

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 13, 2017
5:30 p.m. in the Fire Station 3 Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm, by Tom Morgan.

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Morgan, Vice Chair-Bicycling Community
Kim Golden-General Public
Russ Hersrud-General Public
Mark Puddy-Landscape Architect
Mike Fuller-General Public
Chris DeLorto-Engineer

John Bruning-Centennial Trail Found.
Amy Evans-City Council Liaison
Tim Teyler-Senior Citizens
Bev Moss-General Public
Denise Jeska-Physically Challenged

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tessa Jilot, Chair-Walking Community
Amy Hofer-School District 271
Mac Cavasar-Running Community
Chris Bosley, Staff & Former Chair

STAFF PRESENT:

Monte McCully, Staff Liaison
Melissa Brandt, Transcription

GUESTS:

Jamie Morgan

Eleven members present, resulting in an official quorum.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. STAFF REPORT

Monte shared a staff report put together by Chris Bosley. He is working on wayfinding on Seltice Way and wants input on what is proposed. The group was very supportive of what is proposed. Monte will forward the staff report and list to the committee.

He also asked for help with proposed bike lane and parking removal, asking if anyone on the committee would help with public meetings to address concerns and gain support. Locations of the bike lanes and parking removal are at Riverstone Drive, Harrison (11th to 15th), Hanley Avenue (Talon to Ramsey), and Lunceford (4th to 15th).

He would like some feedback on locations that KMPO is planning to conduct pedestrian and bicycle counts at several intersections in the County at the following locations: 4th & Dalton (by school), Kathleen & Ramsey, Best & 7th, Govt Way & Appleway, Govt Way & Ironwood, 4th & Locust, 3rd & Sherman.

5. APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES'

Agenda Correction: Minutes to approve are for July, not May as indicated. Tom Morgan made a motion to approve July 2017 Minutes. Russ Hersrud seconded the motion, there being no discussion and all being in favor, motion passed.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Let's Move

- Jamie Morgan (guest) attended a meeting last month to discuss the Let's Move program. A sub-committee has been created for anyone who would like to participate. The sub-committee will look into the Bikeology program and try to regenerate interest and research and work on Safe Routes to Schools/Parks. The Let's Move group is working on a mission. Chris Bosley is part of the committee and is helping identify biking and walking opportunities in the school district. The sub-committee's next meeting is 9-10:30 a.m., Sept 25 at Fire Station 4 on Atlas. When the Michelle Obama program was first introduced, Coeur d'Alene went from a bronze to diamond in participation.

- Downtown Assessment

- Bev Moss-A meeting was held with Terry Cooper with the Chamber of Commerce earlier this summer. Observations were shared with him, but they have not followed up to see what has been addressed.. Monte went to a parking commission meeting a few days ago to talk about bike corrals. There were two items he brought forward to the commission: first, create a permit process that doesn't have to go through council, staff approval is all that is required, with all the downtown bike corral locations pre-identified. Second, approving the bike corral for Architects West. The response received was better than expected. The commission is open to numerous locations for the corrals. Architects West's bike corral was approved, now the request will go to the Parks & Recreation Commission, then to General Services, and then to City Council for final approval. They did ask that the corrals be shorter and narrower, 10-12 feet versus 20 feet. The new permit process is on hold until the commission identifies the locations where they would like to see bike corrals. One of the locations identified for a bike corral was at 4th and Sherman. Terry Cooper was much more receptive to a bike rack going in the bulb out than putting a bike corral there. Thank you to everyone who helped with the count. The count helped with the argument for the corrals. Stencils have been purchased and we can start putting them out, there are sidewalk "Wheels Up" stencils and stencil for the Parks Department. Mark Puddy asked about the stencils for bike lanes. We still need to bring this forward to the City for approval. Monte will check with the Street Department to see if they can help. Bev will follow up on the recommendations with Terry. There is still an issue with sidewalk signs leaving less than 48". Need to talk to code enforcement.

- Tilford Realignment

- Monte shared with the group information regarding a proposed land swap between the City of Coeur d'Alene and Ignite. We currently own the right of way, 60 feet, from trees to the road. Ignite is proposing the City trade those 60 feet to allow for housing lots; the trail would be moved 60 feet toward the river and then come back up to the Trail, the land is about an acre and a half, the City would gain a new portion of Tubbs Hill to complete a trailhead, this section of the trail would be more useful for the community; a new way to access the hill and have a trailhead. The change would normalize the pattern. John Bruning stated there will be loss of some width, we need to try to stay at 16 feet, and they will be installing a retaining wall, they also don't want more than a 2% grade. Mark Puddy suggested getting, as part of the deal, a water bottle filling station and a bike counter. There would be paved access from the new section of parking lot

to the trail. There is a public hearing set on October 3rd at the City Council meeting. There are many good things with the swap, it lines up the trail, but there may be a loss of width or set back, may have to compromise on the width or set back. Everyone was encouraged to go to the meeting and give input.

