

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
May 10th, 2017
5:30 p.m. in the Fire Station 3 Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:36 pm, by Tom Morgan.

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tessa Jilot, Chair – Walking Community (6 pm arrival)
Tom Morgan, Vice Chair – Bicycling Community
Russ Hersrud – General Public
Bev Moss – General Public
Mike Fuller – General Public
Chris DeLorto - Engineer
Mac Cavasar – Running Community

John Bruning – Centennial Trail Found.
Kim Golden – General Public
Tim Teyler – Senior Citizens
Amy Hofer – School District 271
Denise Jeska – Physically Challenged

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Amy Evans – City Council Liaison
Madison Jansen – Student Representative
MacKenzie Janzen – Alt Student Representative
Mark Puddy – Landscape Architect

STAFF PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

Tim & Lynn Clark, Kayak Club

Twelve members present, resulting in an official quorum.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lynn & Tim Clark-Kayak Club were in attendance to give input on having a kayak representative to represent waterway trails. Monte shared he had a tour today at Bellerive to look at accessible trails down to the boardwalk, an area available to the public, also shared that Metaline Falls and the Spokane River have great waterway accessible trails.

Discussion followed regarding changing Tim Teyler's position from Senior Citizen to Kayak or waterways representative, and the possibility of changing Bev Moss' position from general public to senior citizen or retitling to retired citizen. Changes of position titles per ordinance would require Mayor and City Council approval, however, the committee could vote to switch Tim Teyler's and Bev Moss's positions.

Chris DeLorta made a motion to change Tim Teyler's position from senior citizen to kayak or waterways representative. Bev Moss seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.

John Bruning introduced the new North Idaho Centennial Trail Foundation Executive Director, Todd Donfield, who started on Monday-May 8, 2017. He will attend meetings if John cannot. Todd most recently served as the Executive Director of the Spokane Nordic Ski Association.

4. STAFF REPORT

Monte McCully stated he would report during project updates.

5. APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES'

Mac Cavasar made a motion to approve April 2017 Minutes. Mike Fuller seconded the motion, there being no discussion and all being in favor, motion passed.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Farmer's Market Education**

- Bev reported that First Presbyterian Church would like to have help with their bike rodeo, formerly held in conjunction with the farmer's market. The Church says there is no proselytizing. The event is a "gear up for summer" event with an obstacle course, helmet fitting and giveaway, and simple bike repair. If successful, they would like to hold another in August before school starts. The event could be highlighted on the City's Facebook page. Bike CDA has offered to get helmets. The rodeo will take place Wednesday, June 14, set up is at 3:30 p.m. start time is 4 p.m. and ends at 5:30 p.m. Monte and Tom will help with the simple bike checks and directing set up of the obstacle course. The church will have volunteers to help set up and run the event. Would also have a safety quiz for the kids who can read, give prizes for correct answers; Bev asked if Kim Golden would develop a quiz, Amy Hofer offered to help with the quiz, and she will talk with the church about the equipment they have for the event. The Education Committee will meet one more time before the event and will get back to this group about set up. The rodeo will take place on 5th Street between Lakeside and Coeur d'Alene Avenues. Bev will double check with the church regarding permits from the City Clerk's office.

- **Complete Street Policy**

- Monte reported that the policy has been written as an ordinance by the City attorney, the only thing to change is "wayfaring" was used instead of "wayfinding." Would like the committee to vote on this tonight so it can go on to planning commission, then on through general services, etc. Russ Hersrud thinks we should wait, he has asked an engineer at Gonzaga for input, and asks the committee to wait until the next business meeting to vote. Russ Hersrud made a motion to table until the next meeting. Mike fuller seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.

- **Tim as Kayak Representative**

- Covered during public comments.

- **Advertising signs on sidewalks**

- Denise stated she is downtown all the time and the signs on the sidewalk make it very difficult for those in wheelchairs, pushing strollers, or walking their dogs very difficult to maneuver the signs, and outdoor seating areas. These signs may not bother walkers, but they are very difficult for others. Would like some discussion with the Downtown Association regarding the signs, especially for those in wheelchairs. During the

summer, she avoids Sherman because of the outdoor seating and these signs. Mac Cavasar shared some history when the signs were first proposed as well as the outdoor seating. There is to be 48" of clearance, but most of the businesses place the signs next to the outdoor seating thereby taking up more space. They are an obstruction and a code enforcement issue. Suggests we look at that ordinance, and see what it contains. A downtown walking audit, including wheelchairs, with the Downtown Association, would be very beneficial, should reach out to them and attend their next meeting. The next walking audit is scheduled for June 2nd in Hayden. Tessa Jilot will bring up the issue at the next Committee Chair meeting.

