

# PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 2019

5:30 p.m. at City Hall

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

## 1. ROLL CALL

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tessa Jilot, Chair-Walking Community  
Tom Morgan, Vice Chair-Bicycling Community  
Mac Cavasar-Running Community  
Amy Evans-City Council Liaison John Bruning-NICTF  
Jaime Morgan-General Public  
Kim Golden-General Public  
Mike Fuller-General Public  
Denise Jeska-Physically Challenged  
Mac Cavasar-Running Community  
Michael Hoffman-Retired Community

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Amy Hofer-School District  
Mac Cavasar-Running Community

### STAFF PRESENT:

Monte McCully, Staff Liaison

Ten members present resulting in a quorum.

## 2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

## 3. APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

Reword the motion regarding Art in Motion brochure, hand it over to the Arts Commission, but still offer partnership services. Amy Evans mentioned the Arts Commission will ensure that the Ped/Bike Committee is recognized for their work on the brochures. Tom Morgan made a motion to approve the April 10, 2019 Minutes with the above edit. Kim Golden seconded the motion there being no further discussion and all being in favor, motion passed.

## 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

## 5. STAFF REPORT

Erik Turrell, City of Coeur d'Alene Police Department, the goal of the police department is to reduce injury accidents. Likes to attend and hear discussions regarding safety, he also likes to share statistics. He will sit in from time to time, the officer who was to take on the liaison role has moved into a new position. Bicycle crashes were down from 2018 compared to 2017. There were 24 bicycle crashes in 2017 compared to 21 in 2018. Last year there were 15 pedestrian versus vehicle crashes, this year we had 22 in 2018. About half of these were in parking lots, not serious accidents. Will research how these crashes occurred. We look at trends and causes and look for ways to reduce the accidents. The committee appreciates Officer Turrell's involvement in this group. Mike shared some of the information from the walking audit, wherein Chris Danley of the walking audit shared information on speeds, where accidents happen, engineering, and enforcement. Monte shared that some of the newer crosswalk buttons if you hold the button longer it will give additional time to cross. Tom shared he is doing a class at Union Gospel Mission for a group of women there who use bicycles as their primary transportation. He will put on a class regarding bicycle

maintenance, road rules, and how to ride properly. He's making connections to all these places, St. Vincent's, etc. The transient population is the target group since bicycling is their main mode of transportation. Officer Turrell offered to share information he has and was very enthusiastic about educating these groups. Tom invited the committee to participate they are welcome to help out. Officer Turrell offered to attend and help as well. Amy Evans asked if the Police Department or the City had safety information or outreach for the public like reflective vests or arm bands, this committee could possibly distribute? Those items could probably come out of crime prevention, he would have to check, a great idea. Injury Prevention Coalition is a partner for the helmet program, so maybe the vests could be done through them.

Monte: Walk Audit; People are going faster than ever before, someone driving 20 mph who hits 10 people, 9 people out of 10 will survive, you go up 10 miles an hour and 9 people out of 10 will die. Our next PSA should be geared toward car drivers, slow down, getting somewhere in 2 seconds not worth a life.

## **6. COMMITTEE APPLICATION**

- Tom Morgan reminded the committee about the discussion regarding vetting new members. He felt this application was brought up rather quickly without the opportunity for the committee to completely review, seems rushed. Discussion regarding application processes followed. There are currently two open positions; general public and engineering. Tessa would like to review the bylaws in June; Tom and Kim volunteered to help review the bylaws and application process. The current process is that applications are sent to the City for the Mayor's review, they are then brought to the committee for approval. Motion by Mike Fuller to accept the membership application of Corey English, seconded by John Bruning, there being no further discussion, membership application was approved.

## **7. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Newsletter
  - The downtown accessibility newsletter is current and is posted to the Ped/Bike Advisory Committee page on the City's website. The document can be pulled from the website and downloaded. Monte will make copies for distribution. Denise will get the newsletter to Terry Cooper at the Downtown Association.
- Workshop Discussion
  - No need to continue the workshop discussion. Possibly getting the agenda earlier would help to remove items that are no longer pertinent.

## **8. PROJECT UPDATES**

- None.

## **9. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Walk Friendly Community**  
Mike, Tessa, Monte, Denise  
No report.

