

**Eugene Bicycle and Pedestrian
Advisory Committee**



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Date: Thursday, December 10, 2015
Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Sloat Conference Room
Atrium Building, 99 W. 10th Ave
Eugene, OR 97401

BPAC Members in Attendance: Allen Hancock, Seth Sadofsky, Bob Passaro, Steve Bade, Joel Krestik, Jim Patterson, Janet Lewis, Susan Stumpf, Eliza Kashinsky

BPAC Members Absent: Marc Schlossberg, Emily Eng, Corrine Clifford

Staff in Attendance: Lee Shoemaker, Reed Dunbar, Rob Inerfeld

Members of the Public: David Sonnichsen, Vicky Mello, David Levin, Mike DeLuise, Alpha Wilson, Josh Kashinsky, Beth Eiva, Bob Beals

Notes

1. Open Meeting

2. Public Comment

David Levin: expressed concern that there is no bike lane on 13th Avenue for 3 blocks (Washington to Lincoln). There are sharrows here, it's signed at 20 mph but it's not enforced. People driving don't know what sharrows mean. Been menaced by drivers in this location (drivers will wait for light at Olive to complain – they see a bike lane here and think there was one at the gap). This is an accident waiting to happen. Understand businesses want parking, but this is a safety issue. Also, need to educate people about sharrows; people don't know what that means.

Beth Eova: brought some maps – here on behalf of The Village School. Just bought a new location (east of Willamette, north of 35th, by Post Office). This is a charter school – people from all locations attend. There are also no school buses. Lots of students walk and bike now. There are some transportation safety concerns – working with Shane MacRhodes. Had a meeting to discuss off-site traffic concerns at a parent meeting. Would like: School Speed Zone signs (Willamette, Donald, 35th); marked crosswalk at Donald/35th and one across 35th at Willamette Street (encroachment issue for turning cars onto Willamette). Possibly an RRFB at 34th across Willamette. (BPAC: think about Transportation Demand Management strategies. Also, enforcement is important.)

3. Approve November 12, 2015 Meeting Summary Notes

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

Minutes approved unanimously.

4. Vision Zero Update

Action Requested: Select BPAC representative and program update

Rob Inerfeld is working to set up a committee right now. Was hoping to get a BPAC member and an alternate. Steve (alternate) would be willing. Interesting timing – have a lot of new folks coming on next month who may want to serve.

Potentially applying to a national organization for resources.

5. Roosevelt Middle School Walking and Biking Access

Action Requested: Update on the meeting between 4J and Eugene staff

Reed Dunbar, Transportation Planner, gave an update to the Roosevelt Middle School sidewalk widening request and evaluation of on-street parking (E 24th Avenue).

4j has decided to fund and build the widened sidewalk if the city prepares the environmental review. The environmental review is projected to cost \$4500 and take 3-5 months. Staff is currently working with permitting folks to determine how to proceed.

24th Avenue parking removal evaluation is in process. We are doing counts. Not sure how to fund the temporary or permanent improvements.

6. Elect Chair/Vice-Chair

Action Requested: Elect Chair and Vice-Chair for 2016

BPAC thanks Bob and Eliza for serving as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively. These positions influence the agenda setting process and preside over the meetings.

Seth was nominated for Chair and accepted. Seth was unanimously voted Chair for BPAC 2016.

Joel was nominated for Vice-Chair and accepted. Joel was unanimously voted Vice-Chair for BPAC 2016.

7. Acknowledge Outgoing BPAC Members

Action Requested: Reflection on Tenure and Advice to 2016 BPAC

There are five members leaving the committee this month. Janet Lewis, Jim Patterson, Emily Eng, Corrine Clifford, and Marc Schlossberg. Janet and Jim shared some of their experiences with the committee.

Janet: enjoyed time on BPAC. Grateful to have been on the committee and to the staff and other committee members. Is inspired by passion of individuals. Thankful that the agenda was respected. Just beginning to understand how much she doesn't know yet. Feels like a better person. Used to be more judgmental of people and has made progress, so thank you. Reminder, lucky to have mobility as a pedestrian, but it's also environmental conditions that impact the walking experience, keep this in

mind. Advice for future members, don't be overwhelmed. Also, pick a topic you are passionate about and push it forward.

