up, and Abe asked the committee to be thinking about possible ideas, locations, and concepts. Scott said he'd like to bring this back to the committee at a later meeting to discuss potential ideas.

7:45 p.m. Look Ahead to 2020

Scott and Brett went over the 2020 work plan for the Committee, giving a quick introduction to projects that will be brought before the Committee in more detail through the year. These projects include: Oak Grove-Trolley Trail Bicycle Parking project, the County's first Transit Development Plan, the Barton Park Master Plan, Bicycle (and possibly Pedestrian) Master Plan, Safe Routes to School grant award from Metro, Fee In-Lieu of Construction funds for sidewalk projects, Rhododendron Redevelopment Plan, Hot Spots/Pinch Points, PBAC Logo, Molalla Forest Road, T2020 Transportation Investment Measure, and Middle Housing.

Scott then passed out an evaluation to the Committee for members to provide feedback on how PBAC is running, if members feel things are on track and topics members want on future agendas. He asked members to return the optional handout at the next meeting. He also provided info on Clackamas County being awarded Regional Flexible Funding Allocation (RFFA) funds for the Courtney Avenue project to add sidewalks and bike lanes between McLoughlin Blvd and River Rd in Oak Grove.

8:25 p.m. Senate Bill 998 – “Idaho Stop Law”

Scott played a video about the new Idaho stop law that just went into effect in Oregon, how bicyclists can now treat intersections, and the increased fine for blowing through a stop sign.

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