

# PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2018

5:30 p.m. at City Hall

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:37 pm, by Tom Morgan.

## 1. ROLL CALL

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Morgan, Vice Chair-Bicycling Community  
Denise Jeska-Physically Challenged  
Mac Cavasar-Running Community  
Kim Golden-General Public  
John Bruning-Centennial Trail Foundation  
Jamie Morgan-General Public  
Mike Fuller-General Public  
Mark Puddy-Landscape Architect  
Ronan Malaghan-Student  
Russ Hersrud-General Public

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tessa Jilot, Chair-Walking Community  
Amy Hofer-School District 271  
Tim Teyler-General Public  
Amy Evans-City Council Liaison  
Chris Bosley-Staff, Former Chair

### STAFF PRESENT:

Monte McCully, Staff Liaison  
Melissa Brandt, Transcriptionist  
Erik Turrell, Police Department

Nine members present, resulting in an official quorum.

## 2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

## 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

## 4. STAFF REPORT

Monte: Posted on the City's Facebook page KMPO is seeking public input for their Regional Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. There is a survey and a link to a Wikimap. Their plan is to include city and county to work together and coordinate a comprehensive plan. The City of CDA owns the Prairie Trail, Atlas to Huetter, and there are plans to connect the trail all the way out to highway 41. The survey is to find out what the public's opinion is whether you walk, skateboard, or drive, and will include all the local cities, highway districts, public transportation, etc., they are seeking continuity and connection for school needs, disabilities, and safe routes to schools. Once our complete streets ordinance is approved, Mac would like to share it with everyone to encourage the same plan. The highway districts realize that with growth, they need to look at transportation consistency. Monte met with Chris Bosley pulling together information for the training he will attend in Boise this spring.

Erik Turrell: In 2017 there were 16 pedestrians hit by vehicles in the city, that's up from 11 last year, and there were 24 bicyclists struck, that is down from 31 in 2016. Statistics of where pedestrians were struck could be compiled for 2016. The majority of the accidents took place in parking lots not crosswalks. Specifics would help look at causes and then solutions. There was discussion regarding compiling an ordinance that would stipulate bicyclists are to ride in bike lanes, and not on sidewalks. Shouldn't be that hard to adopt an ordinance that says in the City of Coeur d'Alene, on a roadway that provides a bike lane, bicyclists are prohibited from riding on the sidewalk possibly even break it down by streets as there are many where there isn't a consistent bike lane. Age of the bicyclist would also need to be taken into account; 18 and under ride on the sidewalk. An ordinance would give the police more power to tell bicyclists to stop using the sidewalk and use the bike lane. It

was also suggested that the committee get something posted on the sidewalks and/or bike lanes. Cavasar suggested this would be something the infrastructure sub-committee could work on, and check with other city's that may have these ordinances in place, may help reduce some crashes.

## **5. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES**

Mark Puddy made a motion to approve the February 14, 2018, Minutes Russ Hersrud seconded the motion, there being no discussion and all being in favor, motion passed. *(This item will become item #3 on the agenda, right after conflict of interest and before public comments).*

## **6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **• Downtown Bike Inventory Presentation**

- Mark and Ronan: We conducted a site inventory and created a presentation in an effort to dry run through with this group gathering ideas so in a position to present to other groups. Beyond the inventory, we have some analysis. Ronan: we found there are 10 bike racks and seasonal corrals that aren't there all year. There are five others downtown between 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> and Sherman; only 5 bike racks and corrals in the summer with space for 35-40 bikes. Not enough for tourism and bike share. There are no bike racks on Front Avenue next to McEuen Park; during the summer with the Farmer's Market and concerts in the park and not enough bike racks. Mark: initially we went to council for more corrals, the argument is we may be under-parked downtown without doing much analysis, there are opportunities to place bike racks. There are a lot of areas where reconfiguring bench and trashcan locations and adding a bike rack would work. The NE corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Sherman is a location the Downtown Association wants to put a bike rack. There are 10 racks across the street. Monte pointed out that area is where people are chaining up bikes on trees, sandwich boards, and restaurant guardrails, impeding pedestrians. Eleven racks were put in with the committees' fundraising, they were ordered from a company out of Michigan and a local fabricator cut the names. Use at the time they were put in has changed with new locations. Do we want consistency block by block instead of use to use; there is opportunity at many of the corners. A bench, garbage can, and rack together that matches would be a selling point for the Downtown Association offering continuity for the look. Mark has a case study in front of his office, battle everyday with where to lock up and park his bike. Push to case study his corner, fairly simple, and there is incomplete street furniture. STCU plans to put a rack at 4<sup>th</sup> and Front which will be across the street from one of the bike kiosks. We will take some of these examples and to the ad hoc committee we are forming with the parking and planning commission.

