

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 2018

5:30 p.m. at City Hall

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm, by Tom Morgan.

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Morgan, Vice Chair-Bicycling Community
John Bruning-NICTF
Ronan Malaghan-Student
Kim Golden-General Public
Mark Puddy-Landscape Architect
Tim Teyler-Water Access Community
Mac Cavasar-Running Community
Russ Hersrud-General Public
Denise Jeska-Physically Challenged
Mike Fuller-General Public
Jaime Morgan-General Public

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tessa Jilot, Chair-Walking Community
Amy Hofer-SD 271
Amy Evans-City Council Liaison
Michael Hoffman, Retired Community

STAFF PRESENT:

Monte McCully, Staff Liaison

Eleven members present resulting in a quorum.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Mark Puddy will abstain from the Prairie School discussion.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Julie Delsaso brought concerns to get committee input on the pedestrian squeeze on south 95 as you enter Coeur d'Alene. Thought it would be good to get input for proposed pedestrian safety on both bridges across the river. There is a proposed road that would cut across Blackwell hill (handed out map and road plan). 95 is Idaho State Transportation department controlled. The necessity for it at that intersection interested in data, traffic study, connectivity to Cougar Bay or the nature conservancy. There is a blind corner. There is a jurisdictional void. Not sure if they know of the intersection load that will happen at Fairmont Loop. The area falls under County and State jurisdiction. She has concerns of pedestrians and bicycling over the canal bridge. Is there anyway the committee could contact Post Falls Highway District regarding the turnoff and proposed road? Maybe propose they do a traffic study at the location, is the road necessary. Concerned about the necessity of the road, what are the pedestrian considerations in that area; seems to be a done deal. Monte offered to get some traffic safety information. Some bridge right-of-way was lost when the property was annexed. Mac indicated she should attend the next meeting of KCAT all highway districts will be there and would be a good place to discuss her concerns. She was encouraged to get on the agenda for the next meeting. *(Additional discussion ensued regarding this issue after Ms. Delsaso's departure.)* The committee doesn't see that this group would be part of this discussion as it is out of city limits. When updating the Master Plan, may need to spill over property boundaries into areas that in the future could be annexed to ensure that development taking place includes pedestrian and bicycle trails. Once the development goes in without those considerations, difficult to make changes after the fact if areas get annexed into the City.

4. APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

Due to no quorum, there were no October meeting minutes.

5. **STAFF REPORT**

Monte: Idaho Walk Bike Alliance is looking for a new board member, Jamie was with them for two years, and Monte also for two years. If interested, let Monte know and he'll forward on. Chris and Monte are working on updating what has been accomplished this year items that the street department has added to the street system for on street bike lanes. It will be entered into GIS and calculated as to miles. Will keep the committee updated. In the master plan we have the low hanging fruit, medium and long range, we are going through and see what items can be added to the budget each year. Might be a good idea to set up a workshop with Council to update them on what has been done and what is yet to be done. May still want to pursue a survey for the bike boulevard idea. The octopus bike rack will be placed at the Harbor House. There is a plan to put bike racks inside the parking garage. Tom offered some bike racks he has quite a few from the Silver Lake Mall.

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

○ **Fall/Winter Newsletter**

- Jamie: Meeting coming up on November 28. Is there anything people want to see, include items such as bike racks at businesses. Remind people in the fall to wear bright colors and have headlights. A good safety tip. There will be a spring/summer newsletter already completed will go out early next spring. Add information about Bike to Work week in both newsletters to remind people.

