

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 11, 2018

5:30 p.m. at City Hall

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

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tessa Jilot, Chair-Walking Community
Tom Morgan, Vice Chair-Bicycling Community
Amy Hofer-School District 271
Denise Jeska-Physically Challenged
Mac Cavasar-Running Community
Tim Teyler-Water Ways
Jamie Morgan-General Public
Kim Golden-General Public
Mike Fuller-General Public
Mark Puddy-Landscape Architect
John Bruning-Centennial Trail Foundation
Russ Hersrud-General Public
Ronan Malaghan-Student

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Amy Evans-City Council Liaison
Chris Bosley-Staff, Former Chair

STAFF PRESENT:

Monte McCully, Staff Liaison
Melissa Brandt, Transcriptionist

Twelve members present, resulting in an official quorum.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

Jamie Morgan noted one grammatical error on page 4, second paragraph, second sentence change "them" to "that". Amy Hofer made a motion to approve the March 14, 2018, Minutes. John Bruning seconded the motion, there being no discussion and all being in favor, motion passed.

5. STAFF REPORT

Monte met with Mike Gaertner and Chris Bosley at the BLM property and discussed the mountain bike flow track that will have a bigger pump track and a skills track. Not set in stone yet, but something to work toward. A recent event for high school kids was held at the property, a lap-a-thon. We should definitely work with them and get some drawings put together that would show how a flow track could be incorporated, a quick map that shows how a flow track should incorporate the two elements, this would help in convincing the powers that be. Access to the track is down Hubbard and then on Academic Way by the wastewater plant. The track has big banks and a steep one under the 95 bridge. Mark Puddy expressed interest in helping. Mac asked about the bike lane at Ashton and 23rd.

Action Item: Monte said he would email out the information.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Downtown Bike Inventory Presentation**

- Mark said he would like to talk to the parking commission contact that Monte has mentioned. **Action Item: Monte will get the contact's name to Mark.** Mark suggested that putting a bike rack at his office could serve as a case study that would show how much use it would get. Cost should be around \$60 to \$100 for one rack. Mark will set up a meeting with the contact and see if they can show them the presentation shown at last months' meeting. See if the presentation helps get them on board, and then move on from there. Monte stated Mark wouldn't have to get permission from the parking commission, he would just need an encroachment permit from the City. Tessa asked if bike racks will be installed in the new parking garage. Monte stated it has been brought up numerous times at design review meetings. He will check with Chris or look at the current plans.

- **Downtown Sandwich Boards on Sidewalks**

- Monte went downtown with the new deputy city clerk to perform an inspection for sidewalk seating. There is a bike rack at the current location and there has to be 42" between the rack and the building, and from the seating area to ensure there is enough room for people to get by. He suggested it would be a good idea to come up with a way to have store or restaurant put their signs on a marked out location. Denise looked up information on the City's website on the suggestion of the person she spoke to at City Hall, as the person at city hall could find no specific guidelines for sandwich boards. The city's website has no guidelines. Denise mailed out a letter on April 2 to the Mayor, Terry Cooper, and City Council letting them know there are no guidelines. Monte suggested she needs to talk to the City Clerk or the Deputy City Clerk. Monte mentioned the clerks' office generally sends out an ADA access letter each year. Mark found information on the website stating in an ordinance that there needs to be 42" on the sidewalks for the public, and that signs should not obstruct pedestrians. It was suggested that the Walk Friendly and/or Education sub-committees should offer to go around and mark out for the businesses, on the sidewalk, where their signs could be placed to comply. Someone may want to reach out to Terry Cooper and offer help with this before summer and the busy tourist season. Mac said he would donate duct tape.

7. **PROJECT UPDATES**

- **Complete Streets Ordinance**

- Monte: Some revisions have been submitted. Waiting for planning department to go through the ordinance, and then take it to city council. Mac offered to reach out to the planning department.