- **4th Street Sign Post**

- Denise Jeska reported that there is a highway sign on 4th street at or near the Grumpy Monkey that no one can get around, it requires pedestrians to go into the road, there's a sharp incline, bushes, and dirt in the way, could someone take this concern to the street department? There are many spots along 4th street that need to be fixed. Highway sign in the way, no one can get around.

- **Bike Lane Stencil**

- Covered above.

7. **PROJECT UPDATES**

- **Pedestrian Friendly Sign**

- Monte reported that the signs have been ordered today. He went to a couple locations with Bill Greenwood. There are two locations that were chosen on Park property; the flower bed at the Museum, and 23rd & Sherman at the sailboat entry area that is highly visible. Bill did request that the signs be smaller at 3x5' instead of 4x8'. Very excited to finally have a place for these signs.

- **Bike Corrals Permit Process**

- Covered above.

- **Bikeshare**

- NIC chose to not go in with U of I and LCSC for the third location. We hope to get them involved at some point. Per our contract with Zagster we were to have three locations, however after discussions with them, they have agreed to allow for just two. Two locations; Riverstone and STCU on Front Avenue will roll out next spring.

- **Complete Streets Ordinance**

- Monte will put the ordinance on the next general services meeting and then it goes to City council. He will talk to Chris Bosley about a checklist he wanted to add to the process. The ordinance should pass as it is just strengthening and turning a policy into an ordinance. The Street Department and Engineering are okay with it.

- **Mullan Avenue**

- Monte shared that many feel the bike lane line should be taken out as it trains people to ride on the wrong side, going the wrong direction. There is a lot of traffic on Mullan. Young doesn't have as much traffic. There has been discussion in regards to phase two, which involves closing off one lane a 2 or 3 locations along Young, which would deter through traffic, but not local traffic. Cars would still be allowed on the road. Mike Fuller proposed a certain period of time to have a bike

blvd to see what happens in the spring and summer. Monte stated that it already is a bike blvd. City staff feel that before we make the decision to move on to phase two, a survey should be done of the residents on Young. The next step is for Monte to talk with Sam Taylor to draft a door-to-door survey and/or door hanger survey for the neighborhood to get their input. The survey would be for people who live on Young and for bicyclists and pedestrians who use Young. Survey won't mention Mullan, would only be about Young. Monte asked for volunteers to help with the door-to-door; Bev and Russ both volunteered.

- **Arts in Motion Brochure**

- Bev Moss-reported brochures were printed in May at a much lower cost that was paid for by the CDA Arts Commission. Half went to the chamber in the spring they distributed 500-1,000. They were featured at the art walk in June. Remaining brochures were distributed to sponsors. Plan for next year is to apply for a Rotary grant to pay for printing. The brochures will need to be edited with art pieces recently added. Riverstone will have some new pieces as well as a new feature at the Fernan trailhead, and the Twin Towers piece moved from City Park to Fire Station 4. Thank you Kim for putting QR stickers on 70% of the art. Bev stated she has been on the committee for 9 years and this is her last meeting. She wants to stay involved in Arts in Motion. She was thanked for her service. She says she will stay involved until someone is found to fill her spot. Monte will look into changing Tim Teyler from Senior Citizen to Waterways. And, make Bev's General Public position to Retired.

8. **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Safe Routes to School**

1. Amy Hofer, Mike, Tom
No report.

- **Walk Friendly Community**

1. Mike, Tessa, Monte, Denise

Tessa asked me to hand out community assessments to each sub-committee. Please hold a sub-committee meeting, soon, and fill out the portion(s) of the questionnaire/survey that pertain to your committee. Monte will have Tessa send the document electronically. The assessment is due in November.

- **Design Review/Infrastructure**

1. Mac, Russ, John, Tim, Chris

Per Chris' staff report, he wants input on the wayfinding signs for Seltice, they are the same ones used for Young. The 2030 plan proposes a complete wayfinding program, for vehicle and pedestrian traffic with consistent colors and design. Locations are a good start and the recommendations by Chris are good. Other ideas: anywhere on Govt Way, 5th Street & Garden, Mullan & 11th, 7th & Montana.

- **Education**

1. Bev, Kim, Amy Hofer, Russ and Tessa

No report.

9. ROUND TABLE

Mark Puddy: Fernan trail is a great hike.

Tom Morgan: Parking it on Sherman is this Friday, 4-9 pm. Anyone interested in volunteering, come on down Friday morning. Most events take place around 19th & Sherman near Relic.

Monte McCully: RFQ for skatepark going out.

Mike Fuller: Was invited to a transportation meeting with the Post Falls Highway District, there were numerous engineers and commissioners, and lots of discussion about bike lanes, transportation issues, involvement with building roads, they are concerned about what we think. We were the only City bike representative. Very positive comments, bikes fit into their future plans.

John Bruning: Will not be seal coating the Centennial Trail this fall, we ran out of weather. The money is good for next year and will be put out for bid early next year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

- **Wednesday, October 13, 2017 @ 5:30pm Fire Station 3**