

OBPAC Meeting  
October 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**Thursday, October 23, 2008**

Attendees

OBPAC: AJ, Jerry, David Lewis, Kathryn, Maureen, Peter Durant  
Staff: Rodger Gutierrez, Sheila, Basil Christopher, Pat Fisher  
Visitors: Alex Phillips & Rocky Houston – Oregon Parks & Recreation, Jonathan David – City of Gresham

Administrative Business

Called to order by Jerry N at 1pm. Kathryn presented two article of interest: one on Portland area hotels that are now offering bike packages and Dr. Jennifer Dill's bicycle travel study.

Jerry N – PDX is starting to accommodate bicycle travelers with bike storage and assembly work stations. There are two bike conferences next year – Oregon Bike Summit – April 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> and the National Safe Routes to School summit in Portland. National Bicycle Tour Director's will be in Portland next fall also.

Next meeting dates – Jan 30, 2009 at Portland City Hall

Oregon Parks & Recreation

Alex introduced herself. ORPD is finishing up signing on the WV Scenic Bikeway with some route changes from initial alignment. Cities along the route have been very supportive.

They are developing a new, improved brochure. Send biking photos to Alex.

The Scenic Bikeway OAR went into effect in Sept 08. Ways OBPAC may participate in bikeway effort: some OBPAC members may be on the committee, OBPAC could nominate a bikeway or help maintain a bikeway. Send comments and questions to Alex. Maintenance will be an issue. Communities nominating a bikeway will be required to develop a management plan.

High Performance Schools

Constance Beaumont, DLCD brought the issue to the attention of the committee. AJ also learned of the Department of Energy's High Performance School project. He Sent a letter to DOE HPS grant committee proposing school siting become a criteria for HPS. At the same time BTA legislative agenda committee was considering proposing a bill on school siting. Finally, Center for Innovative School Facilities was developing a purpose statement with school siting a major concern.

Constance has a paper about to come out that outlines the issues that result in remotely located schools. She outlines possible solutions, such as facility sharing and rehabilitating old schools: many architectural firms do not have experience in rehabbing, so budgets get out of line and remote, cheap land becomes more attractive.

There are a number of groups working on this issue. OBPAC may be able to propel issue forward. Center for Innovative School Facilities meets next week to draft an ORS.

We will invite Brandon Adams, Catherine Beaumont and CISF to advise the committee on how best to influence this issue. We want transportation to be a consideration in school siting.

Peter said his private school had a high level of city bus rider ship, because it is on a main bus line and students didn't have to change buses. It had poor bicycle infrastructure, i.e. racks.

DL – say what we want, we want schools to have certain amenities or meet certain criteria in school siting.

Aj – bring three parties together to present to OBPAC & make OPBAC's request clear. School busing costs are subsidized by the federal government. AJ will take the lead on developing an OBPAC position paper.

Safe routes to school needs to be part of the equation, invite Julie Yip.

#### Cell Phone Position Paper

In state driving statutes, penalties for driving center around impairment only. Recent trends are focusing more on inattention, but there are fewer abilities to enforce stiff driving penalties on drivers who kill or maim due to distracted driving. As of today, only 18 states ban all cell phone use while driving, others ban use of hand held phones and some only limit texting while driving.

Two ways to intercept cell phone use. Some states allow police to stop drivers for cell phone use. Others require another reason to stop the driver, cell phone use alone is not a reason to pull a driver over.

In the Driver's Manual there is only one paragraph addressing cell phone use, advising that drivers pull over before using a cell phone. Drivers under 18 may not use a cell phone while driving, nor may state employees. Commercial driving manual requires commercial drivers to use cell phone to report hazardous drivers.

Most of the research done on inattention shows it is not possible to multi-task while driving. A lot of research shows that cell phone use, regardless of style is equal and is distracting while driving. Because commercial drivers are encouraged to use cell phones, an out and out cell phone ban in Oregon would be difficult.

AJ has not heard of any effort in Oregon to address cell phones. Washington just passed a hands free cell phone requirement. Pedestrians, likewise, are distracted while using cell phones. Other types of distractions are also an issue – heads up displays, GPS, animated bill boards and the like. New residents are required to take the written drivers test before obtaining an Oregon driver's license. Most government agencies and large corporation have cell phone use while driving bans.

DL – proposed OBPAC write a letter to OTC – based on this research we advise they pursue legislation to ban cell phone use.

### OTC Meeting

Topic areas to discuss include:

Define committee and mandate.

Grants

Inventory of BL & SW/

Performance Measure

Bike and Ped Plan

Transportation Plan/'09 Reauthorization

Return Invite

Current Topics – Cell phones, scenic bikeways, collaborative work efforts and the economic impact of bicycling in Oregon.

AJ's talking points – add who we are. Optometrist, attorney, landscape architect, student, ride director. Rider ship statistics. Number of bike friendly communities, 1<sup>st</sup> platinum in USA. Number of grant requests v money we have to give out.

### Grant Selection

'08-'09 Grant Program Update

Discussed grant applicants that didn't complete previous grants: Salem, Redmond, Salem Transit, PDOT – Bike. And two applicants that whose application was post marked late – Multnomah County, Cove.

Budget this year - \$5,560,000

Discussed presentation logistics and protocol and discussed basic questions about the grants.

**Friday, October 24, 2008**

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OBPAC: AJ, Jerry, David Lewis, Kathryn, Maureen, Peter Durant

Staff: Rodger Gutierrez, Sheila, Basil Christopher, Pat Fisher, Steve Lindland

Visitors: See Public Comment Period below

Administrative Business

Called to order by Jerry N at 9 am. Introductions, public testimony instructions, lunch logistics, etc.

Public Comment Period

The committee received oral presentations from the following grant applicants:

Joe Craybill, City of Sweethome

Shaun Rohret, Boris Piatski, West Linn

David Beam, Newberg

Joe Winnery, Corvallis

John Gessner, Fairview

Maryann Hills, Aumsville

Richard Meyer, Cornelius

Richard Ross, Palo Lands Institute

Johnathan David, Gresham

Jerry Kern of Lincoln County BAC, Newport BAC and local cycling club also came to testify about Oregon Coast Bike Route. Otter crest loop rd. is one way SB, diamond lane on the West side. NB – bicyclists must ride against traffic. There are pedestrian conflicts also, the county installed raised markers and a sign: “One Way Do Not Enter Except Pedestrians”. It became one way two years ago in a jurisdictional transfer between ODOT and County.

He also asked for a change to the Oregon Coast Bike route - North of Lincoln City where 18 meets 101. ODOT Staff will contact Jerry to clarify his request and to bring information to the next OBPAC meeting for follow up.

After public comments the committee reviewed and deliberated the grant applications. They awarded 17 grants for a total of approximately \$5,570,000. Grant applicants will be notified of the status of their application in Nov '08.

**3:45 PM MEETING ADJOURNED**