Amber Mathiesen - Re: City Council Meeting... Sept. 12... Agenda Item 3.3c

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Subject: Re: City Council Meeting... Sept. 12... Agenda Item 3.3c

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As always Angela, thank you for your leadership on these issues. Lots to do! Chuck Bennett

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 11, 2016, at 10:53 AM, Salem Bike Boulevard Advocates < <u>bikeboulevards@gmail.com</u>> < <u>bikeboulevards@gmail.com</u>> wrote:

Dear Salem City Council,

I'm writing today in support of Salem's plans to apply for a grant from the Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Cities program to install bicycle racks in several of our city's parks. Thank you to all those who are working to provide local citizens with viable active transportation options.

To that same purpose, I'd like to address the current bike parking code here in Salem. Current code does not require (or suggest) any specific type of bike rack. Unfortunately, this often leads to well-intended installations that do not provide a secure or convenient option for those riding their bikes to a given location.

In the past, Salem Bike Boulevard Advocates (SBBA) has:

- 1) Asked City of Salem Planning Administrator Lisa Anderson-Ogilvie to address this issue in the next update of the Uniform Development Code. SBBA recommends that revised city code align with the principles outlined by the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professional's 'Essentials of Bike Parking' publication (www.apbp.com).
- 2) Created the attached brochure to provide community leaders and businesses with accessible information related to bike parking best practices and resources.

Now and in the future, Salem Bike Boulevard Advocates asks that the City Council (in conjunction with the HEAL grant application approval) direct city staff to consistently install bike parking in our city parks that follows the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professional guidelines as specifically applies to the style of chosen bike rack. Additionally, we ask that you support city code adoption that requires private builders to follow these same best practices for all future installations.

Thank you for your attention to this issue. We appreciate your work and your desire to make Salem great!
Respectfully,
Angela Obery
Salem Bike Boulevard Advocates
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