

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2020

4 p.m. at City Hall

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm, by Tessa Jilot.

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Amy Evans-City Council

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

Tom Morgan made a motion to approve the January 8, 2020 minutes, Mike Fuller seconded the motion, there being no further discussion and all being in favor, motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. STAFF REPORT – Information Items

Monte: Atlas Mill project moving along, foundation poured for restrooms, picnic shelter, and shop location. Trails haven't been totally roughed in yet. There are gravel roads that show the circumference of the park. Nearing the final few days of editing the master plan, making sure all is consistent and everything is included. The draft will be reviewed by city staff to be sure it aligns with other plans already in place. This master plan will be more of a working document with a roadmap for future trails, bike paths and lanes, and pedestrian paths and beautification areas. Recently spent a lot of time on Fernan Hill climbing through the brush, trying to determine where the trails could be, a lot of cliffs, difficult to get through, majority of it is now mapped out. We have some groups helping on the third hill of the 54 acres. The public has discovered Fernan, not really well known in the past, according to tracks in the snow and weeds and grasses knocked down, we know it's getting a lot of traffic and even some Yelp reviews. Have ordered a map sign that will have a layout of trails in place and planned trails, it will be a temporary sign for a year or two to be replaced with a permanent sign once completed. There are lots of loops that connect, none are a main trail, they loop around. Different colors will show different mileage. These will be hiking trails, not for mountain bikers. The three people who deeded the land to the city did not want motorcycles, pedestrians only, no mountain biking. Loops on the third hill facing the lake are very steep, a good portion won't have access. Once the trails get established we can clean some of the

brush and more trails may be available. Part of the trail is being moved at Beebe where there is a loop, it will be straight.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS – Information Items

- Ped/Bike Facility Priority Wish List-Reminder, Monte sent out a list with items categorized. Some have responded. The CDBG list isn't as important, the top priority is for Chris Bosley. Chris wanted all bike lane suggestions in order. Some committee members have put them in order, others have just listed 5. If you have something to contribute, please get it to Monte, so Chris can get items scheduled, for those that can be accomplished.
- CDBG Grant List-If you have not filled out the list, and you want to help please do so, we will be hiring someone soon and it would be nice to be able to share the list with them.
- SR2S Coordinator-There was an inquiry about the grant and if we applied. A meeting has not been set up yet or confirmed. Monte will reach out and see what we need to do to move forward. Monte will set a meeting with Hilary, Kim Golden, and him, prior to meeting with the SR2S folks.
- Year-Round Newsletter-Work in progress.
- Committee Member By-Laws: Tessa, Tom, and Kim met as an ad-hoc committee to set up a process to interview new members and to come up with draft bylaws. Kim went through the bylaws, or ordinance, and had a draft for the committee to go through. On the city's website, if you go to Ped/Bike link, you will see this document. As you read further down, you will see a link to the ordinance. Proposed changes on the document are in yellow. Anything in yellow is something new that's been added, or something slightly reworded. Quorum has been highlighted in yellow so it is easy to find. Added some slight difference in wording to include, after recommendation of the mayor "after completion of an interview and review process by the committee." Suggested changing wording from senior citizen to older adult. There are currently 5 vacancies; one general public, one older adult, School District 271, landscape architect, and running community. There has been discussion of whether we need 15 members and do we need specific member types, having too many members can be an issue. The committee has a student representative, is there a need for a specific School District 271 representative, and a landscape architect is an important position as well. Word in such a way the categories are suggested, but not required, or all general public versus any specific category. It was suggested to change the language to state members shall consist of no fewer than 10 and no more than 15. The categories that were felt to be important include city council, physically challenged, NICTF, a student rep, and maybe add an attorney, and other positions filled with general public. Other language to consider changing, committee members should reside within area of impact of Coeur d'Alene and missing more than 3 consecutive meetings, could be cause for removal. Members can serve more than one term. Reappointments are just letting Monte know you want to continue serving, you will get reappointed. A new section was suggested for standing and ad hoc committees specific to Ped/Bike. Notification of meetings update. Also add language that a vote will take place at the first meeting in odd years to elect or reinstate a new chair. There would be no advertising for new members unless we get to a point of only 10 members left on the committee. Monte will check with Randy Adams regarding moving forward with changes to the ordinance and whether or not fewer than 10 and less than 15 is acceptable for the ordinance. Begin work to create a membership interview questionnaire. There was discussion on whether or not there is representation with the Idaho Transportation Department. They are part of the KCATT and KMPO group

so that duty and responsibility is being met. Mike should find out later this month if his application to serve on KCATT has been approved.

