

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
City Hall & Zoom Meeting
4 p.m., October 6, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm, by Tessa Jilot.

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Owen Hughes-Alt Student Rep
Denise Jeska-Physically Challenged
Cory English-General Public
Amy Evans, City Council Liaison
Tom Morgan, Bicycle Co-op

STAFF PRESENT:

Monte McCully, Staff Liaison
Mike Kempton Parks and Recreation
Bill Greenwood, Parks and Recreation Director

Five 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 August 4, 2021, minutes, Mike seconded the motion, there being no further discussion and all being in favor, motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5. STAFF REPORT

Monte reported that the department had begun the final mowing and trimming of the trail rights-of-way for the year. He also let the committee know that the city has been working on completing the trail connecting Seltice Way to the Prairie Trail by the City Link transit center, but that paving may not be completed this year due the asphalt plants closing for the season. Bill Greenwood updated the committee on a project to realign the trail near Riverstone Park at Beebe Blvd to create a straight crossing and that this work will include tree thinning at the edge of the trail.

6. ACTION ITEM

Nominations for Vice Chair

Tessa opened a discussion regarding filling the position of vice chair for the committee. She explained that commitment involved was manageable and entailed being available to chair meetings when she could not attend and to participate occasionally in city committee meetings. Kim explained that he would be reluctant to take on the position as he only has four months left in his term and doesn't plan on seeking reappointment. He felt that whoever accepted the vice chair should be someone who would be willing to become the chair in the future. Tessa said that Cory and Denise had both expressed a willingness to take on this challenge in the past and that since neither of them were

present, suggested that the committee table the action item until next month. The members agreed and the matter was tabled.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Speed Limit Recommendations.** Bill Greenwood informed the committee that their recommendation to establish an ordinance regulating speed limits on city bike trails was discussed by the Police Department, the city's Legal Department and the Parks Department and that the consensus was that city does not want to pass an unenforceable ordinance at this time. He added that he agreed more efforts to educate trail users would be helpful and that the city could post additional speed limit signs including having them painted on the trail surface. He also agreed with the committee that e-bikes would be a fixture on our bike trails from now on. Mike stated that he had observed motor scooters operating at speed in excess of thirty miles per hour on our trails and bike lanes and that his main concern was with fully motorized vehicles using the trails as opposed to e-bike. Tessa added that she had recently seen e-bikes and scooters being recklessly operated on the bike trails. She agreed that we need to start with more educational outreach and better signage. She shared a list of trail etiquette points that should be included on interpretive signage. Monte was asked if e-bikes have speedometers so operators know how fast they are traveling and he confirmed that they do. Kim suggested that trail etiquette signs be installed at trailheads. John confirmed that according to recent trail user counts, approximately twenty-five percent of trail use is motorized. Monte recommended that center lines be painted at intersections. Bill supported both ideas and added that speed limits should be painted on the trail surface. He also let the committee know that the city was working on changing the stop signs at Suzanne Street to stop cross traffic instead of trail traffic. Monte explained that the Street Department was involved due to stop bars having to be painted on the roadway. Kim asked if the city could utilize the Citizens on Patrol program to help educate trail users. Bill suggested that a better solution might be to partner with the Centennial Trail Foundation to create Trail Ambassadors similar to what the Tubbs Hill Foundation has done on Tubbs Hill. He added that the city has received positive feedback on this program.
- **Downtown Stencils**
Monte let the committee know this project probably wouldn't be completed this year. Mike suggested that Emily Boyd with the Downtown Business Association be invited to a future meeting to seek her support for this project and to share information on other projects.
- **Bike Friendly Report Card**
Tessa reported that they have not had a meeting in the past month, but let the committee know that she would be sending an email to try and schedule a meeting for next Wednesday or alternatively sometime in November.

8. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – Information Items

- **Awareness/Advocacy/Education:**
No update
- **Infrastructure:**
No update
- **Bikeways Master Plan / Walk Friendly-Ad Hoc:**

No update

9. ROUND TABLE – Information Items:

Kim and Mike both noted that they recently have had positive experiences with car drivers being more courteous lately and recommended that bicyclist make an effort to acknowledge this behavior to encourage it. John updated the committee on the Ales for the Trail and the Tour d’Fondo fund raising events held by the Centennial Trail Foundation. Both events were negatively impacted by inclement weather and tentative plans call for moving the Ales for the Trail back to August.

10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Wednesday, November 3, 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 4:56 pm.