

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2019
4 p.m. at City Hall

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm, by Tessa Jilot.

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tessa Jilot, Chair-Walking Community
Tom Morgan, Vice Chair-Bicycling Community
John Bruning-NICTF
Denise Jeska-Physically Challenged
Cory English-General Public
Mike Fuller-General Public
Kim Golden-General Public
Jamie Morgan-General Public
Ronan Malaghan

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Michael Hoffman-Retired Community
Amy Evans-City Council Liaison

STAFF PRESENT:

Monte McCully, Staff Liaison
Melissa Brandt, Transcriptionist

Nine 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 October 9, 2019 minutes, Tom Morgan seconded the motion, there being no further discussion and all being in favor, motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. STAFF REPORT – Information Items

Erik Turrell: Vehicle pedestrian crashes we are at 7- vehicle vs bicycle crashes we are at 10 for this year. Last year we had 18 vehicle vs pedestrian and 19 vehicle vs bicycle crashes. Going to be very well. Seems the main contributing factor is bicycles riding on the wrong side of the road against traffic or on a sidewalk. We don't determine fault, we determine if there is a moving infraction. Usually the collisions are minor. If the city had an ordinance prohibiting bicycles on sidewalks where a path or bike lane is provided, it would give the police something they can use when these accidents occur. Maybe this committee could see what is being done in other cities. No one is using certain higher-traffic bike lanes, like 15th and Kathleen. If we had an ordinance regarding bikes on sidewalks instead of the bike lane, an ordinance prohibiting that, we can stop them and tell them to get in the bike lane. Will give us teeth to enforce an ordinance with a fine attached. Generally, we wouldn't issue a citation for that, but we could educate them. Purpose of this ordinance would be safety. Not sure why the numbers are down, still see people riding on the sidewalks. Educating bicyclists on where to ride. Adopt an ordinance prohibiting bikes on the sidewalks, the city can sign along the routes, no bikes on sidewalk. Add arrows and bikes showing flow of how they should ride. See what other communities have drafted in the way of this type of ordinance.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS – Information Items

- Ped/Bike Facility Priority Wish List-The bike master plan from 2019 has all the recommendations we had. Go through the list, send them to the committee, and go through them at the December meeting. Mark some off that have already been done. Everyone please go through the list numbering each item that should have priority. Next month we will give our recommendations. Have Chris attend next meeting to hear the feedback.
- CDBG Grant List-staff suggestion is to pick 5 CDBG eligible projects and 5 city projects to complete. The goal is to complete 2 projects each year for 5 years, totaling in 10 projects with an emphasis on leveraging projects to increase connectivity, potentially contract CDBG eligible projects. 21st Street to Fernan is going in next spring. Work has started. Many of the suggested areas are near schools. The school district is planning to re-district their schools in 2020, keeping in mind the sidewalks needed near those schools. Look this over and come up with top 5 for each; 5 grant eligible and 5 for the city to complete. Monte will send out the projects categorized by city and grant eligible, asking for everyone's ranking before the December meeting.
- SR2S Coordinator-Met with a city council member from Boise. In the past funding has been hit and miss. The money is there, up to \$60,000 available for infrastructure. A portion of this amount can go to a salary for a full time paid position. They would be on the hook to apply for grants and run the program. We need to discuss with the school district and the city. We would apply for the first grant and whoever funds this would house the position giving them a place to work out of, there could also be a match to this by paying benefits. There may be something already in place through Americorp or the school district, will require a lot of discussion. Opportunity for this to find someone who does this all the time, doing PSAs, bike rodeos, etc. The position could be housed at the city or at a school. One of the selling points for this is that Idaho provides \$81 million in busing for kids in Idaho, which covers only 1/3 of school children. If CDA comes onboard and Twin Falls, Lewiston, and another larger community, we would have 80% of Idaho kids covered under some type of program. Boise has a coordinator. Deadline for the infrastructure is February. No clear path forward after the meeting.
- Winter Newsletter-Met last week to turn this two page flyer into an all seasons flyer to distribute downtown, we looked at what could be added. The A-frame information, outdoor seating and patios, talked about what would need to be added to cover our other two seasons. Including information about codes, snow removal, etc., each business is responsible for clearing their store front. Downtown bicycle parking map needs to be updated to include any missing locations. Monte will get an updated map so this can get completed and up on the City's website. Information on who to contact regarding adding a bicycle corral. Should be completed by the end of November. Kim will contact the transportation participant regarding a new committee representative for SD271. We need to determine the school district's interest in hiring a position and both their and the city's involvement and commitment. Monte will give a status report at the next meeting.

7. PROJECT UPDATES – Information Items

Monte: The trail is in on Atlas between Prairie trail and the old trail. The Atlas Mill site a contractor has been selected. The waterline restoration and trails and pedestrian path will be started first, and parking. There will be restrooms, playground, a park shop, and parking lot with the park functional next year. The area between River and Hubbard is just about completed as well. The trail will be more of a commuter trail. We have an alternate student rep. We have vacancies on the committee and will get the word out.

8. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – Information Items

- **Advocacy**

Tom, Michael, Mike, Ronan

Have not met. Safe Routes 2 School is one of our priorities.

- **Infrastructure**

John, Chris, Mike

Have not met.

- **Awareness**

Denise, Tessa, Jamie

We did meet and discussed the newsletter.

- **Walk Friendly Ad Hoc**

Kim, Tessa, Mike, Tom, Jamie

Have not met.

- **Bikeways Master Plan / Walk Friendly Ad Hoc**

Not active this month.

9. ROUND TABLE – Information Items

John-Noticed the I-95 trail is just about finished.

Monte-Have talked to the hotel that is going to be on the old Wild Waters property. We are going to work with ITD to get a connection built with a trail that goes from Appleway down to the bridge.

Denise-11th street comment regarding high speed traffic down that street was mentioned by her neighbor. Get a speed sign there regarding how fast they are going. Was one of the comments from Michelle. There are no accessible sidewalks on 11th. That was one of her suggestions she gave to Chris. High speed street in the Garden district. Police department oversees the placement of the speed signs.

Mike- Attended the planning seminar game night. Was interesting, depicting growth in Cd'A in the next few years. Showed where parks should be, work force locations, infill areas, outside city how much it would cost to build infrastructure. Planning is using the feedback for their comprehensive plan. There were a lot of bikeway cards.

Jamie-Riding on the sidewalk ordinance needs to be sure there is a safe place to ride. Appleway is very tough to ride, the traffic is bad and it's not safe.

Tom- Every Tuesday volunteers coming to help build bicycles. Has a list of 50+ bikes for Christmas – received a list from the Boys and Girls club. Lakes Middle School reached out, Borah Elementary, and Hope on the Homefront. They work with the homeless populations in

the schools. There are 400 kids in the school districts who are actively homeless in our community. Will have 100 bikes to give away. The article in the press has helped. Saturday's from noon-4 and Tuesday nights at 5 pm for volunteers, may add more dates as Christmas gets closer and demand is high.

Motion made by John Bruning and seconded by Denise Jeska to adjourn the meeting. There being no discussion and all being in favor, meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

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