

**L-A Bicycle Pedestrian Committee Minutes**  
**Executive Conference Room**  
**Lewiston City Hall**  
**April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

Present: Mark Fuller, Sherie Blumenthal, Bob Rand, Craig Saddlemire, Josh Shea, Jeremiah Bartlett, Pattie Reaves

Staff: Ed Barrett, Gary Johnson

Guests: Jamel Torres, Jonathan Labonte

**5:00pm – Intro**

- Approve Minutes Jeremiah makes motion, Bob seconds (6-0)
- 30 second updates
- Jeremiah – working on pavement markings project in Portland
- Jamel – Talking with Bicycle Coalition of Maine, Complete Streets Design Training will probably be June 5<sup>th</sup>
- Gary – Submitted info to Bob about bike lane costs
- Mark – had a good meeting with Jonathan LaBonte

**5:10pm – Rail-to-Trail**

- ALT involvement
- Mark said he had good conversation with Jonathan. He's full of ideas. Jonathan said that ALT is finishing up the final fancy copy of the Greenway. DOT is using lots of money for construction right now. The piece of the Greenway that rose up was the rail-to-trail project. For the next 3-5 years, ALT wants to dedicate staff to implement the Greenway. We want to be available to help the bike ped committee. We just did a similar project around Livermore Falls and Dept of Conversation and a private developer. If the goal is to make the trail happen quickly, make a subcommittee that the Land Trust can be a part of. Mark said he would propose we form a sub-committee to address this and include Lisbon, ALT, and any other major stakeholders, Lisbon ATV club. Jeremiah suggested we have an alternatives analysis. The more info we have, the better we can react. There was support for a subcommittee. Mark will work on the language for the specifics of forming a committee. We will discuss and hopefully pass a motion to create the subcommittee at our next meeting.

**5:30pm – Bikes Belong Grant (up to \$10,000)**

- Bob said we have two ideas and he got the #'s for them. We want to apply for a \$10,000 grant to share between the two cities equally.
  - Option 1 – bike lane striping. \$1500 per mile (for two lanes) with symbol, try to use this for cedar street and any remaining funds would used on additional streets to cover what's in the cue for public works (for striping where there's not money now)

- Option 2 – Bike racks matching program. We identified an area of LA that would allow local businesses a 30/70 match. City covers 70% of cost with our grant. People apply to their local cities. Estimated cost \$500 to install 5 unit bike rack.
- Motion by Mark to ask councils to approve a grant application for bike racks to Bikes Belong, motion passes (6-0).

#### 5:45pm – Complete Streets

- Discuss Exception 4d item 3: “drastically increase project costs and equivalent alternatives exist within close proximity“ per request of Mark Cayer
- The group discussed this and agreed the language in place is important to challenge staff to really see how to find innovative solutions to make our streets fully accessible to all users. Separating cost from alternatives would create a very big loophole in the policy. If staff feels inclusion is too expensive, they are challenged to present alternatives and look at the streets as a system rather than as isolated projects.

Pattie moves to recommend the policy as it is presented, with no changes to the exceptions. Mark seconds. Motion Passed (7-0)

Josh said Auburn has a window, wants to get ordinances set up as soon as possible. Jeremiah asked if staff can update things (design standards) as quickly as possible. Staff will start making changes as soon as they can, but with construction there isn't much time. If there were consultants helping, it make things move faster. Jeremiah suggested hiring a consultant to help make it happen. Jeremiah encouraged us to make sure things happen consistently at the same time.

Both councils will vote on the policy on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### 5:50 - Meeting Location

Mark asked that we consider moving our meeting back and forth between the cities. Mark said he wants to make sure the public perceives that we are serving both cities equally. Whether it's month to month or 6 months at a time, etc. No one has approached Mark about it. Jeremiah said he doesn't feel strongly. Sherie said if we change it, it shouldn't be back and forth every other week. Maybe we can move over to Auburn in June?

#### 5:55pm – Veterans Bridge

Craig spoke with Joan about the importance of identifying places where it is unsafe to bike or walk and making sure that we do not simply accept that as the permanent situation in our bike ped plan. Instead, we need to look to the long term to fix those problems, which may require recommendations of additional studies.

#### 6:00pm – Meeting Places and Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Jeremiah, seconded by Bob, motion passed 6-0.