

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
July 12, 2017
5:30 p.m. in the Fire Station 3 Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm, by Chair, Tessa Jilot.

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tessa Jilot, Chair – Walking Community
John Bruning – Centennial Trail Found.
Chris DeLorto – Engineer
Mike Fuller – General Public
Russ Hersrud – General Public
Amy Hofer – School District 271
Denise Jeska – Physically Challenged
Mark Puddy – Landscape Architect

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tom Morgan, Vice Chair – Bicycling Community
Mac Cavasar – Running Community
Amy Evans – City Council Liaison
Kim Golden – General Public
Bev Moss – General Public
Tim Teyler – Waterways Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Monte McCully, Staff Liaison
Chris Bosley, Former Chair
Eric Turrell, Police Department
Melissa Brandt, Transcription

Eight members present, resulting in an official quorum.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. STAFF REPORT

Eric Turrell reported that there have been half the bike and pedestrian accidents so far this year compared to last year. There were 16 this time last year and only eight this year. Trend still seems to be bikes riding the wrong side of the road, or on sidewalks. We've had two serious bike accidents where the cyclist ran red lights. Geographically, Government Way is the worst for incidents. Discussion ensued about putting more signage that indicates wrong way riding, or ride with traffic. Suggestion to look into spray painting messages to bicyclists about riding with traffic every few hundred feet; this committee could produce a stencil and do the work. Tessa Jilot asked Mark Puddy to bring ideas for stencils back to the committee at the next meeting. Mike: audits of downtown, signage is poor, have another meeting with terry cooper to increase size of signs, potentially stenciling sidewalk. Tessa: bring ideas to next meeting (puddy).

Bosley: Striping work has occurred on side streets down Young. Many bike lanes have been widened or buffered with those additions we have widened 4.1 miles of bike lanes, and buffered 3.6 miles. Chip sealing is going on down Government Way, the bike lanes there will be buffered, and areas where there were no lanes, will have lanes. The Government Way project, Hanley to Prairie won't happen this year, all bids were too high, will be put out to bid again with construction next year. Seltice is under construction with 3.5 miles buffered bike lanes. A request for crosswalks and markings at 4th street at Roosevelt and Montana is in the works.

Monte: Park staff has concerns about designation of the Centennial Trail from Mullan to Young. Suggested a door to door and survey of the neighbors to make sure they are behind the change. Sam Taylor will help design the survey. This committee will be asked to help complete surveying the neighbors.

5. **APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES'**

John Bruning made a motion to approve May 10, 2017 Minutes. Chris DeLorto seconded the motion, there being no discussion and all being in favor, motion passed.

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

• **Downtown Assessment**

- Mike Fuller: Met with Terry Cooper (Downtown Association) to discuss the downtown audit. Will have a follow up meeting later this month to give more detail and suggestions. Talked about broken grates that limit space, barriers in the way, signage, and trees. A copy of the audit assessment is available if anyone wants it. Most issues down Sherman are bikes locked to grates and signs. Note enough places to lock up bikes. Monte McCully reported he talked with the City Clerk who suggested getting a grant or urban renewal funding to install the bike corrals, rather than trying to get businesses to front the money and install them. Smaller bike corrals would be easier to move and store; could be stored at the armory during winter. Terry Cooper stated he was curious as to how much the bike corrals would be used. A sign-up sheet is being passed around for committee members to help complete an audit as to how many bikes are using current bike racks. In regards to signs on sidewalks, was suggested may be a letter to the editor from Denise Jeska might help public see the issues faced when trying to get through the downtown sidewalks, could even help generate an article. Monte mentioned that the City Clerk reissues sign permits in August, now is a good time to get audit results to the City.

• **Bike Corrals Downtown**

- Covered in previous discussion.

• **Mullan Avenue as Centennial Trail**

- Chris Bosley: Gave a presentation to the Trail foundation to designate Young as the trail, when Mullan gets redone, Young would be best continuous use. The Foundation voted and fully support the switch. A survey of the residents affected needs to be completed to get their input and inform them of the change.

