



## **City of Beaverton**

### **Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)**

#### **Meeting Minutes for Thursday, March 11, 2021**

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Present: Mike Mulligan, Ananda Vardhana, John Vogler, Kara Lerwick, Amanda Koppel, Nathanael May, Annee Ashton, Caitlin Ahearn, Michael Hashizume

Absent: Corey McManus, Michael Dunlevy, Israel Laureles

Staff: Maggie Tidmore, Jean Senechal Biggs, Kate McQuillan, Anna Slatinsky

Guests: Amy Browning (Mayor's Youth Advisory Board), Councilor Nadia Hassan, Ian G.

#### **Zoom Meeting Housekeeping/Best Practices**

Maggie Tidmore reviewed Zoom housekeeping / best practices

#### **Call to Order and Agenda Review**

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM

#### **Approval of February Minutes**

February's minutes were approved at 6:41 PM.

#### **Public Comment**

There was no comment from the public.

#### **Council Liaison Update**

Beaverton is in the process of hiring a full-time city manager. Councilor Hasan discussed the process, Beaverton's new form of government, and directed the BAC to Beaverton's website (<https://www.beavertonoregon.gov/1749/City-Manager>) for more information about the process of hiring a full-time city manager, and encouraged people to take the online survey about the hiring process.

Councilor Hasan mentioned that budget season for the city is coming up, and meetings on forming the budget will begin in May.

## **Beaverton Bike Map Update (Jean Senechal Biggs)**

The City of Beaverton prints a bike map of various routes in the city and surrounding areas. The map was last updated in 2014 and the City has budget to update the map this year. In addition to city staff updating the bike map, Jean asked for the committee's feedback.

Caitlin recommended that Oregon's new "Idaho stop" law be added into the tips section. She also highlighted outdated information for various organizations referenced on the map.

Mike asked for clarification on what constituted classifications such as "High Traffic Route" or "Caution Area" on the map. Jean said that she'd get back to him.

Amanda asked if the bike map could include a visual distinction for whether you need to walk your bike or can bike through multiuse paths in the area.

Ananda brought up the idea of highlighting loops and predefined routes within the system. Nathanael agreed and noted that when he's travelled to other cities in the country, such routes are often included in city resources for cyclists.

Michael noted that the visual language of the map implies some of the cooler colors (green, blue) indicate safe, beginner-friendly routes; however, there are high-speed arterials and state highways (such as Tualatin Valley Highway) that are coded with those cooler colors.

Annee asked if the map could reflect traffic signals that are capable of being triggered by cyclists. Caitlin agreed, and noted that Portland maps traffic signals on its bike map.

## **Transportation Planning 101 (Jean Senechal Biggs, Anna Slatinsky, Kate McQuillan)**

Jean, Anna, and Kate came to present to the BAC what city planning looks like behind-the-scenes.

Jean is the Transportation Planning Division Manager and works on transportation planning and policy, delivering capital projects, and regional coordination with other agencies. Anna is the Planning Division Manager and is responsible for current and long-range planning teams. Kate is a Senior Planner in the long-range planning department.

The planners presented an organizational chart for the City of Beaverton and emphasized the two departments most involved in planning: Community Development and Public Works.

They explained that Community Development comprises work divisions like long-range planning, land use development review, and urban redevelopment; whereas Public Works focuses on operations and engineering services.

Kate talked about the different land use and transportation plans that governments at each level have, including Oregon's 19 statewide planning goals (available here <https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/op/pages/goals.aspx>); Metro's regional plans; and Beaverton's Transportation System Plan (TSP), which includes the Active Transportation Plan that the BAC consulted on.

Mike asked when Beaverton's TSP will be updated. Jean replied that the city sought a grant to fund updated the TSP in 2020 but did not receive funding.

Kate highlighted Beaverton's jurisdiction map on its website (<https://gis.beavertonoregon.gov/jurisdiction/>) as a good resource to understand how facilities in the Beaverton area are governed and maintained.

Mike asked how the BAC can get involved in approval criteria for projects in Beaverton. Anna replied that the BAC can have input to transportation elements of the approval criteria.

Michael asked how Beaverton planning considers climate change in its work. Anna replied that Beaverton passed its Climate Action Plan in 2019. She described it as an aspirational plan and that the implementation steps still need to be figured out. Anna commented that one aspect is related to housing and making sure that it's built in an efficient use of land and that we build mixed use neighborhoods, so people don't need to drive for all their needs. She said climate touches a variety of things that the Planning Division is doing but that there are still questions about all the steps that Beaverton will need to do to meet the goals of the plan.

Councilor Hasan added that the city is currently lobbying for laws at the state level that help mitigate climate change.

### **Project Feedback: Westside Trail Bridge Over US 26**

At the BAC's February meeting Jeannine Rustad of Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation gave a presentation on a planned bridge over US Highway 26 to connect segments of the Westside Trail.

Amanda suggested that the BAC write a letter of support of the project.

The BAC discussed what specific elements of the project the BAC could endorse in a letter. The group expressed consensus around the proposed option that included a curved bridge and a less steep grade.

Ananda volunteered taking the lead on writing the letter, which will be brought to April's BAC meeting for review by the rest of the committee.

### **BAC Bylaws Update**

Mike said that the BAC, in addition to all other Beaverton boards and commissions, has an annual opportunity to review and revise its bylaws.

While the BAC bylaws specify that officer elections take place in January, the committee often votes to delay elections to allow new members to familiarize themselves with the BAC and its members.

Jean had spoken with the community engagement team, who told her that there is a new template for board/committee bylaws that only describes elections as taking place annually but does not prescribe a month.

BAC members voiced their support for moving forward with this change. Proposed revisions need City Attorney review and the BAC should expect to vote on the updated bylaws at the April meeting.

### **City of Beaverton Updates**

Jean went over some updates from the City.

Mayor Lacey Beaty delivered her State of City Address on March 4. A video and transcript of the remarks are available at [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/SOTC](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/SOTC)

The city will hold a special election on May 18<sup>th</sup> to fill the at-large City Council position 1. The filing deadline is March 18<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. More information can be found at [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/elections](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/elections)

Beaverton is taking suggestions from the public for the name of the plaza at the new Public Safety Center at Hall and Allen. Suggestions are open until March 31<sup>st</sup> and can be submitted at [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/pscplaza](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/pscplaza)

Washington County residents seeking information about the COVID-19 vaccine can find information about it on the County's website (<https://www.co.washington.or.us/HHS/CommunicableDiseases/COVID-19/vaccine.cfm>), or by phone at 211.

Jean shared that she attended the Beaverton School District's Community Conversation on Race. She participated in a small group session to discuss barriers to walking and biking to school for BIPOC students. Concerns raised by parents attending include missing sidewalk infrastructure, as well as concerns about racial profiling of students walking to and from school.

## **Member Comments and Announcements**

John discussed his work on the Salmonberry Trail coordinating volunteers to clear the trail of invasive species. He noted that his volunteers will have another work party on March 21<sup>st</sup> and invited BAC members to participate.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.