7. PROJECT UPDATES

- **Pedestrian Friendly Sign**

- Monte stated that Idaho Transportation Department said no to signs on the freeway overpass. We have a smaller sign for city streets. Will have a subcommittee meeting to look at a map and determine how many signs we want, with no more than four. Would like placement on the main arterials into downtown (Sherman, East Sherman, and Northwest Blvd). The sign that was created includes the mock-up of the Idaho license plate with City of Coeur d'Alene Walk Friendly language. Monte will send a draft out to everyone before the next meeting. Will do more checking on locations on Highway 95.

- **Bikeshare – Sponsors**

- Monte met with Riverstone West Management, they will sponsor a location. We had the Coeur d'Alene Tribe onboard, but they have since declined. We currently have two stations sponsored, we need to have four. We have eleven potential spots; City Park, McEuen, Mid-town, Riverstone, Kroc, NIC, Landings, Sunshine Meadows, etc. Riverstone will start with one, if it works out, they will do another. Haven't been able to get Kootenai Health onboard yet, maybe down the road. A group of realtors are interested. Our minimum is to have four stations and we would like to break ground in July, not sure if we will hit that or not.

- **Ped/Bike Spring Field Trip**

- Bev reported the next meeting at 5:30 p.m., June 14th the committee will meet at the library and walk a shortened version of the art walk – following a painted trail. Monte reported that General Services tabled the painted sidewalks; we have to get support from the Downtown Association. The tour takes about an hour. The meeting will be shorter than usual, no business, just the field trip walk.

- **Arts in Motion Brochure**

- Monte reported the Arts & Culture Alliance has a vendor who can print the brochures for quite a bit less than last time. He's working on getting the brochure in the proper format. Bev reminded him that brochures are needed by June 9 for the community art walk. Would also like to get QR codes on the art pieces so people can scan them in and get additional information. The Education Committee will put them on the art pieces on June 5. Monte will talk to Terry Cooper about painting the sidewalks or using something temporary.

8. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Safe Routes to School

1. Mark Puddy, Amy Hofer, Mike, Tom

Walks didn't happen with the schools because of the rain. Will get in touch with Borah and work on the Safe Routes to Schools grant.

- Walk Friendly Community

1. Mike, Tessa, Monte, Denise

Has not met, will be planning a meeting and work on application due Aug 15.

- Design Review/Infrastructure

1. Mac, Russ, John, Tim, Chris

Mac reported a gentleman came to the last meeting wanting us to get involved with speeding issues down Mullan as there had been discussion about Mullan and 15th. The resident wanted parking removed and a bike lane on both sides. Mac did some measurements and made some observations regarding removing parking on Mullan like we did on 15th; 15th is a different situation than Mullan, 15th has newer construction and newer design, access by alleys and driveways. Also, only 3 cars ever parked on 15th while on any given day, 20 cars can be observed parking on Mullan. Mullan is an older design. Some of the houses have limited off-street parking or access to their garages off the alley. In the winter we don't plow alleys and they may not be able to park. He opined it would be a difficult battle to win and that other options would be better. Mullan currently has a wide bike lane on the south side and parking on north, which originally was to be temporary for 6 months but was never formalized by City Council after that period. The design encourages people to ride the wrong way against traffic, which is dangerous. Chris DeLorto showed 3 options for changes to the Centennial Trail along Mullan Road. Option 1- Move the Centennial Trail to the Bike Boulevard on Young Avenue, while changing Mullan to a safer bike facility. The idea is to bypass the narrow area between 11th and 19th.

Option 1 has a narrower 5 foot bike lane on the south side of Mullan and a 5 foot bike lane along with parking on the north side of Mullan from 8th to 11th. From 11th to 19th Mullan would have a narrower 5 foot bike lane on the south side and westbound sharrows on the north side. From 19th to 23rd the ultimate goal will be to get a paved and separated trail on the south side along the golf course maintenance area, leading to future trails on 23rd and Ashton that will join users safely to the Centennial trail on Coeur d'Alene Lake Drive. Until that trail is built, we would have temporary sharrows on both sides. This option won't work if the trail isn't re-designated to Young, because there are sidewalks missing between 15th and 19th. Changing the bike lanes would leave pedestrian trail users walking in the street. Another option would be to build sidewalks in that area.