- **Design Review/Infrastructure**

Mac, Mike, Michael and Tom met. Mac is at Farragut for the rest of the summer. Mike will share information from their meeting and from a workshop of the Kootenai Comprehensive Plan update. There was discussion about being in the loop, hearing about items too late. Tom talked to Chris Bosley about the paint trucks for striping. They decide what bike lanes will be affected by paint in October and November when paint is ordered. Our February and March discussions about bike lanes needs to happen well in advance before the paint purchase in October and November. Too late to ask for additional or ask for changes, the plan is in place already. All summer long look for what we think needs done and we can forward it on in the fall. We have an opportunity to inventory while the weather is good, we can see where there are shortcomings, compile the data and get it to Chris. Mike mentioned their discussion of public comment at our meetings is severely lacking, maybe have a meeting scheduled at a bike shop, or other places. Share our meeting information with some of these businesses on their social media to attend our meetings here. Not sure having meetings at another location is necessary. Most of the bike shops have active social media accounts, post information asking for their comments and feedback and possibly compile for our use. The Ped/Bike Facebook page could be utilized better, asking for input about routes and what folks are seeing; maybe needs to change to a transportation page to include all modes. Jamie is working on the Bike Month information and getting information out about when the meetings take place; walking, rolling, busing, etc. A social media platform is easier for most people to participate where in person you might not. The Kootenai Comprehensive Plan basically composed in 2010 from data pulled together in 2006. Shrink down the comprehensive plan more readable and simpler. They are seeking public input on the goals and objectives, and the two areas we want to have input on transportation and recreation. They were very receptive to it, we should stay involved and be proactive attending the meetings and participate.

- **Education**

Kim, Amy H, Tessa, Mike, Tom, Jamie

No report.

- **Bikeways Master Plan**

Monte, Chris

No report.

## **10. ROUND TABLE**

Tessa: Bylaws discussion will reach out to Kim and Tom for review in June.

John: Last meeting regarding the economic study to take place this week, then the plan is to release it at the Upbeat Breakfast on June 11. Post Falls has a year round counter and compared it with the State Parks Department on Coeur d'Alene Lake Drive, the numbers were very close. Our marathon is coming up this month we have 1,500 people signed up for the various races, an increase of 300 or so. This study doesn't give a real estate value comparison, very expensive to compile would have cost \$60,000 or more. Anyone can go to the breakfast, just sign up and pay for the event.

Michael: Rode out to Higgin's Point are they doing anything with the bike lane on the one side on Mullan? The asphalt is sluffing off. This area is overseen by the Eastside Highway District who oversees this section. Monte talked to them about the section, there is a creek or underground spring forming underneath, only way to fix it is to tear it out and put in a bridge and pave over it.

Mike: Pleased we have a progressive community. We seem to be moving in a positive direction for our community. Zagster set up to go? STCU pulled out of their sponsorship. We will start shopping Lime Bike and others. The scooters seem to be very popular versus the bikes, 90% road the scooters. We would only have bikes, no scooters.

Jamie: Bike Week is Monday May 13-Sunday May 19. Strata is hosting coffee in the morning. Wellness Bar will have percentage off. Sunday is the Full Moon Bike Ride and Friday is the actual Bike to Work Day. She will post the information on Facebook.

Tom: Walking Audit, saw 4 members of the planning commission, 4 members of the Ped/Bike committee, felt good to see those people participating. Jamie had a reporter from KHQ call and wanted a story on the Bike Co-Op, aired on tonight's news. Good be invited to UGM to bring the classes, to bring the education piece to the community. At the church building on Walnut and 5<sup>th</sup>, Jamie has every kind of literature, biking, walking, cards, available for giving out to the public. We have meeting space available at the space now stop by and take a peek at what we have there, working with CASA, Boys and Girls Club, Health and Welfare, counselors at the schools, two or three Veteran groups, taken a while to finally get on the mind of these people, happening very rapidly. Hours on Saturday are 9 am to 4 pm. Tom can offer support to help other organizations and those assisting with a Veteran's stand down. We receive a number of donations from the police department, downtown association, and many others.

Motion made by Russ Hersrud and seconded by John Bruning to adjourn the meeting. There being no discussion and all being in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

#### **11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

- **Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 5:30 pm at City Hall**