7. **PROJECT UPDATES – Information Items**

Monte: All noted above.

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

- **Advocacy**

Kim, Tom, Mike, Ronan

No update.

- **Infrastructure**

John, Chris, Mike

No update.

- **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**

Monte: Found a website with different city treatments for intersections, he sent the information to Chris Bosley with the area of Appleway and Highway 95, actually any intersection along Appleway, as those areas have the most accidents. The website shows build outs and islands for people to cross. Not a lot of people are using the 95 Trail due to the traffic issues. There may need to be treatments in that area as well. Major function of this group is ped/bike safety, the infrastructure committee specifically could help identify some treatment ideas and pass them on to Chris. This committee can help him with these types of things. Monte will send a link to the website that has treatment options to the committee.

Denise: The push button doesn't work at the 5th and Sherman crosswalk as you are heading to the lake. It hasn't worked for years. Monte will talk to Chris about that. Tessa also mentioned there are buttons down by NIC around Northwest Blvd and Hubbard.

Cory: Was at a meeting the other night, county treasurer came and talked about the idea they are trying to push on county commissioners about taking on a vote for urban renewal districts. Momentum is growing that everyone in the county should have some say on these URD ideas in the city. They wanted to have say on the hospital district. It's an issue in the community to be aware of.

Mike: Complete streets ordinance, we haven't done much on that lately, is there anything new there? Monte stated that once the complete streets ordinance passes, it becomes law for engineers that design. We can double check it, there hasn't been a lot of new streets coming in. When Hanley gets punched through, and Wilbur, and 15th gets widened, and Atlas, we always seem to chase what should have occurred. DRT (design review team) meetings don't usually have much that involves trails or pedestrian access. Attended a meeting regarding the anniversary of the Centennial Trail. Shared information about an event for veterans at a therapuedic horse ranch in Rathdrum, it takes place on the Vietnam War Veterans Memorial day, the end of march.

John: A big 30th Anniversary of the Centennial Trail event is being planned for the fall. Doug Eastwood's book is coming out on the history of the Trail; profits will be given to the foundation. It is close to going to print. A lot of things are planned for the trail, we need money for some of the projects including getting lights on the bridge.

Jamie: Rode the city bus, the Coeur d'Alene route, she will also do Post Falls and Hayden. Suggested that there is a need for bicycle racks at the bus stops. The routes need improvements. The bus was full of people, students going to and from NIC, people going to the hospital, getting to their jobs; it needs to go more places. Buses hold 2 bikes on the rack, there is nowhere to leave your bike at a bus stop, if bus already has 2 in the rack, you could leave your bike at a rack, but there are none.

Tom: Attended a meeting with the county, city bus, and local cities regarding covered parking plans and inquired if there was any bike parking, there is none planned at this time. The Presbyterian Church would like to host another bike rodeo on Wednesday night during the farmers market. Has been doing more work with veterans, has a brother who is a combat veteran so Tom joined the auxiliary working with them for a while getting things for kids, now tuned in with the veterans. Working with the Kroc Center and their program for kids who are financially struggling, that is also in partnership with the Coeur d'Alene School District. Put together 20 bikes for kids to take on Hiawatha Trail. Working to get the bikes to them a month ahead of time, and schedule a bike rodeo to help with skills and help build strong legs to make that ride. Working on legalities for insurance if there are liabilities in allowing folks to complete community service legally. The space at the church is not threatened. A newer younger church has been using the church and we are looking at doing partnered outreach that would be a service to the community.

Tessa: NIC campus could benefit from some rapid flashing beacons, who would make that decision? Monte stated it is shared maintenance in that area. There are some pedestrian crosswalks marked right before the roundabouts, but it is difficult to get across an RFB would help. She will ask Chris to include this on the priority wish list.

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 5:30 p.m.

10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

- **Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 4 pm at City Hall**