Jim: taught for most of his career and was on a lot of committees throughout. Thinks BPAC is the best committee he's been on. First of all, people are here because they care. Second, everyone is committed to making Eugene a better place for people who walk and bike. Commend members and employees for their commitment. Lament the lack of authority to have more influence. Future BPAC members need to keep on track of things and get involved wherever they can. Make sure bikes and pedestrians are looked after. Lindsay Selser and others have talked about the Eugene bike/ped system being available for members aged 8-80, concerned that he just turned 80 – what happens next year? (Also, have noticed that some senior housing managers are not as enthused about walking and biking as some of their tenants.)

Bob read statements from other outgoing members. Wants to thank people for their commitments to walking and biking.

Susan: thank you for your passions and perspectives. These are invaluable. You bring up things I don't think about.

Allen: will hope you will remain active on the email list.

Seth: thank you, enjoyed getting to know you.

8. New BPAC Members

Action Requested: Report on new 2016-17 Members

Seven continuing members; had 17 applicants. We can have up to 15 total members on BPAC. Geographic diversity was a challenge this year. Do have some people from other places. Gender balance is 9 males and 6 females. Remember that in 2016 there will be 5 new members.

Lee Shoemaker read the names of some of the new members and their experience, interests.

9. Bylaws

Action Requested: Approve New Bylaws

Lee Shoemaker proposed some changes to make it clearer what BPAC does. Also, wanted to make sure the bylaws met city rules (like coming back onto committees after a terming out).

Janet, move to approve. Jim, second.

Allen: need more time to review it. Trust that they are good revisions but need time to ensure they reflect the needs of the committee. (These were sent out last week. Also, reviewed by Planning Subcommittee.)

Steve: these are administrative changes. Specific changes that are not standard are based on BPAC demands.

Bob: some items were removed due to assignment of responsibility (Walking and Biking Summit, etc.).

Vote: 8 approvals; 1 abstain (Allen). Passed.

10. Project Updates

Action Requested: Information Share

City staff talked about the status of projects. BPAC comments:

- Missing bike lanes on 11th. This is an LTD project. Reed has been in contact since March 2015. It was supposed to be done in August.
- Would like a through lane for bikes on 29th at Amazon. Is there enough room here? Not sure.
- Traffic Engineer position – will it be replaced? Not sure. When we know more we'll let you know.
- How do you learn about construction projects? Rob Inerfeld and I get a notice but it's hard to figure out what the projects are. There are also many of them. We are having discussions with the permitting team about making the notices clearer. We can involve BPAC when we know more.
- Bob: interested in potentially writing something to Kurt Corey about providing some comments on the hiring process for Traffic Engineer. Joel offered to write something (Allen to assist). Motion to write a letter. Passed.
- Whole Foods block: wondering about sidewalk at the site. The sidewalk on Mill is closed. Reed, it shouldn't be. Will ask Scott Gillespie to enforce. Also, will put temporary sidewalk on 8th Avenue by repurposing the bike lane.
- Capstone sidewalk – plastic panels, replaced? Downtown staff is looking into getting some repairs from Capstone.

11. Information Share

BPAC and Staff Information Share

Eliza: paying attention to the South Willamette code improvements.

Joel: attended Springfield BPAC on Tuesday. They have new members. In January, will select a liaison to attend the Eugene BPAC meetings. One mention was consistency in wayfinding signs.

Jim: thanks again!

Allen: there was a TSP meeting this week. It's the last Transportation Community Resource Group meeting.

Janet: you can call on me to be a pedestrian decoy if you would like. Would be available to get some things translated too.

Seth: there is some interesting stuff on social media – using cones to influence driver behavior (create curb extensions, etc.). Counts on 24th Avenue – do we need to keep doing them? Yes, keep doing them. Pedestrian hit at 11th and Jefferson yesterday. Any follow up? This might be a spot to keep an eye on.

Bob: thanks for helping me though this year (as Chair). Thinking we should hit some neighborhood associations with a presentation from time to time. Tabling at events is also a good opportunity to meet the community and learn how the transportation system is working.

12. Adjourn

Future Agenda Topics

- Parks and Recreation System Plan – January
- New Member Introductions - January
- Development Code – to be determined
- Community Design Guide – to be determined
- Automobile Parking Requirements – to be determined
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategic Plan – to be determined
- Traffic Enforcement/Citations – To be determined
- Improved Crash Data/Traffic Enforcement – To be determined
- Marking Crosswalks – To be determined
- Railroad Quiet Zone – To be determined
- Transportation System Plan – To be determined
- Bike Theft – To be determined
- Pedestrian-Bicycle Pavement Bond Measure Projects – As needed