

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

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm, by Tom Morgan.

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Morgan, Vice Chair-Bicycling Community
Mike Fuller-General Public
Denise Jeska-Physically Challenged
John Bruning-NICTF
Kim Golden-General Public
Owen Hughes-Alt Student Rep

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tessa Jilot, Chair-Walking Community
Amy Evans-City Council Liaison
Max Bazler-Student Rep
Cory English-General Public

STAFF PRESENT:

Monte McCully, Staff Liaison
Chris Bosley, City Engineer
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 February 10 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

- Project Updates: Chris Bosley, gave a presentation of current and future projects.
Sherman Ave/Lakeside: Received a grant in 2018 for new signal lights, construction beginning now to install new signal heads, new pedestrian signal heads, push-buttons, new video detection, new signal controllers, and new signal cabinets. Prices went up so some locations were eliminated. There are 6 in the downtown core for pedestrian access. This summer the project should be accomplished. Will greatly improve pedestrian safety. Denise mentioned a signal that wasn't working on 5th and Sherman. Many problems with signals downtown right now, they are 30+ years old, very outdated.
LHSIP Grant: Work to begin in 2022 the funds are for local highway safety improvement program, awarded based on benefit cost ratio, areas with serious pedestrian or bicycle crashes, five years of crash data is used to detect Type A accidents (life changing injuries) and fatalities. With this grant RFBs will be installed at the following locations; Hanley Ave and Madellaine Dr, Bosanko and Howard, Riverstone drive has 3 locations; the Centennial Trail crossing at Starbucks, Beebe Blvd, near Bardenay, Best Ave and 7th, and Hanley and Lake City High School. Some sidewalk work will also take place. Design will start this October. There are bike lanes on Hanley now. Kathleen Avenue
Storm Water Improvements: Between us 95 and government way will add bike lanes and complete the sidewalks on both sides. Bike lanes are complete from Prairie Trail to

Honeysuckle. Lacrosse Avenue: This project should go to construction this year, been held up due to right of way purchase. Lacrosse avenue at NW Blvd up to Winton School. We are finishing a road through to Lakewood Ave and building the roadway out to NW Blvd, signalizing this intersection, a good school route and halfway point. Sidewalk on the northside all the way over to the end of the project, on southside it will be an asphalt trail and come out to a trail that will connect to the Centennial Trail realignment. Parking lot will be constructed as part of the BLM/Four Corners master plan. Point is to ease traffic hoping to accomplish more things with it, parking lot and rough grade the area for future park amenities and a restroom facility. Go to construction this summer, money has to be spent by September 30. Seltice sidewalk project went out to bid twice, both came in too high, had to shelf the project and give money back to the state, when the county built their transit facility, we convinced them to rough in a path to the Prairie Trail, we are planning on paving that section to make that connection. The path runs along the southside to the hotels. Working with the developer to put in other section, unfortunate the path will run through the hotel parking lot. This project will also be this year.

- Prairie Trailhead: Attended a couple meetings with water department and the developer of the Trails subdivision. A triangle of property owned by HOA/developer they are going to deed over to the city. Post Falls Highway District will be widening Huetter by 12 feet to add a turn lane in the future. They will shift the approach and the water department will put a road through there with a fence, we will have an 8-car parking lot. Water dept will pay for approach, parks will come up with grading and asphalt to put it in. This will be a good trail head.
- Armstrong development: A Huetter bypass will be going through this property to be developed, follow parallel to Huetter off ramps at Poleline/Hanley continue up and join Boekle. It's under design now could be in the next 5 years. They might start developing before the by-pass goes in, engineering firm working on the design to fine tune it so known where it will sit and ROW needed. Saw some conceptual drawings. The area to the east of Huetter designed with houses, duplexes and multi-use facilities, 3 parks and 2 schools, a greenway that goes from the south all the way up to a park that will have trails through it and widen out to 10-acre parks.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Committee Membership/Bylaws – Reviewed with director, he suggested no less than 8 and no more than 12; other committees are in that range or smaller. More members makes it harder to reach a quorum. Some benefit to having fewer members, keep projects moving forward. Motion by John Bruning, seconded by Owen Hughes to change the bylaws to reflect member numbers will be no less than 8 members and no more than 12. ***This will move to the Parks & Recreation Commission March 15, 2021 meeting.***
- Changing Member Positions – A couple membership positions that could be changed around, we have 5 general public representatives, keep landscape architect, retired community, running community, and SD271. Kim could be moved to older adult community and Mike could be moved to running community. ***Member position changes will be incorporated into the bylaws for PRC approval.*** Motion by Mike Fuller to move himself from general public to running community and Kim Golden from general public to older adult community, and eliminate 3 general public positions. Seconded by John Bruning. Passed unanimously.
- National Trail Day: Saturday, June 5 is National Trail Day. Organizing a volunteer project on that day on Tubbs Hill, a day to fix some of the trails and plant seedlings. Tubbs Hill

Foundation has been very active completing 9 projects this year. Will keep the committee posted if anyone wants to help out.

- Bike to Work Month: National month is May. Being part of the national event helps with advertising and community involvement. Tom can help get the word out as well, offer free bike for those who may not have one. This committee could help plan a day event. Jaime Morgan would like to help with some ideas; ***Monte will reach out to her and it will be on the agenda for next month.***

7. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – Information Items

- Advocacy (Tom & Kim)-No report
- Infrastructure (Mike & John)-No report; webinar coming up on intersection treatments.
- Awareness (Denise, Tessa & Owen)-No report
- Bikeways Master Plan / Walk Friendly-No report

8. ROUND TABLE – Information Items:

Chris: 5th Street Bike Blvd, **add to this committee's agenda**, get a recommendation to Streets & Engineering to install the Blvd. Recommendation Sherman to Harrison on 5th street.

John: Ordering traffic counter to be placed in the Riverstone area on the Centennial Trail. Same counter Post Falls uses. Post Falls will download the data. Installed sometime this summer. Update to the economic impact statement.

Mike: Update on 95 Trail? Hasn't officially been handed off, we didn't plow it this year, but will be mowing, just finished up the intersections. Need a bike lane on the bridge.

Owen: Reach out to the schools for the National Trail Day and Bike to Work/School day would be good to get flyers out.

Tom: Many donors who supported the bike collective were impacted by COVID-19 and impacted his operations, relatively no donations, but were able to stay afloat with sales. 500 bikes processed through. Bike shops came to them for parts. Christmas 152 bikes out, first of the year picked up and delivered another 25, gave away almost 180 for Christmas, and 100 helmets, steady volume of volunteers coming in. Revamped shop, flow is smooth, shelving being utilized with 40 bins. Been busy. Storage at the armory, sales and work out of the Baptist church on 5th and Wallace. Inside the armory 75-80 bikes, outside 3 rows of 100 bikes.

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 5:23 p.m.

9. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 4 p.m., City Hall Conference Room 6.