

# City of Beaverton

## Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

### Minutes – June 1, 2010

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#### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Bjoern Brunner.

#### **Present:**

Chair Bjoern Brunner, Vice Chair Mary Elizabeth Smith, Barbara Chapnick, Mike Mulligan, Dana Barnes, Richard Walker, Ernie Conway, Leslie Ruh, Officer James Patrick, City Staff Liaison Margaret Middleton, Senior Transportation Planner.

#### **Absent:**

Will Cortez

Dave Brown resigned.

City Councilor Betty Bode

#### **Visitors:**

Susan Peithman (BTA), Jim Parsons, Brian Walker, Colin Maher (TriMet)

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The meeting minutes of May 2010 were approved as written. Chapnick/Mulligan (7/0).

#### **Staff Communications**

**Police:** Officer Patrick reported on a class they taught on teaching children safety. He said that many child deaths are from children darting into the road. These involve the children's inability to search and scan for vehicles, and then making an unexpected maneuver. He said that was a surprise to them and they are re-thinking their approach to teaching safety and requested any ideas we had to submit them. Susan Peithman said that the darting out is a safety issue as well as alleys and suggested BTA has some educators that do a 10-hour bike safety curriculum and she would contact Office Patrick about this. Susan said that there are studies that state when there is more distraction in the street, the motorist pays more attention. Leslie Ruh said there were studies about speeding in owners own area and that they speed more in their own area.

Margaret emailed out the tentative date, June 28th for the Lombard Issue City Council meeting. Ernie said the posting will be official on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and Ernie is working with City to get more accurate information and quicker. Margaret said she was not sure what type of a hearing it was. There are 4 different types of actions. Susan P was wondering if there were going to be community meetings about this and Ernie said he researched this and it was apparently not on the agenda. Ernie said there may be a breakout meeting. Margaret said there was a standard process about having community meetings. The Traffic Commission makes a decision and forwards it to the Council, and they can pull it up for a de novo hearing or consent to the decision if there are no appeals. It was recommended that Ernie go on behalf of BAC to City to find out what is going on. Barbara recommended that we have a strategy on how to deal with this. Bjoern said Ernie would send email out.

**City Council:** Councilor Bode was not present

**Transportation:** Staff liaison Margaret Middleton reported that Dave Brown resigned and that Leslie Ruh is being confirmed next week at City Council. Margaret said we need a replacement for the BAC THPRD Trails Committee liaison; a voting position. Dana nominated Barbara who declined. Margaret suggested the BAC members share and take turns. The typical meeting is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of the month at Elsie Sturh. Dana has volunteered for June 15<sup>th</sup> and Richard Walker will do July mtg.

**Visitors:**

Jim Parson said Taco Bell on Cedar Hills was remodeled and no bike rack was installed. Middleton said that this was not a land use issue so there were no conditions of approval to install racks. She encouraged Jim to contact Taco Bell and encourage rack installation. The bike lane on SW Center Street is worn. MM said it is being resurfaced. The Fanno Creek Trail fence problems were discussed and issues rose. Barbara gave a summary of a phone call received by Peter A. Dana Barnes suggested BAC send a member to inquire. Jim Parson has some recommendations and Barbara suggested he submit them to THPRD or at the public hearing. Jim talked about new plant growth that encroaches into bike lanes. Margaret suggested we call operations to report this. Margaret will send the number out again or call her if you need it.

Ernie Conway suggested we find out when the trail crossing issue is on the public hearing docket and send someone to that meeting.

Brain Walker spoke on Hall Blvd with construction and requested gravel please be removed by City. Margaret said she would contact the project manager as it is a City pavement project.

**New Business**

Colin Maher talked about Metro Bike n Ride project for high capacity bike parking. Start date ST = 6/21 and open for business end of July. Beaverton transit in Aug and open in the fall. Details in the form of a map was displayed to the BAC. The BikeLink card access has a small charge to make it a more efficient facility so that folks do not use it for clutter. Acts like a smart card where you pay per time usage. About 36 cents per day. Web cam on the reader to interface with customer service.

