

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
City Hall & Zoom Meeting
4 p.m., July 14, 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
Denise Jeska-Physically Challenged
Cory English-General Public
Mike Fuller-General Public
John Bruning-NICTF
Kim Golden-General Public
Max Bazler-Student Rep
Owen Hughes-Alt Student Rep

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Monte McCully, Staff Liaison
Chris Bosley, City Engineer
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 May 12, 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

Covered in discussion items.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 5th Street Bike Boulevard-Chris Bosley: Suggested sending a recommendation to streets and engineering to have the shared bike markings installed on 5th. Stop and yield signs seem to be adequate. Out of paint right now and lack of production of bike boulevard signs. Motion made by John Bruning to recommend to engineering that 5th street, Lakeside to Harrison, become a bike boulevard Kim Golden seconded the motion, there being no further discussion and all being in favor, motion passed.
- Light at 3rd and Foster-Chris Bosley: Suggested a recommendation to add a pedestrian crossing light that is pedestrian activated and used in an emergency to halt traffic. We do have some of the signal equipment on hand, but may have to purchase additional equipment. Motion made by Mike Fuller to recommend to engineering installation of a pedestrian activated and emergency signal at 3rd and Foster, John Bruning seconded the motion, there being no further discussion and all being in favor, motion passed.
- Downtown Stencils-Chris Bosley: Recently received feedback from an owner on Sherman asking for signs indicating no skateboards or bikes on Sherman sidewalks.

Stencils on ped ramp indicating no wheels, not in crosswalks. **Monte will email the stencil artwork to the committee.**

- Motorized Bicycles and Skateboards on Sidewalks-Erik Turrell: Asked to address this issue by John Bruning. Ordinance indicates nothing motorized should be on the Centennial Trail, pedal assisted bikes seems to be okay, but motors running independently is a motor vehicle. State of Idaho changed their code to allow e-bikes on State trails, but each jurisdiction can decide what they want to enforce. Discussion regarding the speed limit and whether or not there is a city ordinance regarding speed, there is not. Motor vehicles should not be in the bike lanes on the roads, that is a travel lane for bicycles. **The committee was encouraged to check with Boise, Nampa, and Meridian to see what they are doing on their trails. This will be a discussion item for next agenda after checking with other cities.**
- Traffic Calming on 7th and 11th: Engineering put out speed counters on 7th street, did not come up as a high priority. Traffic calming is difficult. Speed studies show on 4th street where there are all kinds of traffic calming available, speeding still occurs. Nothing further will happen on 7th at this time. Sgt. Turrell will see about getting a radar trailer on 11th street.
- Mullan Ave Presentation: Chris and Monte are working on this. Will keep on the agenda. Solutions for Mullan Avenue to present in late fall.
- Wheelchair Challenge: Trying to get a date nailed down, city council members' Amy Evans and Kiki Miller expressed interest. Monte suggested getting the date set and then inviting council to participate. **Tessa will bring up the event at the next committee chair meeting.** The Chamber of Commerce has also offered support. This first year it will be an hour to two hours moving around downtown with a debrief afterward.
- Bike Friendly Report Card: The report card indicates there is no budget dedicated to implementing the bike master plan, should be reworded to incorporate budget already in place. Numbers seem to be skewed for accidents and fatalities. Before the next application, set up a survey community wide to get the correct numbers of commuters versus recreational riders. Also, get at least one bicycle friendly company, need to fill out the paperwork to gain additional companies. Approach businesses that could become bike friendly. Bike boulevards, wayfinding, stress these activities, clarify these on the application. Sub-committee will meet to discuss. Also, pursue collecting impact fees for non-motorized use of trails. Post Falls has just started collecting impact fees for non-motorized transportation routes.

7. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – Information Items

- Awareness/Advocacy/Education: No report.
- Infrastructure
 - Intersection Treatments-None
- Bikeways Master Plan / Walk Friendly-Ad Hoc: Kim, Denise, Cory, Owen, Mike, Tessa, will review bike and walk friendly report cards and report back at the next meeting.

8. ROUND TABLE – Information Items:

None

9. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Wednesday, August 11, 2021, 4 p.m., City Hall Conference Room 6.

Denise made a motion to adjourn the meeting Cory seconded the motion, there being no further discussion and all being in favor, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.