- **Mullan Ave/Young Ave**

- Monte: We haven't moved on with the survey yet. He met with Bill Greenwood and Chris Bosley to discuss grants. We can get a grant that would cover wayfinding, such as the signs on Young Avenue. We also talked about applying for a grant that would pay for planter boxes that would make the street one way in and one way out, but decided not to apply for it since the public hasn't been approached about the changes. There are traffic counts taking place now to see if traffic is moving faster. The planters would discourage through traffic. Parking in the area would NOT go away. Counts are a good start. We will be doing surveys this summer for the master plan update, and this could be folded in with it.

8. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Safe Routes to School**

1. Amy Hofer, Mike, Tom

This committee will be rolled in with the education committee. This group combined with education and the walk friendly committee, we can work on the sandwich board sign issue.

- **Walk Friendly Community**

1. Mike, Tessa, Monte, Denise

Action Item: Monte will look into the committee's application. As stated previously, this group will work with the education committee to begin work on the sandwich board sign issue.

- **Design Review/Infrastructure**

1. Mac, Russ, John, Tim, Chris

Mac presented statistics on crash data from KMPO. Riding on Thursdays, and most days in June, July, and August, are the worst dates for bicycle and vehicle crashes. Failure to yield is the biggest issue, and accidents at intersections. Parking lots were the worst place for pedestrians. KMPO has a meeting tomorrow at 1:30 and a bit of a presentation of the non-motorized plan being put together. This is a regional plan, KMPO doesn't implement it they give the information to districts, cities, and communities for their use. You can leave comments on the KMPO and KCAT website about the non-motorized plan. All cities, counties, and districts are looking closer at non-motorized issues due to growth. They are talking about putting together a centralized site not controlled by any organization or entity, monitored 24/7 operating traffic lights. They believe that I-90, Highway 95, and Ramsey Road will be parking lots in 5 years. With special events, construction, and growth, they want to develop a centralized control system. Voice your opinion. There is a meeting tomorrow at Post Falls City Hall.

- **Education**

1. Kim, Amy Hofer, Tessa, Jamie

No report.

- **Bikeways Master Plan**

1. Monte, Chris

No Report.

9. ROUND TABLE

Mike: Get behind the sign board deal now before summer and tourist season and everyone will get too busy, get serious about setting that up.

Denise: Flashing beacon crosswalks are amazing, people stop and pay attention, the flags at Capone's are gone, no one stops.

Russ: Encouraged to hear that KCAT and KMPO have ideas for non-motorized plans, get the City to finish up complete streets.

John: Ned tower and I are taking on gathering information for the economic impact of the Centennial Trail. Dr. Peterson is coming in next week to hear us out and we hope to find a grad student to do the work. We don't have any money in the budget to complete a study.

Mac: Serves on the board of the Trail of the Coeur d'Alene commission, quite a bit of the trail has been plowed. And, it's not too late to get your opinion in on the Atlas property.

Tim: There is a standing problem of people parking too close to intersections downtown, the law 30 feet, or at least two car lengths, Diamond parking does not enforce this rule, police volunteers are ticketing. If you see violations, call the Police and someone will come out and ticket. Suggested CDA should paint the corners like they do in Spokane.

Jamie: Idaho Walk Bike Alliance and ITD are putting together PSA's called "Shift Idaho". They are supposed to be a friendlier way to get people to adhere to laws. The Alliance has been working on a script for a PSA that they are going to produce. **Action Item: Jamie will send a link out of the PSAs.** Let her know if you are interested in the script.

Tom: There used to be verticals on 7th Street, at crosswalks, and they were supposed to put a beacon where those came out. Not sure that the beacons are working yet at 15th street. People aren't slowing down. Speed bumps might work better. In lieu of the beacons, get the vertical elements back in place.

Mike Fuller moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Russ Hersrud, and all being in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

- **Wednesday, May 9, 2018, 5:30 pm at City Hall.**