How does it differentiate between dropping off and picking up? He said to trust system. How does it know you are taking the right bike? 4-digit id on the back of the card. Sticker on bike. You still need to lock your bike up. Camera coverage is there as well. Sunset Transit will not be as large as the Beaverton transit center. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> two of regional coverages. Another at Gresham and Orenco station and eventually Gateway but it is low on the list. Beaverton and Sunset Transit center have more traffic than all other facilities. This feature is meant to eventually be a Bike Sharing system. Employers could buy a lot of space for their employees. Both facilities will have self serve repair stand for basic bike maintenance. The Beaverton Transit Center will be built south of the tracks on Lombard and will create a new entrance to the Beaverton Transit Center. There will be a specific bike driveway. There will be a locker system as well if you want to lock up your helmet, etc. Buy the card at coffee venders and other stores. Activate it at the station or online.

The Card interfaces with an account. There will be a hitching post to have folks leave their locks. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and an invite to BAC in late July for Sunset and then again for BTC. The Bike n Ride will face Hwy 26 with banner over Hwy 26.

Margaret asked about marketing to provide safe bike routes to these places. Colin said there will be a map with information and they will post it inside and outside. Mary asked what happens if the corrals are all filled? Colin said that you can see inside. The cost is 2 cents per hour.

Discussion on Beaverton Transit Center went on. Dana asked about what happens if power goes down? There is a battery backup and someone monitoring this with master key. Colin said he would follow up on the danger areas on the MAX tracks on Lombard.

Dana asked how the WES was going. Ridership was up. Mary talked about folks in Wilsonville and concerns about folks getting there. Bjoern said buses run quite often.

Are the electronic bike lockers going to be available at the same rate? Yes. The pods and bike lockers will still be available for now. Richard asked what BAC can do? Colin said BAC could complete the network that connects transit centers with where folks need to go. Colin said METRO would begin signing some paths to lead folks to transit centers. Colin asked for BAC to make suggestions.

### **Old Business**

#### Bike Beaverton 2010

**Routes Committee:** Mike discussed maps and if we needed cut sheets. Church wanted copies of flyers for PR.

Margaret said postcards and bookmarks would be available this week. The Nazarene Church was thanked and we informed them that we would not go through their parking lot. THPRD approved ok to go through their park. Mike said THPRD would be interested in future to expand the event CICLOBIA, a closed street bike event, and will come in the future year to speak at BAC meeting. Mike said 2 locations Highland and Hart and a few on Greenway. Who is responsible? Five volunteers are needed and Will is coordinating this.

Little kids ride: they need a number of volunteers like parents and other folks. Margaret suggested police did that but Mike said police were detained on streets. Portland Velo will be notified for volunteers. There is now no need for a CERT meeting for volunteers. Station 66 will attach a garden hose to allow water for riders. Schifler Park has water fountain and porta toilet. **Route 155<sup>th</sup>** separated bike route at Rigert Rd has heaves in the asphalt from roots. Margaret asked Mike to identify where these are and City will send out OPs team to assess.

**Volunteers:** Mary said Richard is working on table volunteers. Mary noted that Trader Joes logo was not on the PR. It was reported that they were not necessarily concerned. **Music:** on target. **Water:** Mike wanted to know if we could borrow water coolers. **Layout of Event:** Barbara will take charge of the map layout and send out to BAC so that we can plan where everything is. **Speakers and Mikes:** Reserved for the event. **Sag Wagon:** Not sure. Barbara will send a note to

Will to find out if he was going to SAG. **Flyers:** Mary wanted to know when we are getting the flyers. Dana said she would put up small posters in each BG store. BAC members will distribute flyers to wherever they feel necessary. They will also be on demand through Margaret.

### **Committee Communications**

Oregon Bike Summit – Will is attending

Tues - Bike-Walk workshop Mary is attending.

6/16 6pm open house for Commissions and Boards: We need someone from BAC to attend.

Barbara can no longer attend.

Tues 6/24 6pm Beaverton Civic Plan Vision planning meeting.

Neighborhood bike ride at Scholls Ferry and Barrows, TBD.

Aug 5<sup>th</sup> is Neighbors Night Out.

**Member Communications:** Mike Mulligan passed around the new copy for Your City article.

THPRD Trails Committee Update: no report. Dave Brown has resigned.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 6**, at 6:30 p.m. in the **Council Chamber** of City Hall.

Submitted,  
Barbara Chapnick