

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 11, 2019
4 p.m. at City Hall

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

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tessa Jilot, Chair-Walking Community
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
Mike Fuller-General Public (late arrival at 4:25)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ronan Malaghan-Student Rep
Kim Golden-General Public
Amy Hofer-School District 271

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Eight members present resulting in a quorum.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

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

Tessa Jilot noted a correction to the minutes; she was absent and left off the list. John Bruning made a motion to approve the August 14, 2019 minutes with the above correction, Tom Morgan seconded the motion, there being no further discussion and all being in favor, motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. STAFF REPORT

Expressions of loss regarding Russ. A card was passed around to give to his widow. Flowers will be sent as well.

Erik Turrell: Stats for this this year are looking pretty good so far. There have been 6 pedestrian/car crashes and 6 bike/car crashes so far this year. Last year the total was 27 and 28 respectively. There are still a few months to go but the numbers are definitely down. He will be attending a meeting tomorrow with an injury prevention group headed by Kootenai Health. They have discussed providing reflective vests for folks who may be homeless, the vests would help with visibility at night. The vests are very inexpensive and if this group wanted to donate or help provide them, it would be good outreach, and great press for the committee. Tom mentioned he has given bikes to the shelter wrapped in reflective tape donated by the Idaho Transportation Department. Many won't wear helmets, they might wear vests, and the reflective tape on the bikes help.

Monte: Chris Bosley asked the committee to come up with a priority wish list; low hanging fruit or long-term improvements. We can provide items that are in the master plan, and we want committee input for anything you wish to see. Email your ideas to Monte. Rapid

flashing beacons and more bike racks were brought up. Staked out wayfinding signs on Seltice and will be meeting with NICTF for locations along the trail, new signs are being made up for continuity replacing some and adding new locations. It was mentioned that the Post Falls portion doesn't have good signage where the trail crosses streets.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS – Information Item

Amy Evans mentioned a potential member, Jim Kinnard, an avid runner, who is passionate about city and service. He served as the student liaison on the Parks & Recreation Commission. She gave his contact information to Monte to follow up.

Discussion items for the next agenda should include wish list items, other suggestions: Bike Blvd. post lower speed from 25 to 20, and possibly include some 4 way stops to ensure some stopping and not a thoroughfare.

7. PROJECT UPDATES

Monte: 95 trail work is underway, they started at Appleway out past Prairie. The Hilton Inn has purchased the old Wild Waters site and will be putting in a hotel. He spoke with them about adding a trail to 95 bridge over I90, an item from our master plan, this trail is out of their property and in ITD right-of-way, but they seem supportive of helping make the connection. If they decide not to, will look into grants or funding to get this portion done. This winter will look at getting ITD permissions for shoulders along the trail, agreements in writing, to complete this project, the 95 right-of-way are the best option for trails and will boost trail connectivity. Also in the works, extending the Prairie Trail out to Prairie Ave. Mike had offered to attend the KMPO meetings. A copy of the county master plan, and our plan, represented at the KMPO and KCAT meetings will help immensely.

Tessa: I believe there was a recent city council vote regarding increasing funding to replace sidewalks? Amy: Yes, the homeowner incentive was increased to \$650 toward sidewalk improvements, \$1,300 if the property is on a corner lot.

8. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Advocacy**

Tom, Michael, Mike

Mike: Met with Monte regarding the PSAs. Believes we need to get information out to the kids, maybe some posters or information at the bike rodeos. We also need to update the PSAs, get them on Facebook and links to the City website.

- **Infrastructure**

John, Chris, Mike

Mike will report after attending the KMPO meeting.

- **Awareness**

John, Chris

Nothing to report.

- **Walk Friendly Ad Hoc**

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

Nothing to report.

- **Bikeways Master Plan**

Monte, Chris

Nothing to report.

9. ROUND TABLE

Tom: Russ will be missed. He served on many groups and was the KEA Board President. New work benches for the co-op. Bike crashes down this year compared to last year, hope his reaching out to the homeless will help. He has been talking to these folks about the way they ride and help educate them.

Jaime: Shared that the KEA has a grant writer, Amy Anderson, who could help with grants, and KEA is interested in partnering as well.

Corey: Brought pictures from a recent to Rwanda, land of 10,000 hills, everything is a hill. People travel a great distance to do things by bicycle. Their bikes are very old. Never saw a woman on a bicycle, men only.

Michael: Just got back from a trip to Nelson BC, very bike friendly. Rode the Trail of the CDAs part of it was shut down due to fires and also just rode the Hiawatha Trail. He has been hiking the trails at pack saddle in Hayden. The neighbors there are putting signs on people's cars stating that is not an official trailhead. Monte stated the property is USFS, and the easement does provide for public access for the neighborhood.

John: Tour de Fondo coming up on the 28th.

Mike: Saw Russ a number of times this past month, great advocate will be missed. Shout out to Chris Bosley, 15th street they chip sealed, but not the bike lane. No paint at this time, should hopefully been done before winter. Appreciate his support for the bike lanes. Monte stated that all of Seltice is striped through Coeur d Alene. Wish list should include getting paint on Government Way. Areas that haven't been striped yet.

Motion made by John Bruning and seconded by Mike Fuller to adjourn the meeting. There being no discussion and all being in favor, meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

- **Wednesday, October 9, 2019, 4 pm at City Hall**