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**Multnomah County Bicycle and Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Committee
 Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2020**

501 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Portland, OR
 Multnomah Building, Room 126
 6:30-8:30pm

| Members Attending | Members Absent |
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| Clint Culpepper Tim Roth Sarah Erlund Art Graves Greg Olson Joel Huffman Susan Watt Andrew Holtz AJ Zelada John Russell Gary Purvine | Ken Lanteigne Carolyn Briggs Caroline Crisp David Hoang Jim Slebos Dean Derek |
| Guests | Commissioner Lori Stegmann Nathan Clark, from Commissioner Stegmann's office Eve Nilenders, TriMet Noel Mickelberry, Metro Craig Beebe, Metro |

Welcome & Introductions

Members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

Approve February 2020 Meeting Minutes

Meeting minute corrections were reviewed and Sarah Erlund moved to approve the minutes as amended, AJ Zelada seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Public Comment

No public comment

Chair Report

Andrew Holtz reviewed information on the mosque being built on Springfield Road. He sent an email to the mosque about improving pedestrian access. He received a reply that they are currently very busy, but would like to discuss it at some point.

Andrew shared that their land use plan was appealed with a concern about traffic, but assuming they get approval it would be nice to improve their pedestrian access.

Commissioner Stegmann, Multnomah County District 4

After a brief introduction to members of BPCAC, Commissioner Stegmann introduced herself and identified some of the topics that she believes are of common interest between her and members of BPCAC. These include the adoption of "[Vision Zero](#)", her great concern over deaths of pedestrians and bicyclists, the extent of how auto centric our community has become, and concerns over the negative response to Portland's "road diet" implementations on roads such as Northeast Glisan.

She spoke to the difficulty people are having with some of the changes government is making for improving traffic, pedestrian and bicycle safety and also mentioned the East County challenges to what will make people safe.

Commissioner Stegmann also reviewed with the group information on [EMCTC \(East Multnomah County Transportation Committee\)](#), a group that includes participants from Gresham, Fairview, Troutdale, Wood Village and the Port of Portland. She mentioned their work on the [East Metro Connections Plan](#), which includes some work on bike and pedestrian interests and that the EMCTC group makes it easier to come together to discuss what the priorities for east county are regarding transportation projects and funding.

She invited members to attend EMCTC meetings and share or present ideas on pedestrian and bicycle safety.

Commissioner Stegmann continued with information on [REACH](#), a grant program that Andrew Campbell works with to find safer ways for people to access public transportation options, and the [Urban Renewal Agency](#), a redevelopment project in Gresham.

She mentioned the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners' role as Board of Health and how they might be able to attach some of the priorities of Vision Zero or REACH into their role in the community.

There was a short discussion on the [40 Mile Loop](#) and its progress, and a mention of the [Gorge Pedal](#) on Saturday, July 18.

Commissioner Stegmann explained that she is happy to listen to ideas and suggestions on how to improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians, especially the challenges in East County. She then opened up time for discussions with members.

Greg Olson brought up Halsey street issues in Wood Village and mentioned implementing multi use paths instead of bike paths on sidewalks. He encouraged Commissioner Stegmann to advise staff to look at this option.

Jessica Berry gave a short description of the project on 238th with a multi-use path planned on both sides that will start construction this summer. Nathan Clark further explained that there is a tri-city plan with Troutdale, Wood Village and Troutdale to invigorate housing and increase business along Halsey. Plans include reconfiguring roads to meet those demands, and may include building a roundabout at Halsey and Fairview Parkway.

AJ Zelada asked about soft funding for changing the perception of the streets and whether they have bike lanes or not. He also asked about funding to help show people crash data and information to help change the public perception (including education on planning and mapping information as well as events such as policy rides).

Commissioner Stegmann agreed that policy rides and using GIS information to show citizens the effects of good planning and implementation on different neighborhoods but that it might require more creative solutions for funding or implementation. AJ Zelada mentioned the 2010 plan and 600 miles of bike lanes and that over the past decade, only 90 miles have been produced and the "satire" of Vision Zero with the increment of fatalities and the need for more funding and leadership.

Commissioner Stegmann again mentioned the difficulties in changing behavior and the funding necessary to move from ideas for change into planning and implementation of change. Andrew Campbell asked how we might get Multnomah County into making safety a higher priority instead of maintaining the current infrastructure.

Andrew Campbell voiced how we might increase the cost of driving and the political will to say the status quo is not acceptable to help change behavior while recognizing some sort of subsidy system might be necessary for low-income people.

Commissioner Stegmann advised to continue to advocate and outline the needs for bicyclists and pedestrians in planning and to educate the public on the inequities of the status quo so that more policy makers make decisions using an equity lens.

AJ spoke to the power of this tool and mentioned that that is what we want from leadership.

Commissioner Stegmann reiterated her invitation to listen to ideas and mentioned her support for the BPCAC group and willingness to stay engaged and thanked the group for inviting her to speak.

Trimet Pedestrian Plan – Eve Nilenders

Eve Nilenders provided the group with a presentation on Trimet's development of pedestrian plans, the processes they have followed and next steps.

[Trimet Pedestrian Plan Information](#)

Metro Transportation Measure – Noel Mickelberry and Craig Beebe

Noel and Craig provided the group with a presentation on the Metro transportation measure, which Metro has been working on for the last year or so. Noel walked the group through the individual programs that are under consideration.

[Metro Transportation Measure Information](#)

Staff Report, MaryJo Andersen

Member Renewals

MaryJo reminded members that everyone has a two-year term, with approximately half of the members up for renewal each year so that there are staggered terms. Members whose term ends in June will need to reply to an upcoming email in order to continue their participation. Members whose terms end this June are Art Graves, Joel Huffman, Greg Olson, Susan Watt, Gary Purvine, Dean Derek, Ken Lateigne, Tim Roth, and Jim Slebos.

Safe Routes to School

MaryJo shared an update on Safe Routes to School activities scheduled for spring and invited group members to participate. Events will include walk and roll to school events and walk audits to identify infrastructure needs for improvement.

Members should contact her if they are interested and she will forward information and dates to them. She reminded members that participation in these types of events helps to increase the visibility of the need for infrastructure improvements.

REACH/ACHEIVE

Andrew Campbell shared information on the REACH event at Vance Park on April 11 from 12pm to 4pm to promote walking and riding. This event will also feature a walk audit to help identify areas for improvement.

Open Share / Project Updates / Other Business (All)

MaryJo advised the group that our next meeting might be a virtual meeting depending on the Covid-19 situation. MaryJo is scheduled to be out of town, so Jessica and Graham will be hosting with Commissioner Vega Pederson as a presenter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

The next BPCAC meeting is Wednesday, April 8, 2020

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