

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2020
4 p.m. Zoom Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm, by Tessa Jilot.

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tessa Jilot, Chair-Walking Community
Tom Morgan, Vice Chair-Bicycling Community
John Bruning-NICTF
Cory English-General Public
Amy Evans-City Council Liaison
Denise Jeska-Physically Challenged
Mike Fuller-General Public
Kim Golden-General Public
Gracie Messier-Alt Student Rep

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ronan Malaghan-Student Rep

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 May 13, 2020 minutes, Kim Golden seconded the motion, there being no further discussion and all being in favor, motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. STAFF REPORT – Information Items

The Union development has begun excavation work on their project near Beebe Blvd between the Hampton Inn and Le Peep Restaurant. They are not realigning the trail crossing at Beebe Blvd yet, but they are removing a section of the trail by the Hampton Inn. That section will be replaced by a through road from Beebe to Lakewood Drive and eventually to Lacrosse with future development. Trail detour signage to be put back at Riverstone Drive to direct people down to Beebe Blvd. The trail will be reconnected to the Centennial Trail at a location several hundred feet to the south when the street infrastructure is constructed. The Centennial Trail where Suzanne Road is coming through has been removed and a gravel detour is provided during construction of the intersection. There will be no stop sign for vehicular traffic, but there will be a raised intersection to give cars a physical speed control while crossing the trail. Atlas mill site construction is still moving along. It will be a little while before trails or the park start to take shape. Shop and restrooms are framed in, waiting for curbing around the playground and the road to come through, the waterfront/beach area is done. Met with Post Falls parks director and a representative from the NICTF, did an assessment of the trail, the cracks are bad, seal coating can only do so much. Stateline to Spokane street needs replaced, it's the worst section may take numerous grant cycles. Crack sealing will help last longer, but eventually will fall apart. Funding source for all the trails would be nice as the trails will need a lot of work in 20-30 years. Homeowners/neighborhoods need to consider the trails to be the same as sidewalks

requiring maintenance. The older section of the trail in Post Falls is the area seeing the most cracks and the need for maintenance.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS – Information Items

- Ped/Bike Facility Priority Wish List

Chris was not available to present. This item could be removed. **Monte will check with Chris regarding 5th Street becoming a bike boulevard.** Anthem church will be using the church at 5th & Wallace with 300 attendees, calming traffic in this area would be good. May need to do one way in and one way out.

- SR2S Coordinator

A meeting was held prior to COVID-19, there was a lot of enthusiasm, but no one offering to take the lead. Could be some small grants to do a bike rodeo or bike to school day. We will have to reach out to see if there are any safe routes to school grant money for this year, something more than rodeo and reflectors, but a willingness to fund a trial program. Monte will discuss the idea of having the grant coordinator at the city possibly take this on. Groundwork needs to occur to make sure everyone is on board. Applying for grants to fund the position and steps that have to show progress. Possibly the coordinator in Sandpoint could shed some light on the time commitment. Kim said that Lisa May was at the meeting from School District 271 school board. She was enthusiastic and interested in the SR2S program. She may be helpful with getting one started. **Monte will get an update about the program.**

- Year-Round Newsletter

Jaime, Denise, and Tessa had been working on the language to incorporate all 4 seasons. Jaime was going to update the flyer. Once everything closed, there was no urgency, now we should get it updated and out to businesses.

- Committee Membership/Bylaws

By-Laws were discussed at the last full meeting. Kim drafted a new version that includes membership within the guidelines. When membership was discussed last there were suggested changes to open positions and limit to certain titles. Instead of committee comprised of 15 members, have a range, a minimum and maximum. Committee will consist of a minimum of 10, and maximum of 15. Randy Adams gave us an update on what we can do with or without city approval. Monte will get that information to the committee. Kim will get rewording to everyone that may not state specific membership representation. Liaison from another group is a voting member, as is the City Council liaison or representative. **Monte will send out Randy Adams' email. Kim will clarify a couple things and send around for another review.**

- Intersection Treatments

This was added to the agenda for Chris Bosley. There is a website you can go to with crash data and treatments to help curtail accidents. The new turnoffs and biking lanes on 95 are really nice. The trail was rebuilt under the agreement that counties and municipalities will maintain the trail. The bike lanes go right up to the rebuild, ITD rebuilt it as part of the fast lane project. Standard now is to include a bike lane. Government way paint lines are pretty much gone, still a work in progress. 95 Trail still torn up, not sure how long the Wilbur intersection will be under construction. **Chris will go over this**

information at the next meeting. 95 Trail should be done in the next few weeks.

