

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
City Hall & Zoom Meeting
4 p.m., May 12, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm, by Tessa Jilot.

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tessa Jilot, Chair-Walking Community
Denise Jeska-Physically Challenged
Mike Fuller-General Public
John Bruning-NICTF
Kim Golden-General Public
Max Bazler-Student Rep
Owen Hughes-Alt Student Rep
Amy Evans-City Council Liaison (joined for a time by phone)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tom Morgan, Vice Chair-Bicycling Community
Cory English-General Public

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 April 14, 2021, minutes, Denise Jeska seconded the motion, there being no further discussion and all being in favor, motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. STAFF REPORT

- 5th Street Bike Blvd Recommendation to Engineering – Action Item (Chris was going to cover this, move to next month).
- Awarded silver for bike friendly community, will go through and see if there were some updates that didn't take place. A formal announcement will come out May 19. **Press release should be done.** Can renew sooner than 2025 if there are some updates. Ad hoc committee could get together and decide what steps need to take place for gold status.
- Spraying trail edges in areas maintained by the city. Had extra chemical to complete fence lines. Edges should be nice and clean after mowing.
- Met down by Huetter with Chris Bosley and discussed putting up signage to keep people from riding motorcycles on the trail. Atlas Mill site construction continues and the trail can be connected through to Huetter. We will realign, connect to Grand Mill, widen some of the road making it a two-way and converting the other lane to a trail. Railroad still using the tracks, they still have an easement. Once all mills are closed, railroad will abandon easement and it would allow some trail work. **John Bruning indicated the mill isn't operating anymore. Monte will look into this.**

- Mullan Avenue Presentation Creation – Move to next month, Chris was going to cover this as well. We have preliminary work being done to make a presentation on the different options for Mullan Ave. One option is to do nothing, the other is to narrow the bike lane 8 to 11th and past 11th build missing sidewalks and make sharrows. Put a trail past 19th on the southside by Hagadone maintenance shop and direct people down 19th. Presentation will be shown to committee first here first, then to Parks & Rec, and then on to council.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Traffic Calming on 7th & 11- Based on the last meeting there was discussion to contact Chris and Officer Turrell, look at options to calm traffic on these two streets. **Tessa will draft a letter regarding the issues to cross the street, etc., she will get the letter to Monte for review then on to the PD and Chris Bosley.** RFB installations have helped immensely downtown. Discussions regarding pedestrian light at fire station at 3rd. **Monte will check with Chris.**
- Bike to Work Month-Limited staff there has been no time to get something planned. Bike to Work day is May 21. Many groups are doing things on their own. Plan something for next year.
- NICT Bike Counters-Counter in hand ready to get installed. Completed a ride and found 6 possible locations. **Monte will get out and look at the locations.** Meeting with Dr. Peterson on Friday to talk about how we will gather the information, and plan to have surveys of users. Later this summer they will complete interviews with new questions. Post Falls bought counters as well and have been collecting data.

7. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – Information Items

- Awareness/Advocacy/Education-A motion was made by Tessa Jilot to combine advocacy and awareness, and to include education as part of the committee, seconded by Denise Jeska. Motion unanimously approved. Discussion regarding the wheelchair challenge. **Tessa will get in touch with sub-committee members to start planning the challenge, members of this committee will include Tessa, Denise, Owen, and Kim. Kim mentioned he would reach out to Tom to see if he still would be serving on this sub-committee.**
- Infrastructure (Mike & John)-No report.
 - Intersection Treatments
- Bikeways Master Plan / Walk Friendly-Ad Hoc (not active this month). Next month or so, this committee will need to meet and go over the most recent bike/ped application cycles.

8. ROUND TABLE – Information Items:

Tessa-More people on motorized scooters and skateboards, they are going very fast. We have the sidewalk painted for wheels up, but they aren't following them. **Maybe include that in the letter to Chris and Sgt Turrell, bring it to their attention.** Influencers in Coeur d'Alene who could spread the word. Any ideas would be great.

Owen-Trail cleanup, is that going to happen? The trails aren't too bad but there is a lot of debris along the freeway. The Prairie trail could use some help. There is a tree planting going on in the next couple weeks, **Monte will send an email out to the**

whole group. John stated that if there are any trail cleanups, NICTF will send something out as well.

John-Moving ahead with bridge lighting at Stateline. Worked with Avista to bring power in from the Spokane side. Prairie trail construction equipment, contractor to do the repair work. *Monte will follow up with Chris to see if he discussed this with the contractor.*

Monte-Started tree and brush fire cleanup on Fernan Hill today. Hiking will be closed for some time.

9. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Wednesday, June 9, 2021, 4 p.m., City Hall Conference Room 6.

John Bruning made a motion to adjourn the meeting Denise Jeska seconded the motion, there being no further discussion and all being in favor, the meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm.