



Clark Communities Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

MEETING NOTES

Date: Tuesday July 23, 2012

Time: 6:00-8:00 PM

Location: Center for Community Health,
1601 E Fourth Plain Blvd., Vancouver, WA 98661
Conference Room 210 C

Members present: Joe Greulich, Eric Giacchino, Trisha McConaughy, Phil Brown, Jennifer Halleck, Chuck Frayer, Madeleine von Laue.

Staff present: Jennifer Campos, Ken Burgstahler, Lynda David

Audience: Dan Packard

Adoption of Meeting Notes from June 26:

one comment: Under New Business: create a new bullet for the second sentence in bullet #3. "C-Tran changed route.....Terry motioned to approve."

Trisha McConaughy made motion to adopt. Joe Greulich seconded. All approved.

New Business

a. Pedi-cab proposal, Marcus Griffith

Marcus listed some of the current impediments to operating a pedi-cab in Vancouver, including the helmet ordinance and having to meet the same regulations as taxi cabs (ie having a working motor).

He proposes adding four amendments to the city code:

- 1) exempt passengers in pedi-cabs from wearing a helmet
- 2&3) a definition of a pedi-cab for two different sections of the code
- 4) an entirely new section for the code.

To write these changes, Marcus looked at similar codes in Seattle, Phoenix, Washington D.C, Portland and other cities

Amendment #4 generated the most comment. Committee members questioned the safety to pedestrians of allowing pedi-cabs on sidewalks (5.76.830, A4). It was suggested that wording such as "Pedestrians should always have the right of way" be included in the amendment. The legalese of what is a pathway and what is a sidewalk was another concern. Some paths such as the Renaissance Trail have both sidewalk and multi-use segments.

Another point in that same section, A9, also concerned members who thought the "unsafe speed" language too subjective. "Walking speed" and "yielding to pedestrians" were suggested additions to the section.

Some members also questioned whether the insurance requirements (5.76.870, A), were adequate. It was suggested that the pedi-cap owner would act in his/her own best interest to get appropriate coverage.

Also discussed was the alcohol standard (5.76.880, A1) of 0.04 and whether it should be 0.00. It was pointed out that 0.04 is the limit for commercial truck drivers and possibly for taxi drivers.

Several committee members expressed general support for the proposal with some modifications. It was also suggested that Marcus look for other possibly supporters of the project, such as Parks and Rec, to strengthen his case for the city council. Marcus will revise the appropriate sections and bring the issue back for the September committee meeting.

b. Staff updates

Ken Burgstahler: WSDOT

re the Hwy 502 project between 10th and Battle Ground: phase one will be wetland mitigation. Phase 2 will be the actual widening which will start next year

Salmon Creek interchange: the contract was awarded June 22. Ken confirmed that there are bike lanes on the bridge.

St. Johns overpass is progressing

SR 501 & I5; the east side is torn up

Transportation grants: There were 155 applications which will be rated on a point system. Decisions will be announced next year.

Lynda David, RTC, reported that the new federal transportation act, known as MAP-21, was passed by Congress and signed into law at the end of June. The bill eliminates the Transportation Enhancements, Safe Routes to School, and Recreational Trails programs and creates a new Transportation Alternatives program but at a third less funding. Under the prior federal transportation act, SAFETEA-LU, the three

programs had been funded at about \$1.2 billion a year while the new Transportation Alternatives program will be funded at \$808 million a year. 50% of the funds will be allocated to larger metropolitan areas, such as our region, so we will be able to select projects regionally. Lynda and Jennifer Campos cautioned that states are able to transfer the other half of the funds to other programs. We will have to wait until Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) makes decisions on how these funds are to be used and we will report back to the Committee as we learn more.

Jennifer Campos, City of Vancouver

Work is continuing on 137th Ave between 29th - 38th streets

Work on 164th Ave. is progressing

c. Policy Makers' Ride

Joe Greulich reported on the July 20th ride in Portland sponsored by Intertwine and Cycle Oregon. He suggested that we invite a woman he met from the Willamette Pedestrian Coalition, Steph Routh, to one of our meetings.

d. PBAC schedule.

Committee was informed that there will no meeting in August, and members agreed to change the September meeting date to Monday, Sept. 24.

4. Old Business

a. Report from goal-setting committees

Madeleine von Laue (Complete Streets goal) reported that committee members Jennifer Campos and Laurie Lebowsky are analyzing their respective codes for language that might already include complete streets concepts.

Eric Giacchino, reporting on the goal of having the city recognize BPAC as its official committee, said he'd heard that the city is getting rid of advisory committees.

Jennifer Halleck (integrating bike and ped planning into transportation plans) said the committee has developed a spreadsheet with info about the progress/actions on all projects. They're learning how the process works, when and how to interact, and have identified what types of projects warrant concern.

A current project of concern is the Winco expansion on Hwy. 99. More parking spaces are planned, but no pedestrian accommodations were included in the original plan. The committee will write a letter to Winco and the county asking for pedestrian access consistent with code. The also asked for bicycle parking.

A second project is a proposed running track at St. Joseph's school on Highland Dr. Jennifer said the committee is concerned about an apparently lack of a setback of the track from the sidewalk and that it seems to violate frontage improvement requirements. Jennifer Campos said she would look into it.

5. Public Comments

Dan Packard expressed concern about intersection sensors that don't recognize bicycles. As the city lacks the resources to check every intersection, it was suggested that we can all help by calling the city to report problems (487-7700). Eric said that the BCC distributes the orange City of Vancouver Bicycle Card with that number at all bike parking corrals.

6. Announcements

Oct. 3 is International Walk to School Day. The committee will receive more information about it.

Adjournment

Phil Brown made a motion to adjourn. Jennifer Halleck seconded. All approved. The committee adjourned at 8:02.