

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 14, 2019

4 p.m. at City Hall

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm, by Tom Morgan.

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Morgan, Vice Chair-Bicycling Community
Amy Evans-City Council Liaison
John Bruning-NICTF
Kim Golden-General Public
Jamie Morgan-General Public
Denise Jeska-Physically Challenged
Cory English-General Public
Amy Hofer-School District 271
Mike Fuller-General Public
Russ Hersrud-General Public

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ronan Malaghan-Student Rep
Michael Hoffman-Retired Community

GUESTS:

Tabitha Kraack, Executive Director-NICTF

STAFF PRESENT:

Monte McCully, Staff Liaison
Melissa Brandt, Transcriptionist

Ten members present resulting in a quorum.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

3. APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES – Action Item

John Bruning made a motion to approve the June 12, 2019 minutes, Russ Hersrud seconded the motion Jamie Morgan mentioned Abi's was misspelled for the record, there being no further discussion and all being in favor, motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

5. STAFF REPORT

Monte: Mac Cavasar has resigned from the committee. There are currently two open positions; running community and engineer/architect. Street striping has finished, bike lanes were added, and rebuilding of the 95 trail is underway and should be finished by fall. New guiding and comprehensive signs for Tubbs Hill will be going up soon so people won't get so lost. The North Idaho Centennial Trail Foundation is currently in the process of ordering new signs for the trails. Volunteers will help install. Wayfinding signs are in the works for Seltice to and from Prairie Trail. Arts commission enlisted artists to complete the work under the bridge at atlas. Attended a meeting regarding the bike share program, the city is trying to get something set up; there has been resistance with local companies due to competition. Right now there are regular bikes on the parkway, two at every parking lot on the Trail of the Coeur d'Alene, they can be rented by phone. We have an e-bike company unloading their bikes downtown. They were given permission to meet customers at the Rutledge trailhead, as they cannot conduct business on city property. The meeting with bike companies was to try and figure out the best way to offer and manage a share program. One idea was to offer an agreement for a rental company to operate out of, or near, the Harbor House. Feedback from the bike companies was they don't like Lime or Zagster, they want a brick and mortar location. An e-bike company started showing up in the Fort Grounds area. The meeting was simply a get together, talking to local bike companies sharing some ideas. The local bike

share request came from Jacob Adams. It was suggested that information regarding sharing bikes, or renting bikes should be shared on the City's page, or the Ped/Bike page. Tom Morgan offered that he has plenty of bikes for people to borrow or use.

6. NICTF ECONOMIC IMPACT REVIEW – Information Item

Tabitha Kraack: The report shows the value of the Centennial Trail to the economic impact in Coeur d'Alene, Post Falls, and Kootenai County and is beneficial to the North Idaho Centennial Trail Foundation for future funding and support. Fifty-eight percent (58%) of respondents use the trail more than once a week. In 2017, more than 417,000 people used the trail. The NICTF hosts three major events on the Trail that help support the Foundation's efforts; the Coeur d'Alene Marathon in May, Ales for the Trails in August, and Coeur d'Fondo. These events generated \$1,152,000 in local economic impact. Non-events generate \$1,840,000 each year, and Ironman brings in an estimated \$4 million to the community. Our partnership with the Cities of Coeur d'Alene and Post Falls, and Kootenai County helps keep the trail maintained and looking good. There are also social and health benefits of the Trail for our citizens as well. Next year is the 30 year anniversary of the Trail. We are working on some new fundraisers for the anniversary. We are also working on a new map with Spokane, Kootenai County, and Post Falls that incorporates the entire trail, all the miles, and information the public may need. There are 44 miles in Washington and 23 miles in North Idaho. We are also currently working on lighting up the North Idaho Centennial Trail sign on our bridge right across the stateline. We have also been attending meetings with the highway department, the county, the City of Post Falls, engineers, and others non-motorized groups. If you want more information, please reach out. Monte mentioned that the Post Falls City Council voted to purchase a right of way all the way out to Highway 41; there are efforts to extend the Prairie Trail past Huetter and to connect all the way out to Rathdrum. There are plans to apply for a grant to extend the trail 3-4 miles with cooperation of the highway district, City of Post Falls, City of Coeur d'Alene, and Kootenai County.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS – Meeting Time Change (Action Item)

John Bruning made a motion to permanently move the meeting time to 4 p.m., Mike Fuller seconded the motion there being no further discussion and all being in favor, motion passed. Meetings will start at 4 p.m. each month going forward.

8. PROJECT UPDATES

Covered during staff report.

9. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Advocacy**

Tom, Michael, Mike

Tom reported that the group did get together, but they are now down two members with the loss of Mark Puddy and Tim Teyler. Their priority is to get as many people on bikes as possible and we need a safe and adequate infrastructure to support that.

- **Walk Friendly Community**

Mike, Tessa, Monte, Denise

No meeting. Their focus will be moving our walking community award to the next level.

- **Design Review/Infrastructure**

Russ, John, Chris

Did not meet. Will need to regroup with Mac leaving the committee. Mike will work to be an intermediary with KMPO and KCAT. He'll reach out to Mac regarding their meeting schedules.

- **Education**

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

No meeting.

- **Bikeways Master Plan**

Monte, Chris

Chris has done a lot of work on increasing bike lanes throughout the city. And there are plans to include a bike boulevard on 5th street; will ask Chris for an update next month. Tom reminded everyone that paint for striping is done in October or November. Anything we want striped should be reported soon. If you are riding out and about, take notice of places where there may be the need for striping or connections.

10. ROUND TABLE

John: Witnessed an accident where a bike came off the sidewalk at the intersection of Park and River, headed west on the sidewalk, car making a left turn. Eric Turrell was the officer responding.

Mike: Attended the non-motorized roundtable in July at the chamber, Jamie was there also. Great communication between all the cities regarding the need for connections, standardize to how things look, heard about what Post Falls is doing and other local cities. Post Falls will be adding a connection at the Prairie Trail. There will be quarterly meetings of the group, hoping to offer consistency and completion of projects. Also discussion about other modes of transportation and connectivity for those who do not drive cars.

Kim: Attended an Arts Commission meeting. Bev has asked for help to ground proof the brochure. They have formally taken on the brochure. Attending other commission or group meetings is a great idea that came out of our workshop.

Tom: At the bike shop two Saturday's ago we pushed out the 700th bike to the community, that doesn't include sold, at low cost, bikes, 700 are bikes given out. 400 kids participated this year in bike rodeos, will set one up for Parking It On Sherman.

Jamie: Evans Brothers had a question regarding their sidewalk and city requirements, they will be sharing their space with "Bean and Pies." Monte suggested talking to Sean Holmes in Planning. Generally sidewalk requirements, if more than \$30,000 in improvements are made, refer to residential areas.

Amy H: Schools starts in 3 weeks; look out for the kids. At Lakes we are doing the rest of our remodel. We are redoing the office and counseling offices, adding a second gym and locker rooms, redoing the shop and the band room, and moving the choir room, and adding classrooms. And, Shaddock Park has a wasp nest in the climbing wall. Monte will pass that on to park staff.

Russ: Attended a monthly progressive diner dinner. Tom and Jamie were presenters, they spoke about bicycles. He is very impressed with the amount of recycling that takes place with old bike parts. Giving away the bikes is great, but it's not about the bicycles, it's about the relationship that Tom and Jamie build with the kids. Educate yourself about what they are doing, anyone who needs a speaker, I'm volunteering them, they did great.

Motion made by Kim golden and seconded by Jamie Morgan to adjourn the meeting. There being no discussion and all being in favor, meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

- **Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 4 pm at City Hall**