○ **New Elementary School on Prairie**

- A plan came to Design Review and I gave comments on the plan a few months ago. The original plan had a bike trail along Prairie; another trail came off the Prairie bike trail and ended. They put a security fence around it. Connectivity is limited on the plans. They have laws regarding security for the schools. This project is being questioned by Lakes Highway District in regard to the design and use of Prairie Avenue, and kids' use of that area. The bike change was to keep the kids from going out on Prairie. This school will be offset in the middle there are no crosswalks for a mile, the only way to cross is at Ramsey or Atlas. Lakes Highway District didn't see this project. The District has not decided if this school will be for kids that live south of Prairie or north. The speed limit is 45 mph. The average speed is at least 55 mph you should not consider walking kids across Prairie. Not against a school, bring kids from the south to the school, not from the north. Or there should be a push button crosswalk or something. The design for the parent drop off will cause a backup and there is only one fire access on the backside. This is being brought to the committee to get our concerns to share with KCAT. There is no signal at the school so getting in and out will be difficult. Any new development along Prairie is required to have a bike trail. We could take these concerns to Chris Bosley. The area to the south will be a Greenstone development. There is a KCAT meeting later this month and it will be good to have Chris there for the City. That stretch of road is to move traffic the highway district will be resistant to putting in another light and crosswalk. The plan would fall under the complete street ordinance, but we don't have control over what happens on Prairie, that falls under the highway district. A bike trail should be required on Moselle. Suggested taking out the turn lane the block by the school turn the road into a 4 lane utilizing one as a drop off lane for parents.

7. **PROJECT UPDATES**

- **Various Projects**
 - Monte: Nothing new to report.

8. **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Walk Friendly Community**
 1. Mike, Tessa, Monte, Denise
Nothing to report.
- **Design Review/Infrastructure**
 1. Mac, Russ, John, Tim, Chris
Covered above.
- **Education**
 1. Kim, Amy Hofer, Tessa, Mike, Tom, Jamie
Have not met.
- **Bikeways Master Plan**
 1. Monte, Chris
Nothing to report.

9. **ROUND TABLE**

John: Tomorrow morning the NICTF will meet and hopefully select a new Executive Director. Attended an open house for the Highway 41 and Seltice intersection, the meeting was held at the Post Falls police department. Meeting was packed. There are six alternatives being looked at for construction on Highway 41 and Seltice. A lot of property would need to be purchased for right-of-way. Construction is scheduled for 2023. Highway 41 is to become a five lane highway running to Rathdrum. By 2040, Post Falls' population is projected to be 125,000. Trail movement at Beebe Boulevard, where are we with that? Monte: The developer wants to realign the trail so it is on city property and not on his property. He wants to rebuild that section of trail and shift it a few feet, about a 500 foot section, maintaining the current width; that is what is currently proposed.

Monte: Applying for a recreational trail program's grant to build a trail along the Atlas waterfront, it's due in January for the 2020 funding cycle. Has sent out a lot of emails to several groups for letters of support and asked Tessa to do one for the Ped Bike Committee, and maybe from individuals as well, and from the NICTF the more support we have the more likely we are to get it. The grant is through IDPR, rolled in with some other funding. These grants will require a lot to convince them as they don't feel that ped/bike trails get enough use. If we get a trail in there, we can also hope to get kayak launch areas, etc. The economic impact study should be done by next week, will share that information with Monte.

Tom: Doing Christmas bike push and Bikes for Kids. Boys and Girls Club has asked for 30 bikes and working with the school district and after school programs. Last year we gave 33 bikes in December, we are hoping to double that number. The armory is working out really well we have brought in a pod we are out of space. We have volunteers coming in on Thursday's and Saturday's.

Mac: Another thought on this Moselle Drive, we should have a traffic count or some plan on

this about on street parking on a subdivision or two buses going side by side, especially in the winter. At the last meeting brought up the idea of changing the name or status of the committee, wondered if anyone had given thought to that; we've always been Ped/Bike, but there are other folks, skateboarders, non-motorized transportation, bus routes, etc., just a thought, maybe we can discuss at the next meeting, add to the next agenda. To officially change status would require approval of the Parks & Recreation Department, Parks & Recreation Commission, and City Council.

Jaime: Love the new Skatepark, but, if you are walking or riding your bicycle, there are people all over the trail along Northwest Blvd. Not sure what can be done about it, but there is a lot of loitering.

Mike: Read an article about the Lime Bikes and Scooters in Spokane, interesting in how the scooters outpaced the bikes.

Motion by John Bruning and seconded by Ronan Malaghan to adjourn the meeting. There being no discussion and all being in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

- **Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 5:30 pm at City Hall.**