7. **PROJECT UPDATES**

• **Pedestrian Friendly Sign**

- Oldest discussion item for this committee. Drawings and graphics have been completed in what would be a 4x8 size sign that would have been put on NW Blvd by the carousel area; right now Council is not supportive of a sign in that area. Will make a sign with a smaller footprint graphic at 3x5 and see how that is received. We don't want to kill this idea due to bad timing.

- **Bikeshare**
 - We should already have a functioning bike share program. There have been some communication issues. We have two sponsors who have paid; it will take three paid sponsorships to get the program going. We plan to have the bike share program in place by the end of the summer.
- **Mullan Avenue**
 - Covered above.
- **Arts in Motion Brochure**
 - Updated last month with the art walk.

8. **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Safe Routes to School**
 1. Mark Puddy, Amy Hofer, Mike, Tom
Met earlier this evening, will come up with ideas for stenciling on the roadway. Grant due in December. Need one or two talking points.
- **Walk Friendly Community**
 1. Mike, Tessa, Monte, Denise
Met before June meeting, went over walking audit.
- **Design Review/Infrastructure**
 1. Mac, Russ, John, Tim, Chris
Did not meet.
- **Education**
 1. Bev, Kim, Amy Hofer, Russ and Tessa
Bike rodeo went very well, good turnout.
- **Bikeways Master Plan**
 1. Mark, Chris, Tom, Monte, Kim
Fully adopted and fully functioning plan; we should complete a report card at the end of each year, to highlight successes, and ensure implementation of the plan. Monte would like to focus on the foothills trail that is contained in the master plan. Will plan a field trip to show the committee where that trail would go.

9. **ROUND TABLE**

Tessa Jilot – Sign up to walk or ride by some of the bike racks downtown and send the totals to Bev, she will collect the data. Bars in the evening will be busy, coffee shops will be busy in the morning. Artists could design corrals or bike racks specific to the shops.

Monte McCully – Forks in the road won't be moved.

Chris DeLorto – Will help come up with a wrong way riding, or riding with traffic sign example.

Mark Puddy – If a downtown business wanted to sponsor a bike corral who do they see? Monte said they could talk to him, and plan on a \$1,000 budget. Permitting system in the works. Our business could use one. Businesses could also share bike parking.

Russ Hersrud – Complete street proposal is in the hands of city government. Chris Bosley stated that the proposal will be vetted by some council members to make sure everyone understands what it's for.

Amy Hofer – Nothing. Baby due soon!

Mike Fuller – Gave Monte the proclamation for bike to work month from the Mayor. Went to Riverstone theater last night to watch the Ride movie; great movie, very motivating. And, there were no bike racks at the theater.

Denise Jeska – Nothing

John Bruning – Mike Kempton, of the open space committee mentioned the Parks department is getting comments from the Canfield trail neighbors, asked Monte about it. Monte stated that Canfield was given to the city more than 10 years ago there was only one house at the time. It had an old 4-wheeler and motorcycle trail. City has been building on it since that time. The trail system is very popular and the HOA wants to ban bicycles. Bicycle riders have donated more than 6,000 hours of time to build the trails. Neighbors from the area plan to attend the July 17 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, where Monte will be giving a presentation, there will also be many mountain bicyclists there in support. Bikes are limited to one trail up and one trail down, the HOW wants to limit use of the old 4-wheeler trails by bicyclists. John then asked Chris Bosley about FEMA stating the dyke is failing at the site where the chief statue is, from the river you can really see the failure of the dyke in that area. NIC put the statue in and will need to move it. The Corp will have to fix the dyke road, material was washed away during flooding this spring. John then reminded everyone that Ales for the Trails is next month, August 12.

Move to adjourn 6:56 pm – Motion: John Bruning, 2nd Mike Fuller: all were in favor, motion passed.

10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

- **Weds. August 9, 2017 @ 5:30pm Fire Station 3**