

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2020

4 p.m. at City Hall & via Zoom Meeting

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
John Bruning-NICTF
Denise Jeska-Physically Challenged
Mike Fuller-General Public
Kim Golden-General Public
Cory English-General Public

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tom Morgan, Vice Chair-Bicycling Community
Amy Evans-City Council Liaison

STAFF PRESENT:

Monte McCully, Staff Liaison
Melissa Brandt, Transcriptionist

Six 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 June 6, 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

Four of six members are up for renewal; Tom Morgan, John Bruning, Mike Fuller, and Denise Jeska

Monte discussed a new project that is being proposed where the Cent Trail meets Beebe on the northside of the road. The homeowners at Bellerive Development got together and put together a plan to beautify the area up to the trail right of way on the river side with plans to build a parking garage with park elements including grass and trees. It will be open to the public, but not managed by the City. It is in the beginning stages and Monte will keep the committee updated as new info comes forward. **Monte will send a link to the plan to NICTF and committee members.**

A new project that went before planning and zoning that was approved is a Hagadone Development on the east end of the lake. The project will allow for some trail upgrades. **Monte will send a link to the plan to NICTF and committee members.**

The Atlas Mill site now has fencing around the entire park and daily security patrols due to vandalism and theft. The playground is just about complete. October 1 was the planned opening date, the section along the river possibly open by then, the parking lot is paved, the buildings aren't quite done yet, and the road needs to be finished. The trail from Seltice to Atlas will be ready when development is complete. Phase 13 will be going to planning and zoning and general services it includes condos, apartments, and a restaurant. Mike suggested the committee sponsor a ride to introduce the area to the public. A good idea for the spring.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS – Information Items

- SR2S Coordinator-Have not heard anything new. Low priority at this time.
- Year-Round Newsletter – Denise updated the information. Hard copies may be handed out downtown this fall. Electronic copies can be sent out. If you have any edits get them to Tessa and Denise for corrections. **Monte will update the bike parking map for the newsletter.**
- Committee Membership/Bylaws – Kim prepared and had sent out an updated version for review. The biggest change is the number of members. The bylaws discussion came about when it was suggested we should look at the process for recruiting new members and reviewing new applicants as there hasn't been a consistent process for new members. The suggested changes grew out of an effort to clarify the ordinance and put in a more readable format. Discussion regarding the difficulties in getting an SD271 representative. Student reps are recruited through Mayor's office and a school representative. **Mike or Kim will reach out to Amy Ferguson for clarification.** Every committee has an ordinance to follow these bylaws seem easier for members to understand their duties. The committee has no real process for interviewing, keeping active members, specifics for membership that would give the group more control in the beginning. The bylaws will be brought to the committee for a vote at the next meeting then they will be forwarded to the city council. **Monte will complete a staff report.** Add to next meeting agenda: interview process for prospective members.
- Intersection Treatments-Nothing new.
- East Sherman Revitalization-Discussion about bike access through the area, we want to make sure there are some bike accommodations. Planning has an entire plan built for this area. Two hotels owned by city to be raised with discussion of a "pocket park." (Hilary Anderson joined the meeting to give an update). Revitalization plan has been drafted but not brought forward for adoption yet. Concerns regarding the roadway have been discussed with the street department, other designs are being looked at. On hold for now. Demolish the 2 hotel sites and hopefully become pocket parks and parking. There are funding mechanisms in the masterplan for upgrades in the area. Not a priority for all the districts we have in LID and BID. Current design does not include bike lanes more like a shared road idea. We aren't gaining as much parking with the diagonal parking. If council likes the other option we will do away with diagonal parking and go with parallel parking, which could include bike lanes. Bike Lanes or Shared Roadways will be worked through with engineering and streets. Focus will be on core blocks 14th street to 18th initially. Eventually they would go the whole way especially with urban renewal district. The Hagadone Development brought up questions for egress and ingress of the trail in that area and traffic across the trail. Hilary offered to share drawings on the project. There is another trail being added as a pull off and landscape islands will be a part of the development on Coeur d'Alene Lake Drive. Planning commission webpage packet has all the information.

7. PROJECT UPDATES – Information Items

Remove from next months' agenda.

8. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – Information Items

- Advocacy-No report.
- Infrastructure - Mike has been attending the KCAT and KMPO meetings by Zoom, but not sure if there is any impact. Trying to keep involved.
- Awareness-Denise and Tessa met and went over the flyer. The wheelchair challenge with City Council will hopefully happen next spring/summer. Blair Williams, owner of Art Spirits, has great information on doing press releases, marketing ideas, and getting folks to loan us wheelchairs. American Seating & Mobility in Post Falls has 4 chairs we can use. The challenge will bring awareness to ADA needs. We plan to invite other people as well, not just city council. The challenge can be for an hour to 2 hours. Going downtown maneuvering sidewalks will be an eye opener for everyone with signage, outdoor seating, open tree grates, and uneven sidewalk hazards. An idea is to have people buddy up, whether a walker and someone in a chair, or two in chairs. of areas that might be difficult or challenging, hills, etc. There was discussion regarding the tree grates and why they were no longer being replaced. Monte will check with the City's Urban Forester, Nick regarding the issue. Denise will continue to work through the details and work with Monte to put together a map showing some obstacles.
- Bikeways Master Plan / Walk Friendly Ad Hoc-No report.

9. ROUND TABLE – Information Items

John-NICTF held the CDA Marathon a couple weeks ago, creative how they put it on. Run time set up, spaced out runners. Almost as many competitors as the previous years. Coeur d' Fondo coming up end of September.

Mike-Kudos to Chris Bosley and engineering department; 3rd Street was chip sealed and new bike lane striping; really nice. Government Way still needs done. One of his customers from New York indicated they chose to move here because of the city being walk friendly.

Monte-There is a plan in place for farmland on Huetter. A developer has purchased the 1,000 acres on the westside of town south of the Prairie Trail all the way to the freeway. The City of CdA may be expanding into what was to be Post Falls area of impact. Design will be around the eventual 95-bypass, with an exit at Huetter all the way to the golf course in Post Falls. There are many trails and parks planned throughout the development, with a greenbelt similar to Boise's. The development is a couple years out. Trail on 95 still being torn out to redo intersections, it has not officially been turned over to the City yet for maintenance. May be doing snow removal.

Motion made by Mike Fuller and seconded by Kim Golden 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, October 14th, 4 pm at City Hall**