- East Sherman Revitalization

Planning department is close to presenting a master plan. The committee should take a look at it when possible, lots of different ideas for how bike lanes are going to go through East Sherman. **Schedule Hilary or someone from planning to present the master plan to this group.**

7. PROJECT UPDATES – Information Items

Remove - Covered in staff report.

8. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – Information Items

- Advocacy – no report
- Infrastructure – Mike will participate with KMPO and KCAT on a non-motorized roundtable meeting next week at the library. Monday 1-3 pm. Tabitha (NICTF) will be attending. Participated in a couple of zoom meetings, this is the first in person meeting. Gives all jurisdictions a chance to attend and share projects.
- Awareness – no report
- Bikeways Master Plan / Walk Friendly Ad Hoc

9. ROUND TABLE – Information Items

Denise – Sgt. Turrell was going to check into putting up a speed limit sign on 11th street, hoping to get that done sometime. Contacted him earlier this year and never heard back. Would like some help in reminding him about this request for a speed limit 11th and Indiana, there have been two crashes on her corner in the past 2-1/2 weeks, people aren't stopping at the stop sign on Indiana. The stop signs are visible, but people are going too fast and blow through the stop signs. **Monte will deliver the message to him.**

Tessa – Revisit something brought up by Denise regarding an interesting news story of a young man who challenged his city council to spend a day in a wheelchair. Everyone was onboard prior to COVID-19. We want to get this rescheduled for summer when sandwich boards, outdoor seating, bicyclists, and tourist are all downtown. Denise is still in quarantine due to immunity issues. Idea was to try for mid to late August. **Put on agenda for next month.** By next month, will have a better idea of a timeframe and schedule, and get wheelchairs donated for the event. Denise has a lead on wheelchairs. Council and mayor coordination would be quick. Also have year-round newsletter ready to go that could be delivered during the challenge. **Denise and Tessa will work on finalizing the newsletter.** Amy is watching sandwich boards in downtown area. If you see issues, let her know, some do it right, some don't. They are supposed to be permitted. May need to ticket them for the code violation. Continue to educate. Maybe a notice to stick on the sandwich board with the loss of their sign permit if they don't follow code. Bright and big violation sticker and find a way to also attach the newsletter. **Monte will check with code enforcement and see about putting together a notice.**

Cory – Reoccurring problem with new trail users that are clueless. She may write a letter to the editor to remind people of trail etiquette. **Monte will check if there is a PSA for etiquette ensuring it's accurate for current laws, etc.**

John – Received a lot of complaints about motorcycles, ATVs, cars, and pickups, driving on the Prairie trail. Monte is working to get bollards up and Sgt. Turrell wants the fine stated on signage as well. Bollards will help curtail the activity. Increased emphasis patrol as contractors are driving down the trail taking a shortcut working on a subdivision in that area. Ales for trail has been canceled. The brewers could not donate beer for the event, hurting financially. Also, the liability if we had a big event and there was an outbreak of COVID-19 traced back to the event, not worth the risk. Working on an August 8th pub crawl downtown idea instead.

Kim – During meeting with safe routes to school spoke with Lisa May about the committee, she could possibly help find someone for the committee, or she may be interested in being the representative. Does the school district representative go through the same approval process? Yes, they have to apply and be approved. ***He will follow up with her.***

Mike – Road down to the atlas project is looking good, restoration of river bank looks really good. Any movement on the commercial space or apartments? No construction yet. This phase is just the river, park, and infrastructure for the roads. All the commercial development will come later. They are looking at proposals for the different phases. The park is to be completed this fall. The change is impressive, significant work has been done.

Tom – Bike Co-Op has had 100 bikes go out since the governor shut down the state. People have gone bicycle crazy, people coming in to get a bike, all other stores, etc., are empty. Bike shop owner asked for help doing repair work and service work on older bikes the shops don't want to work on. Run into issues financially, many vendors who support us are not able to do their events that raise money, cannot pass that money on to them. Do more sales. Doing enough to keep going to cover overhead. He is officially done with HVAC. He is in the bike shop six days a week, steady stream of people through the door. Teaching more classes, riding a bike has become very trendy and stylish. Concerns in the community about lost income.

Motion made by tom Morgan and seconded by John Bruning to adjourn the meeting. There being no discussion and all being in favor, meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

- **Wednesday, July 8, 4 pm at City Hall**