Option 2 also has the same solution from 8th to 11th but past 11th the wide bike lane would be removed and parking on both sides of Mullan would be reinstated. The travel lanes would only be 9-1/2 feet wide and we would add sharrows for bikes. This is not a great option but it is an option.

Option 3 would be to make Mullan one way for bikes going Eastbound and Young being one way for bikes going westbound. This is very difficult to enforce.

Next step is to present the options to the NICTF for their input as it would entail moving the Centennial Trail to Young St. John Bruning will take the information to the Foundation for discussion.

Other topics were the viability of bike lanes on 4th street over the I-90 Bridge to the Appleyway intersection. North bound lanes have a 14 foot wide outside curb lane and the two inside lanes are 12 ft. The lanes could be narrowed to make them fit. Chris Bosley stated the lanes have already been painted so they would have to wait until next year.

Eric Turrell shared the most recent crash reports: there have been 4 crashes since January; three bike crashes and a pedestrian crash, which is half the number we had last year by this same time. There was also a bicycle versus vehicle crash today at Kmart. He will report to the committee each month. Bev asked how citations are issued in these crashes. He replied it depends on the officer it's really at their discretion. No citation issued at Kmart accident. Usually the bicyclist doesn't get cited even if it was their fault as they usually sustain the worst of the incident. Discussion ensued regarding cell phone use while driving.

- **Education**

1. Bev, Kim, Amy Hofer, Russ and Tessa
Covered all the main items earlier.

- **Bikeways Master Plan**

1. Mark, Chris, Tom, Monte, Kim
General services yesterday, Council next week. There have been no public record requests hopefully it will go through without opposition.

9. **ROUND TABLE**

Tom Morgan – Key to building, 100 bikes moved shop facility put together, moved NIC items out, City very graciously granting use of 800 feet of space. Idaho Gives was last week received \$1,000 from the Tribe and other businesses. Collected \$2,500 from local donors and there may be a little more. A couple local hardware stores gave \$100 each for nuts and bolts. The building is the old CdA armory north on 7th down Walnut. The Parks Department will utilize the rest of the building.

Monte – IronKids coming up; have reached out to school district to get flyer out to increase number of participants. We had push back on a bike lane on Hubbard, a business owner that rents out office space in the mall facility was upset his parking spot was taken up, wants his parking spot back and bike lane gone. Next time we do this type of project, we will get information out to business owners and not just property owners.

Russ Hersrud – Nothing

Mike Fuller – Nothing

Denise Jeska – She rides on the sidewalk on 3rd and 4th, she has a very low profile and people don't see her, is that okay? No law against it – maybe attach a flag. At night she has flashers and an orange vest, and stays on proper side of sidewalk, it's safer for her to ride on the sidewalk.

Tim Teyler – Nothing

Bev Moss – Flashing lights coming from grant. Grant requirement request has been very difficult. Two are getting installed at 21st and Sherman and at Bryan. High visibility crosswalks to receive high visibility striping and should be done later this summer. Denise asked if remarking no wheels on Sherman, no skateboards? Yes, remarked at 7th (per Chris B). Dismount sign brought to downtown association, didn't like the size of the sign.

John Bruning – Marathon coming up May 28. Numbers are down quite a bit, we think endurance events are down big time the last few years, Bloomsday had 3-4,000 no shows, and participant numbers the lowest since the 80's. Ironman has seen a drop off as well. NICTF may take a hit on the event this year. Ales for Trails event again late summer.

Kim Golden – Nothing

Amy Hofer – Baby boy due Aug 5th.

Chris DeLorto – Nothing

Mac Cavasar – Trail of the CDAs had road work between Rose Lake and Cataldo. Open now.

Tessa Jilot – When will pedestrian crossing signs coming back out on 7th? Chris Bosley: After all striping is done.

Move to adjourn 7:35 pm – Motion: Tom Morgan, 2nd Mac Cavasar: all were in favor, motion passed.

10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

- **Weds. June 14th, 2017 @ 5:30pm Fire Station 3**