

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
City Hall & Zoom Meeting
4 p.m., February 10, 2021

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
Mike Fuller-General Public
Amy Evans-City Council Liaison
John Bruning-NICTF
Cory English-General Public
Kim Golden-General Public
Owen Hughes-Alt Student Rep

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tom Morgan, Vice Chair-Bicycling Community
Denise Jeska-Physically Challenged
Max Bazler-Student Rep

STAFF PRESENT:

Monte McCully, Staff Liaison
Melissa Brandt, Transcriptionist

Seven 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 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

- Atlas Park-Open to the public since November. Playground, restrooms, shop, all completed. Dog park and waterfront open already seeing lots of use. Trail that connects to the next property is now under construction the trail doesn't go through at this moment. Current phase is development on west side of the property. Next phase will be earthwork of triangle piece. As project goes further, Mount Hink will be developable and will include a smaller natural area for hiking and possibly mountain biking and will connect to the Prairie trail and the trail into the park. At the Seltice roundabout, looking south, that road will go into the new development. There will be a trail on the northside of Atlas road to the Atlas river trail and provide a good connection between the Centennial and Prairie trails. There are two trails in front of Riverstone Park and the Riverstone dog park that go directly down into the new park.
- Bike Friendly Application-Has been turned in anticipating gold status. With efforts by Chris Bosley, Planning, our trail seasonals, we increased hours spent on bike related issues, that should help bump our application up a bit. We should hear something in April or May.
- Due to some work by the water department at the Atlas site and along the Centennial Trail we will have some parts of the trail redone. A lot of the trail will be completely new with this utility work. Our budget includes more seal coating of all the trails; enough to complete in a five-year period. Trails will start going into rotation for coating.

- Not sure how many new bike lanes will be established this year. **Monte will check with Chris Bosley and report at the next meeting.**
- The 95 Trail hasn't officially been handed over to the City; should happen any day. Have not done any snow plowing, but plan to do the mowing this year; 3 miles of traffic and busy intersections.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS – Information Items

- Interview Process: Discussion regarding interview questions. **Give your input regarding the questions and the process prior to the next meeting.** We will finalize these items. We currently could add some members, and be more selective based on the interview process. Anyone interested would be asked to attend a meeting with a short interview process at the beginning of the meeting. New members will be recommended to the Mayor after the interview process, once appointed by the Mayor, they will be approved by City Council. Call for members can be advertised on Facebook, listing areas needed on the committee such as landscape architect or engineer, school district representative, legal profession, etc. **Monte will put together a post and share with the committee. Mention positions not currently filled.**
- Committee Membership/Bylaws: **Monte will discuss with Parks & Recreation Director moving the bylaws forward with General Services/Public Works for inclusion on the consent calendar for the March 2 City Council meeting.**

7. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – Information Items

- Advocacy-No report
- Infrastructure-No report
 - Intersection Treatments-**Monte will meet sometime this month or next month with John and Mike to discuss, and will pursue a meeting with Chris Bosley and Erik Turrell as well.** Mike has attended KMPO and KCAT meetings through zoom. Not much has been talked about regarding bicycles.
- Awareness-No report
- Bikeways Master Plan / Walk Friendly-Need to look at the application and work on what has updated since the last application. Need to look again at the ordinance regarding sidewalk installation. **Tessa will go through the previous application and review the feedback received for areas of improvement.**

8. ROUND TABLE – Information Items:

John – NICTF put in the budget to do an update on the economic impact study, includes buying a counter, same as Post Falls; they have the software to download and crunch the numbers. Post falls has two they will put on the trail. The counters are about \$1,000. Disadvantage it counts everything that goes by; bikers, walkers, dogs, deer. You can sit and tally what is going by for sampling, or get a camera. Possibly a joint venture with the City for another counter next year. There is a program called Strava Metro for municipalities that gathers huge amounts of data. Part of the study will also include public surveys as well. Lighting of the bridge across the river has slowed way down; working through the issues.

Mike – Congratulations to Tessa, chosen as a Community Mover and Shaker by the CDA Press. Assuming the beacons installed will help with the Walk Friendly application.

Monte – ITD led the charge on abandoning the BNSF railroad at Meyer and out past Highway 41; the land/railroad will revert to adjacent municipalities. Sometime in the near future there will be a joint grant application between the Cities of Coeur d’Alene, Post Falls, and the County, to build a trail from Huetter and all the way to Highway 41. It will end right at Highway 41 with a ½ mile trail back down to Prairie, but there will be no crossing there. This trail will connect Post Falls, Rathdrum, and Coeur d’Alene.
Please send ideas for next agenda.

Motion made by John Bruning and seconded by Mike Fuller to adjourn the meeting. There being no discussion and all being in favor, meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

9. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 4 p.m., City Hall Conference Room 6.