

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2020
4 p.m. at City Hall

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:07 pm, by Tessa Jilot.

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tessa Jilot, Chair-Walking Community
John Bruning-NICTF
Denise Jeska-Physically Challenged
Mike Fuller-General Public
Kim Golden-General Public
Ronan Malaghan-Student Rep
Gracie Messier-Alt Student Rep

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tom Morgan, Vice Chair-Bicycling Community
Amy Evans-City Council Liaison
Cory English-General Public
Jamie Morgan-General Public

STAFF PRESENT:

Monte McCully, Staff Liaison
Melissa Brandt, Transcriptionist
Chris Bosley, City Engineer

6 members present resulting in a quorum.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

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

Mike Fuller made a motion to approve the November 13, 2019 minutes, John Bruning seconded the motion, there being no further discussion and all being in favor, motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. STAFF REPORT – Information Items

Chris Bosley: Received approval from City Council to apply for a local highway safety improvement program grant. The grant will cover adding more RRFBs (rectangular rapid flashing beacons) around town and provide for ADA improvements at each intersection. The grant is based on benefit to cost ratio, calculated based on crash modification standards, our beacons count for points at crossing locations. Crash locations need to be Type A or fatalities at these intersections, type A indicates a debilitating injury. We have narrowed our scope to 7 locations to give us the best benefit to cost ratio those locations are: 6th and Best Avenue, Hanley at Lake City High School, Howard and Bosanko, three crosswalk locations near Riverstone Park; at the Starbucks area, old Centennial Trail section at Beebe Blvd., and one at Bardenay's. These 3 are systemic improvements, not all have to be where there are crashes. The application is due January 16 and is ready to submit. Atlas industrial loop project is just about complete a signalized intersection has been put in to help get in and out of the industrial section there, a shared used path was installed on the west side of Atlas Road, you can use a path to get from Seltice to the Prairie Trail. Working on getting 6 bike racks installed at CDA Fresh. Racks will be angled so they are not in the way of wheelchairs.

Monte: Many years ago, we reviewed plans for various subdivisions, one named Hawks' Nest now known as The Trails. At the time we looked at their plans and made suggestions

for trails and pathways, as soon as they built the subdivision they were going to punch a trail through to Huetter road, since that time, the subdivisions that have opened have completely changed the trail plans. The trails in that subdivision are now gated and private, abutting the public trails, a gated neighborhood but with a connection to the trail. Monte will send information out to the committee for comment. Working on the master plan and including costs for the major trails for future development will help during funding cycles to help get them built quicker. Discussion of the Canfield can-course. The city has an agreement with Jason Evans the owner of the 135-acre parcel between the City's natural area on Canfield mountain and the Forest Service. Mr. Evans wants the property to be for public use, he has put up fence to try and stop motorcycles from using the area, and built some great hiking and mountain biking trails. The plan is for the City to lease the property from Mr. Evans. With city use the property would fall under city ordinances. We are finalizing the MOU with Mr. Evans now and the area will be open to public once approved. Parking will still be an issue, but this does provide another access point at Shadduck.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS – Information Items

- Ped/Bike Facility Priority Wish List-Will compile for next meeting if you haven't turned in your list, get it to Monte. Chris stated he wanted to know what the committee is interested in, may not become an achievable project, but does help when planning out needed projects. This priority list and the CDBG grant list will be combined because CDBG funds could possibly be used to help with both. An example of a possible CDBG grant would be to purchase the right-of-way at Best Avenue to put in a sidewalk. Members were asked to prioritize the master plan list of 5 items. Items about connectivity and establishing bike lanes should be achievable. Arrows painted on all the bike lanes, may be lacking.
- CDBG Grant List-The City's coordinator of this grant has given notice (Community Development Specialist). As mentioned above, this will be combined with the above.
- SR2S Coordinator-We have not completed the application to get a coordinator in this area it is due February 2nd and there is not time to get permission to apply. Kim and Monte will talk with Hilary Anderson to see if there is support for the Community Development Specialist to take on the duties of this position, and/or discuss applying for the position in time to meet the deadline.
- Year-Round Newsletter-Work in progress. Outline is complete, narrative and design work in the works.
- Committee Membership-We have 15 seats on the committee and currently five open positions. Discussion regarding number of general public positions, total number of committee members, attendance requirement, term expiration, and a formal process with interviews and/or a questionnaire before being approved for the committee. Kim mentioned he would try again to get a school district representative. An engineer or landscape architect is important, and most felt retired community was not necessary, wasn't a category that needed to be pinpointed as the other positions seem to cover all necessary representation. This item will be on next month's agenda. Tessa has already started an outline for attendance requirements, etc., and will reach out to the Arts Commission to see if they would share how they manage and recruit for their members. Suggested changes will be completed by March. Changes will have to be made to the ordinance for this committee and requires approval by City Council. it would eventually go through city council. A moratorium for any new members was suggested until this group could draft up new guidelines for serving on the committee.

7. **PROJECT UPDATES – Information Items**

Monte: Atlas Mill Park is underway. Working on shoreline restoration. At Riverstone Park on the trail a 100 to 200-foot section of trees has been cut down so you can see the river. It looks really good, changed the whole view will look even better when landscaping is done. A commuter trail has been extended from Hubbard, down NW Blvd, into downtown. Plan is to build a trail on the north side to connect the trail down through campus or a commuter trail down NW Blvd to the overpass. Suggested by Tessa that the area could use some lighting.

8. **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – Information Items**

- **Advocacy**

Kim, Tom, Mike, Ronan

No update.

- **Infrastructure**

John, Chris, Mike

Mike is working on an application to fill Mac's position on K-CAT an opening should be announced this month.

- **Awareness**

Denise, Tessa, Jamie

No update.

- **Walk Friendly Ad Hoc**

Tessa, Mike, Tom, Jamie

No update.

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

No update.

9. **ROUND TABLE – Information Items**

Kim-Discussed the trails over the holidays with a citizen who bikes from Mid-Town to Growler Guy's, she's new at commuting to work. She said by far the worst intersection is Appleyway and 4th. She would rather cross Highway 95 than that intersection, and the other bad area is Government Way to Appleyway.

Denise-The concrete slab entering the large dog part of the dog park at McEuen has a straight drop of 6-8 inches making it impossible for someone in a wheelchair to enter. Dirt needs to be brought in and leveled with the concrete.

John-NICTF planning the 30th anniversary of the Centennial Trail. Working on getting lights on the Stateline bridge, the cost is \$60,000 to get power to the area. Avista has indicated they will help in some way.

Mike-Highway 95 bike trail neat idea to introduce that to the community during Bike to Work Week. This group could sponsor a ride out there to show people what it's about, would help promote visibility of that trail. It's not connected to a street or neighborhood, in the master plan there are plans to get connectivity. Promote biking and use of the trail.

Motion made by John Bruning and seconded Denise Jeska to adjourn the meeting. There being no discussion and all being in favor, meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

- **Wednesday, February 12, 2020, 4 pm at City Hall**