Discussion regarding the ad hoc committee for the downtown assessment that would include the Downtown Association; Mark volunteered to take this on.

### **• Downtown Sandwich Boards on Sidewalks**

Denise: The boards are coming out in full force and the restaurant fences are coming up, strollers, scooters and wheelchairs can't get around with strollers. Right now by Hudson's there are four stores that have sandwich boards up. My understanding was one sandwich board every 300 feet. There was discussion about going door to door to educate owners and point out to them where the sign should be set using tape for their workers who may not be aware of the ordinance, and possibly a handout with the

ordinance and a diagram. Denise, Russ, and Mike will draft a handout and do some work on this.

## 7. **PROJECT UPDATES**

- **Complete Streets Ordinance**

- Monte: Chris made all the changes that planning and engineering wanted. It is now in Hilary Anderson's hands. Monte will touch base with her on where they are at on the changes and updates.

- **Mullan Avenue/Young Avenue**

- Nothing to report

## 8. **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Safe Routes to School**

1. Amy Hofer, Mike, Tom  
Nothing to report.

- **Walk Friendly Community**

1. Mike, Tessa, Monte, Denise  
We have not heard about the application. Reminder: there are two walk friendly signs, near the museum and 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sherman.

- **Design Review/Infrastructure**

1. Mac, Russ, John, Tim, Chris  
No meeting. Mac asked Monte about the development going in at Ashton and 23<sup>rd</sup>, a street with a new bike lane design. Monte will bring that information to the next meeting. The location is just one block. Suggested a trail to connect to 23<sup>rd</sup>, not approved to put a trail in the swale, will put in a curb with a separate bike path along the road, will be a protected bike lane. Monte will send the information out to the committee.

- **Education**

1. Kim, Amy Hofer, Tessa, Jamie  
Nothing to report.

- **Bikeways Master Plan**

1. Monte, Chris  
Nothing to report.

## 9. **ROUND TABLE**

Jamie: Let's Move no longer exists. The committee had been around for 3 years, funding ended. There is interest from Panhandle Health in the safe routes piece that will no longer

be part of the Let's Move umbrella. Chris is helping with maps showing sidewalks, bike lanes, and safe route to/from certain schools. She would like to get another brochure and map put together. Monte will work on a map and work with Chris.

Mac: KMPO bought several counting devices, one takes pictures another has a 180 degree view. Chris could request them we borrow them. They purchased them to be used for their non-motorized assessment, numerous locations wherein the counters will be used. We could have them moved around depending on areas we think would be beneficial. They do already have numerous locations set for now. April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Coeur d'Alene Library there will be a KMPO public hearing and another on April 6<sup>th</sup> in Post Falls at city hall 5-7 pm. Mac will send out an email with information. A new bus route is coming out, stops have changed and they are working on being more consistent.

Ronan: Wouldn't closing Sherman off to cars during the summer increase business? Boise does it in the summer and it is very successful. Everyone thought this was a really good idea. It's been discussed before over the years at various meetings, in various forms.

John: Seal coat bid opening tomorrow at 11 a.m. There are a couple hundred apartments being built by Lowe's on the east side, clear out to Appleway. That growth is going to have a big impact.

Mike: March 22<sup>nd</sup> is the second Atlas COR meeting 5:30-7 pm at the Frontier Ice arena on Seltice. He attended the East Sherman meeting, a lot of discussion about bike racks. Consensus of everyone there; more people less cars, more park like space, vendor space, street vendors, public plants and flowers, eclectic space for people not traffic.

Adjourn 6:51 pm.

**10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

- **Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 5:30 pm at City Hall.**