

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
City Hall & Zoom Meeting
4 p.m., August 11, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:07 pm, by Tessa Jilot.

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tessa Jilot, Chair-Walking Community
Denise Jeska-Physically Challenged
Kim Golden-General Public
Mike Fuller-General Public
John Bruning-NICTF
Max Bazler-Student Rep

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tom Morgan, Vice Chair-Bicycling Committee
Amy Evans, City Council Liaison
Cory English-General Public
Owen Hughes-Alt Student Rep

STAFF PRESENT:

Monte McCully, Staff Liaison
Mike Kempton, Parks and Recreation

Six members present resulting in a quorum.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

3. APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES – Action Item

John made a motion to approve the July 7, 2021, minutes, Denise seconded the motion, there being no further discussion and all being in favor, motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. STAFF REPORT

Monte reported to the committee that the trailhead for the Prairie Trail at Huetter Road was nearing completion. A land swap with an adjacent property owner was made, allowing the construction of a parking lot. This project is being undertaken in partnership with the Coeur d'Alene Water Department. Paving of the parking area is expected to be completed in two weeks. Repairs to the Centennial Trail where it runs between the Spokane River and the waste water treatment plant have been completed. Water runoff was causing the trail to settle. The Coeur d'Alene Street Department completed all of the work. The perimeter trail at Shaddock Park has been seal coated and the trail along Mountain Vista Drive where it is adjacent to Canfield Sports Complex will be done in September. The connector trail next to the transit center in Riverstone will be paved in house as we have some funding for small projects that create connectivity. In a discussion that followed, the status of installing lighting on the State Line bridge on the Centennial Trail. This project is on hold for now due to complications with intergovernmental agencies and a lack of co-operation from an adjacent land owner. Monte ended the staff report by updating the committee on the progress of the Lacrosse Street extension into Riverstone. This project must be completed by September of this year and includes building a parking lot for the Centennial Trail and future park as well as grading for the planned soccer fields.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- E-Bikes/Speed Limits/Ordinances.

Monte shared information that he found regarding the regulation of e-bikes in Idaho and other municipalities in the state. Concerns shared by the group included speeding on sidewalks, lack of a speed limit in the city's ordinances regulating trail use and over crowding on the trails. The presentation continued with a description of the three classifications of e-bikes and that to be classified as an e-bike the bike must have pedals. The state of Idaho passed legislation allowing ebikes on trails, roads, bike lanes, sidewalks and crosswalks. The state does not consider them motorized vehicles. Local municipalities can make their own ordinances regarding regulation if they chose to do so. For example, Boise allows up to a class 2 ebike on their trails but not a class 3. Class 1: ebikes that are pedal-assist only, with no throttle, and have a maximum assisted speed of 20 mph. Class 2: ebikes that also have a maximum speed of 20 mph, but are throttle-assisted. Class 3: ebikes that are pedal-assist only, with no throttle, and a maximum assisted speed of 28 mph. Tessa suggested that the committee work towards educating the local businesses that rent e-bikes on trail etiquette. Kim suggested that the speed limits on the City's bike trails be codified through a city ordinance. Monte suggested that the committee organize a workshop with local bike shops and other stake holders to gather input on this issue. Tessa asked if we have had any documented incidents involving e-bikes or complaints about their use on trails and sidewalks. She agreed that we should determine if there is a real problem before recommending an ordinance to regulate e-bikes. John suggested that the Centennial Trail Foundation should document the number of e-bikes using the trail as part of their ongoing traffic counts related to the economic impact study they are working on. It was shared that the Centennial Trail Foundation is taking a wait and see approach to this issue. Mike seconded the need for more public input. Monte indicated that he would post a poll regarding e-bikes on the City's web page. Tessa offered to create safety suggestions for use to educate the public. Kim indicated he would like for the committee to be proactive on this issue. The committee agreed that for next month's meeting that Tessa would have a draft of an education flyer and that Monte would share the results of the poll from the City's website.

- Downtown Stencils

Monte displayed a large image of the stencil for the dismount areas that features both bicycles and skate boards that is intended for use in the downtown business district. He shared that the full-size stencil has been delivered to the Parks Department and is ready for use. The committee asked about input from the Downtown Business Association and their point of contact, Emily Boyd. Monte indicated that he would contact the City's engineer to include him in discussions with the association.

- Bike Friendly Report Card

Tessa reported that they have not had a meeting yet, but will set one up before the next committee meeting in September.

- Wheelchair Challenge

Denise updated the committee on the Wheel Chair Challenge that was held last week. The reviews of this educational program were very positive. City administration including the mayor and several council members participated in the event. A debriefing after the event suggested that future wheel chair challenges include an indoor component to highlight accessibility issues in public buildings and a winter challenge to emphasize the unique circumstances faced by the disabled in adverse seasonal weather. The Disability

Action Center supported the event. Jeff Crow with the City filmed the event and it was suggested that it could be posted on the City's website. It was additionally suggested that this event could be used on the score card for the Bike Friendly Report Card.

7. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – Information Items

- Awareness/Advocacy/Education:
This subcommittee did not meet last month.
- Infrastructure:
No Update
- Bikeways Master Plan / Walk Friendly-Ad Hoc:
No update

8. ROUND TABLE – Information Items:

Tessa discussed the bylaws regarding attendance. A couple of members have been having scheduling issues and it was suggested that the meetings could be changed to the first Wednesday of the month to accommodate them. Max let the committee know that due to his school schedule, he would likely be a few minutes late to future meetings but that he would like to continue as the student liaison. Monte said he would check to see if the date of future meeting could be changed.

9. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Wednesday, September 8, 2021, 4 p.m., City Hall Conference Room 6.

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting and John seconded the motion, there being no further discussion and all being in favor, the meeting adjourned at 5:12 pm.